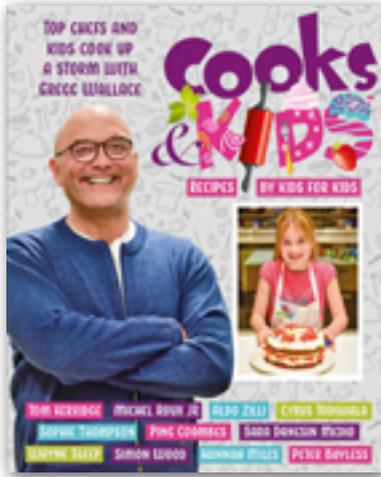


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Top chefs and talented kids impress Gregg Wallace in the kitchen

MasterChef judge Gregg Wallace puts top chefs and their young assistants to the test in a new children's cookbook.

Cooks & Kids 3 edited by Gregg Wallace and Andrew Isaac, published by Graffeg Kids on 28 October, HB £20, 190pp, 9781910862735



'Cooks & Kids is a great project to be involved with. The talent of these children is outstanding.'
Gregg Wallace

'An unforgettable experience, amazing cooking with master chefs, inspiring!'
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MasterChef judge Gregg Wallace has co-edited *Cooks & Kids 3*, the third in a series of cookbooks which sees enthusiastic young cooks team up with top chefs to bring their recipes to life.

The brainchild of the National Fostering Agency Group (NFA), the Cooks & Kids initiative challenges children and young people aged 6-18 to create their favourite recipes for a chance to cook them with a top chef and have it featured in the Cooks & Kids cookbook. The project is both a great way to get kids involved in the kitchen and teach them about cooking and healthy eating while at the same time making cooking fun.

This summer, the children and young people from NFA teamed up with Tom Kerridge, Michel Roux Jr., Cyrus Todiwala, Chris Lee, Aldo Zilli, MasterChef winners Simon Wood and Ping Coombes, and previous Celebrity MasterChef contestants Wayne Sleep and Sophie Thompson to cook up their winning recipes and offer MasterChef style feedback on the meal.

Cooks & Kids 3 has a range of delicious, nutritious and creative recipes including Teriyaki Chicken, Cheesy Burger Bird Nests, Handmade Tagliatelle, Paella, Strawberry Cheesecake and Ginger and Lime Cake.

Children can now re-create these dishes at home, with over 50 easy-to-follow recipes, full instructions and colour photographs to help them on their way.

All royalties from the sale of *Cooks & Kids 3* will be donated to Place2Be, a charity which provides emotional and therapeutic services in 257 primary and secondary schools nationwide.

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Gregg Wallace says ‘What a sense of adventure in the tastes and styles at the Cooks & Kids photo shoot days. I tasted nearly one hundred amazing creations and, do you know, I loved them all. There were some real stars, but I will let you cook some of the dishes and work those out for yourself.’

Andrew Isaac of NFA Group says ‘Cooks & Kids has always been based on ‘time and talent’ with *Cooks & Kids 3* being bigger and better than ever before, thanks in no small part to Gregg Wallace’s sheer determination to make a real difference and encourage everyone to join in the fun whilst helping NFA create an awareness of the great work foster carers do.’

Iain Anderson, NFA’s Group Chief Executive says ‘We are extremely proud of our Cooks & Kids series. We have some amazing foster carer families who support children through some very challenging times and to have foster children and birth children take part in this project and have the opportunity to cook with some great chefs has been fantastic.’

Dame Benita Refson of Place2Be says ‘Children are the heart of everything we and the NFA do. We both support children who are facing tough, challenging times. The funds raised through Cooks & Kids 3 will help us to reach even more vulnerable children and their families.’

Gregg Wallace is available for interview. For review copies and further information contact Megan Farr at megan.farr@graffeg.com or 07912149249

Notes to editors:

- **Cooks & Kids** is a project run by the National Fostering Agency Group aims to encourage young people to get interested in food and learn how cook. All chefs and celebrities involved give their time for free. www.cooksandkids.com
- The **National Fostering Agency Group** is the largest independent fostering agency in the UK, working closely with local authorities to provide safe and secure placements for some of the country’s most vulnerable children and young people. www.nfa.co.uk
- **Place2Be** is a children’s charity which provides emotional and therapeutic services in 257 primary and secondary schools nationwide in order to enhance the well-being and prospects of children and their families. The Duchess of Cambridge is royal patron of Place2Be. www.place2be.org.uk
- **Aveqia, CCS, Brakes, Fairfax, Miranda Parry Photography, Duncan Smith Videos, Steel London, Pure Emerald and Halstons** have all supported this project with ingredients, locations and services at no cost.
- **Graffeg Kids** is a new illustrated children’s books list from Graffeg, launched in summer 2016 with the widely praised *Perfect*, a picture book about disability and the *Animal Surprises* picture book series about the natural world by Nicola Davies. Graffeg - a Wales based publisher also produce illustrated books and gifts by best-selling authors, photographers, artists and illustrators: Jackie Morris, Nicola Davies, Tom Cox, Celestine and the Hare and Amanda Owen - The Yorkshire Shepherdess. Graffeg has offices in Cardiff and Llanelli. www.graffeg.com