

School lunches for councillors

The Lord Provost invited eight school pupils from Castlebrae Community High School to come to the City Chambers to cook a school dinner lunch for all the councillors attending Thursday's City of Edinburgh Council meeting.

The menu included home-made vegetable soup, sizzling piri piri chicken with vegetable rice, or red pesto rainbow pasta with steamed broccoli followed by seasonal fruit and yogurt.

The pupils are all on a Skills for Work Hospitality course at Castlebrae where they have a fabulous catering department (I know I have been there for lunch!) and four of them were in the kitchen preparing the lunch while the others set up the European Room for lunch.



Councillor Maureen Child represents the Portobello/Craigmillar Ward and is photographed here with Peter Robertson (15) and Katie McNeill (15) and Cllr Max Mitchell PHOTO ©2019 The Edinburgh Reporter

Katie McNeill (15) from Castlebrae had helped prepare the salad for the salad bar which was part of the buffet and Peter Robertson also 15 had prepared the fruit bar in the City Chambers. The food served is available on the council's school menus in primary schools.

The Council's catering service freshly cooks around 18,500 hot meals every day to over 90 schools across the city delivered from 54 production kitchens by over 500 dedicated staff.

Five years ago The City of Edinburgh Council became the first local authority in Scotland to achieve the Bronze Catering Mark Award across all its primary, secondary and special schools and in 2016 two pilot schools, Currie High and Buckstone Primary, gained the Silver Catering Mark Award.



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