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## WORCESTERSHIRE CHEF TEACHES BIRMINGHAM A LESSON



Teaching children about the provenance of their food is something Felice Tocchini, proprietor and chef at Worcestershire's Fusion Brasserie, has been committed to for the 20 years he has lived in the West Midlands.

One of his recent triumphs has been the success of his Sprout Campaign – by making a healthy, sprout-based cake, he has encouraged youngsters throughout the UK to enjoy eating this humble vegetable.

On Friday 10 July, a group of Wolverhampton primary school children will be cooking alongside Felice as part of this year's Taste of Birmingham festival. The children have grown all the produce in their school grounds

and will be bringing along aubergines, melons, peppers, tomatoes, herbs and even their own free-range eggs to cook with.

Felice, the only chef outside Birmingham to be invited to take part in the Taste of Birmingham festival, went to visit the school earlier in the year. He talked to the children about the importance of good, healthy food and the need to buy local. Commenting on his work with schools, he said:

“I believe early-years cooking should offer children so much more than baking cakes and biscuits. It’s about understanding the importance of fresh produce, how to create balanced meals and how to cook on a budget.

My philosophy is about making children love food. Recently I’ve developed the five-a-day cake which includes both fruit and vegetables. Not only is it healthy but it shows kids that you can be experimental with food too.”

It’s not just children who appreciate Felice’s cooking. Fusion Brasserie recently won Destination Worcestershire’s top food and drink title in the Welcome Worcestershire Awards. Felice was also given a special award for his on-going contribution to promoting Worcestershire food and drink.

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Taste of Birmingham takes place 9 – 12 July 2009 in Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham.

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