

# Cooking with Claire @TVInfants

# How many ideas can we come up with?

#### Megs Butter Nut Squash Gratin

1 x butter nut squash Cup of cheese

Cup of cream (double is best but single will do)

1x medium onion Sprinkle of pepper/salt/mixed herbs

Oven proof dish

1 x peel, de-seed and slice the butternut squash. Microwave until soft

TIP – microwave for short periods of time and check so that it does not over cook, you want it a little softer not completely cooked through.

Place squash slices into an over proof dish in layers.

Slice an onion and fry until soft.

Add double cream and season to taste with salt pepper and mixed herbs or those of your choice.

Pour onion sauce over the squash – grate some cheese on top and bake for 20-30 mins at 200 C.

#### Megs Butter Nut Squash Muffins

#### Basic cake Mix

225g margarine/butter 225g caster sugar 270g Self raising flour

2 eggs 1tsp Vanilla Essence (optional)

1 cup of mashed butternut squash

Cream together the butter and sugar until soft and smooth

Beat in the two eggs 1 at a time.

Sift in the flour and stir it in really slowly.

Add the very soft and mashed butternut squash.

Place into cupcake/muffin cases and bake for 15-20 mins at 180C

## Olive, Rikki and Kirsty's Vegetable stew.

Any leftover vegetables that you have lying around can be added to the following base:

1 large onion Garlic (clove or powder/granules) to taste.

2 x tines or packets of chopped tomatoes/Passata sauce Salt/pepper/herbs and spices of your choice i.e: Curry powder,

chilli

mixed herbs, oregano

Vegetables we used: Courgettes Peppers Mushrooms Sweetcorn

Fry onions until soft in a little oil – add garlic and other herbs and spices that you have.

Add rest of vegetables one at a time frying for 2/3 minutes before adding the next.

Finally pour over the tomatoes and strr until boiling – reduce the heat and allow to simmer for 20 mins or until vegetables are soft.

# Claire and Olives Sweetcorn Fritters.

4 large tablespoons plain flour 2 eggs

Milk (added to mix until required) 1 x large tin sweetcorn Salt pepper and mixed herbs to taste

TIP - We also added a little chilli powder, you could add pretty much anything you like to this mix and call it a fritter (grated courgette, finely chopped onlions, peppers but I wouldn't' add mushrooms due to the water content. If adding additional vegetables I would pre-fry until soft.

Put the flour in a bowl and add the egg – whisk (hand or electric) whilst slowly adding the milk until it reaches the consistency of very thick custard or a loose mashed potato – it should fall off the spoon in stringy blobs rather than pour like a liquid.

Add the tinned sweetcorn and any other veg and mix.

Heat a pan and pour in oil (3/4 tables spoons). Fry gently until brown and cooked through. Serve immediately – (we put grated cheese on top and placed them in the oven till it browned and bubbled)!

#### Nikki, Kelly and Terri's Baked Frittata

Any leftover vegetables that you have lying around can be added to the egg mix, we used onions, mushrooms, courgettes, sweetcorn (tinned) peppers. You'll need a large deep frying pan that is suitable to go under a grill or use an oven dish and bake in the oven.

3-4 eggs depending on the size of your over proof dish – the eggs help the mix to set so the more eggs the firmer the frittata.

A little milk (no more than half a cup measurement. Salt/pepper/herbs etc to taste.

Whisk the obove ingredients in a bowl.

Fry the vegetables in a pan with the garlic and herbs until soft once cooked reduce the heat and pour over the egg mix and cook until becoming solid – to finish sprinkle with cheese and place under a grill until cheese bubbles and frittata is solid and cooked all the way through.

Alternatively – place cooked vegetables in an oven proof dish, pour over the egg mix and sprinkle with cheese – place in an oven for 20/25 mins at 200 C

# Sweeba, Jomina and Rehema's Pasta Bake.

Any leftover vegetables that you have lying around can be added to the pasta mix, we used onions, mushrooms, courgettes, sweetcorn (tinned) peppers.

Boil enough pasta to feed your family and fill the oven proof dish.

Once boiled drain and stir in 1 to 2 packs of chopped tomatoes or passata sauce.

Chop and fry the vegetables you have add salt/pepper and herbs/spices to taste.

Add to the pasta and tomato mix – place in the greased oven proof dish – sprinkle with cheese and bake until cheese has gone brown. About 15/20 mins at 200 C

## Toyah and Kelly's Stuffed Peppers

Peppers (1 per person)
Tinned/Frozen sweetcorn

Mushrooms Onions

Courgette

Garlic, salt, pepper and herbs/spices of your choice. Cheese

1 cup of cooked rice (optional) Cook according to the packet instructions and set aside

Carefully cut the top of each pepper and de-seed it – keeping it as whole as possible.

Microwave the peppers for 3 mins to soften and then place in an oven proof dish for stuffing. In a pan – fry the onions until soft and add the other vegetables that have been finely chopped. Add the rice (optional) and cook for 5 mins. Carefully stuff each pepper until just over filled, sprinkle with cheese – pop into an over for 15/20 mins (checking after 10) until cheese is bubbling.