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Getting a taste of life in the developing world

Classes at St Mary's C of E Primary School in East Grinstead took on a distinctly international flavour as pupils cooked Argentina's equivalent to fish and chips, Burkina Faso's take on rice pudding, and sampled smoothies from Honduras, to learn about how people live in the developing world.

East Grinstead couple and longstanding Tearfund volunteers, Gordon and Brenda Wilkinson, joined pupils from classes 3 and 6 to cook recipes from their new fundraising book, *Recipes for Disaster... Relief and Devel-*

opment. The couple aim to raise more than £25,000 from book sales for Tearfund's work with people affected by disasters in Africa, Asia and South America.

Pupils at the school in Windmill Lane made Argentinean Empanadas, a tasty beef starter, a dish as common in Argentina as fish and chips in Britain, as well as Carrot Halva from Pakistan, a popular sweet made with pistachios and raisins, and Cous Cous with Milk, a pudding from Burkina Faso.

Said Brenda Wilkinson,

"The children really enjoyed the Carrot Halva. At first they didn't like the sound of carrot for dessert but when they tasted it they loved it. One pupil said how he could have eaten a whole bowl of the milky cous cous pudding."

St Mary's pupil Leonore Oxley, aged eight, said, "Children in poor countries are not as fortunate as us. It makes me grateful for what we have."

Imogen Swaffer, also eight, added, "I learned that we have a lot more than other people in poor countries."