

## Student evaluation of the potato trial

The students were asked to write in a secret ballot :

***What was the best part of the project? What was the worst part, or what could be improved?***

***If you wish, give the project a mark out of 10***

- The best part was getting to harvest them and learning what was in the fertiliser **8/10**
- The best part of the project was harvesting or unplanting the tubers and growing the tubers
- The best thing for me was going out nearly every day and looking at our rain gauge at looking at how big my plot was getting .The improvements with the potatoes were very interesting. I give the project a **10/10**
- The best part was pulling out the plants and digging down to see how big and small all the potatoes were. I really thought it was fun, even though I got very dirty hands. But I didn't mind. It was a fun day. The potatoes were not very big, but they still looked wonderful.**9/10**
- The best part was getting your hands dirty and weighing your spuds. They weren't fully grown tubers **10/10**
- The best part of this experiment was unplanting the potatoes it was fun and fascinating the thing that could improve most will have to be the plots and the plantings of the potatoes – thank you
- I thought it was a good opportunity for me and the class. I learned a lot about potatoes I reckon every- one else learned a lot as well **8/10**
- The best part was being outside doing a class project and getting our hands dirty unplanting the tubers from the ground. Improvements - bigger plots more sunlight **10/10**
- In the potato trial we had to first plant the spud after a while spud grew roots which then made more spuds and we waited a little longer and then they grew bigger that was when we unplanted and we do that all over again with the growth spuds
- The best part of the project was watching them grow by stages and watching them emerge bad was when we was digging them up and when people left them because I found 9 under the soil in one spot which I thought that was bad
- The best part of the project was digging/ unplanting the 1 square metre of spuds and weighing in the spuds. There was nothing bad in this project
- The best part was digging the spuds up unplanting **9/10**
- The best part about the whole experience was all the media attention and the science behind it all. Improvements – you need to get more plots and classes involved **9.5/10**
- The best part of the project was unplanting the plants because we got to see how many potatoes grow from one plant. To improve the project we could of got out there a little bit more **8/10**
- The best part was learning about the experiment and unplanting the potato –pulling the little tubers of the flower - it was enjoyable – very interesting –THANK YOU **9.5/10**
- The funnest part was unplanting **7/10**
- Best – that our grade 5/6's got to get down and dirty. Bad – it felt like the time went so fast. It was really fun for how we get to plant them, watch the tuber grow from just one spud to lots of spuds and unplanting them. What a 70 days! Thank you Mike Walker **10/10**

- Best – picking or harvesting because you got to get your hands dirty. And the science was good with control and variables. Thank you Mike **10/10**
- The best part was the unplanted process. The worst part is the fact we do not get to do it anymore. Improvements – more schools need to do it **10/10**
- I liked it when we got to get all of the potatoes out of the plots. There was nothing that went wrong. I would give this **10/10**
- I think the best thing about potatoes is the look of the potatoes because we have no cuts or weeds sticking out and we have definitely improved on how to grow potato plants. The interesting fact that I learnt was that Ectol is the best for growing potatoes
- The best part of the project was harvesting. It was so interesting to see how big they can be at 70 days. And learning that potatoes also have a seed potato and that you have to dig nearly all the way down which some people didn't but that doesn't matter. Because I get to take them home and eat them. When I was harvesting I learned the proper potatoes name is tubers
- With two of my plants that I unplanted there were no potatoes in the ground they were all stuck to the stalk thing but I thought that it didn't matter how much fertilizer you put on the plant because they all looked the same apart from the size they grew really well. I give it a **10/10**
- The time we planted them to the time we harvested them was interesting. I liked all the facts that Dr Walker gave us. It is interesting the way that when the potatoes are ready they break away from the tubers. **10/10**