

News release

BBC Radio York praises grand new Breakfast Club



Hundreds of youngsters at two York primary schools received the five-star treatment at breakfast time thanks to a partnership between The Grand Hotel & Spa, York and Federation of Hob Moor Oaks & Hob Moor Community Primary School. The York Press and BBC Radio York both reported on this heartwarming, local project.

Federation of Hob Moor Oaks & Hob Moor Community Primary School are offering every child a free breakfast each morning and to celebrate this new scheme, the hotel's head chef, Craig Atchinson and his team cooked up a storm in the school kitchen and helped serve pupils their breakfast. They also donated equipment to support the campaign.

Hob Moor is a Federation school combining a mainstream primary and a primary special school, that teaches children with disabilities and learning difficulties as well as those who come from a range of backgrounds. Research at the schools showed that a proportion of children were not having breakfast before coming to school and this was affecting their readiness for learning.

Craig Atchinson said: "We want to encourage children to enjoy breakfast. It's an enjoyable and a healthy way to start the day. We hope to help raise awareness around York to encourage people to support this great cause and generate more funding in the community to help Hob Moor continue to deliver this project."

Ben Morcombe, Deputy General Manager of The Grand Hotel & Spa said; “We were blown away with the level of dedication teachers and staff are showing for their children and community. We are excited at the prospect of working with the schools to spend more time with pupils to help educate them about a future in hospitality and the many opportunities out there despite their background or ability.”

Kayleigh Chambers of Hob Moor Oaks and Hob Moor Community Primary School said; “We are so grateful that The Grand Hotel have stepped in to help support us deliver this wonderful project.”

The Grand Hotel and Spa, part of the Splendid Hospitality Group, is York’s only 5 Star hotel and home to 3 AA Rosette restaurant, Hudson’s opposite the city walls on Station Rise.
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