



FixOurFood in Schools

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Welcome to the third edition of the FixOurFood in Schools Network Newsletter

The FixOurFood in Schools vision is for a Yorkshire food system which is healthy for people and the planet.

Take part in a research day

Our team has loved visiting all the wonderful schools over the last year and learning all about your fantastic and creative approaches to school food. We now have the ability to visit 11 more schools this year! If you are a primary school in Wakefield, Sheffield, Hull, Rotherham, North Lincs, NE Lincs or Barnsley and would like to find out more about our research days please get in touch at fixourfoodinschools@york.ac.uk.

Research days involve our team coming to observe your whole school day, including breakfast clubs, break and lunch time (we make sure not to get in the way of hungry bellies!).

In return, we provide a full report highlighting what works well in your school and make some recommendations for things you might want to add. This can be a great way to showcase your commitment to school food to your governors and Ofsted!

FixOurFood in Schools team with kitchen staff at a research day at Sharow Primary School



A fantastic FREE resource for school food

CONNECTS-Food www.CONNECTS-Food.com was developed with school stakeholders (including headteachers, school governors and caterers) and aims to make whole school approaches to food as easy as possible.

The resource will help schools in many ways:

- Makes clear what is expected in a whole school approach to food
- Provide a self-review tool, identifying areas in which they are strong, and those which need more work.
- Supply sample wording for schools to use on their website as a statement of intent regarding a whole school approach to food strategy (as recommended in recent UK Government levelling up paper).
- Give practical pointers to schools, along with excellent resources, guidance and case studies.
- Share a school food policy template for school to use (provided by school food matters) and an action planning tool

Prize winners' day out!

A group of children and their teachers from Midgley School attended The Great Yorkshire Show after winning a funded trip from our last prize draw.

The children had a great day exploring and learning all about animals and farming in their county.

A huge thank you to the school for sharing some snippets from their day!



“ We really enjoyed our visit to The Great Yorkshire Show in July this year. It was a lovely opportunity for our children to spend some time away from the classroom during their final weeks before the summer holiday. On the day we really enjoyed visiting the different animals and watching some of the shows that they were in. We found some of the horse shows really exciting. Our favourite animals were definitely the goats! We also really enjoyed some of the different exhibits – we visited the bee area and learnt about making honey, we watched birds of prey and tried some different foods in some of the food tents. Thank you for such a fabulous opportunity. ”



Prize draw!



Join our Network to be entered into our termly prize draws

WIN AN URBALIVE COMPOSTER WORMERY!

Vermicomposting in the Urbalive Worm Farm is easy and odour-free. Watch the worms transform your food waste into compost you can use for planting!

To ensure you are entered into this half term's prize draw, make sure you have filled in the FixOurFood in Schools survey by 30th November. It only takes 10 minutes and will guarantee you have joined the network and will be in with a chance of winning. Don't worry if you've already completed the survey – you're automatically added into all our draws!

Scan this QR code or follow this [link](#) to complete the survey and be in with a chance of winning!



Watch out for our next prize draw - a trip to the Yorkshire Shepherdess Farm!