



Hooray for Sir John Moore Primary School who have completed their Food for Life Gold Award!

As part of their Food for Life work Sir John Moore have connected with local food producers and pupils are given many opportunities to experience the natural environment and food production as part of their Forest Schools set up and through making connections with the neighbouring farm and local allotment association.

[This entrepreneurial](#) school are pioneers in Leicestershire for being the first school to work with David Mc Dowell, [The Bee Farmer](#), as part of his [School for Bees scheme](#). The pupils have hands on experience in building the hives and understand the maintenance and importance of bees as pollinators. The honey is harvested and used in school recipes as well as sold to parents and the wider school community. The pupils are incredibly proud of the honey they harvest and show a high level of understanding of how to look after their school environment in order for the bees to thrive. They are also able to demonstrate how to be confident and safe around bees.

Through Food for Life networking, the school has encouraged other Leicestershire schools to connect with The Bee Farmer, David and he now visits and manages hives at many other school sites.



As well as sharing their enthusiasm for bees, their Food for Life work has encouraged the school to reach out to the wider community and share their passion for connecting with nature and producing and sharing good food. As well as growing herbs to sell alongside recipe cards at the summer fayre, pupil's attend a regular community café in the village, [connecting with and serving meals to the community](#). Anthea Lawton, Food for Life Lead explains the positive impact this has had on the pupils and older generation. "At first, the older people weren't too sure about talking to the children. However, as they ate and chatted together, the confidence of both the community members and the pupils have grown."

The school welcomed guests to a special assembly to celebrate achieving their Food for Life Gold Award.



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