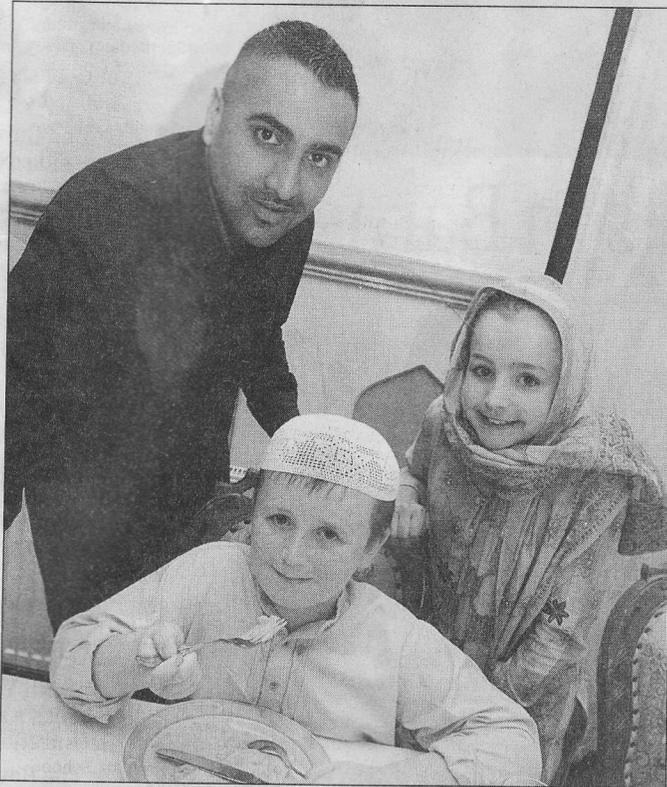
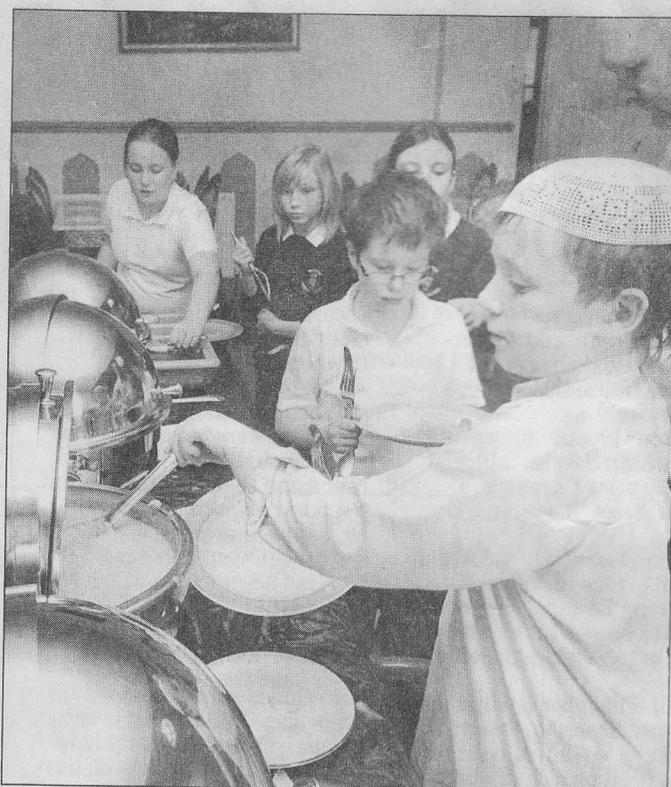


**Shoot-out: Lined up and ready for action Wellgate Primary pupils take on Barnsley FC trainees in a charity penalty shoot-out to raise money for the school.**



**Taste sensation: Darton Primary School pupils Kyle Mitchell, 11 and Laura Proud, 10, sample Indian dishes.**



**Delicious treat: Darton Primary School pupils tuck into Indian dishes.**

## Darton kids get taste of Indian food and culture

By Katia Harston

KIDS from Darton Primary have been treated to a first-hand experience of a traditional Indian restaurant.

Year six pupils were welcomed into Zaf Hussain's Darton restaurant, the Royal Spice, to experience Indian cuisine as part of their studies on multiculturalism.

The visit is part of Zaf's plans to build stronger links with the local community and he is hoping to invite more schools into his restaurant.

Zaf said: "I'm hoping doing things like this will break down any barriers there might be in the community and get the young ones used to different smells, sounds and ambience."

He is working with the United Villages' Partnership on a pilot scheme of five schools across five age groups.

He said: "Bringing kids into the restaurant gives them a chance to actually get involved. They can taste, touch and experience a different cultural cuisine and get a real feel for the foods."

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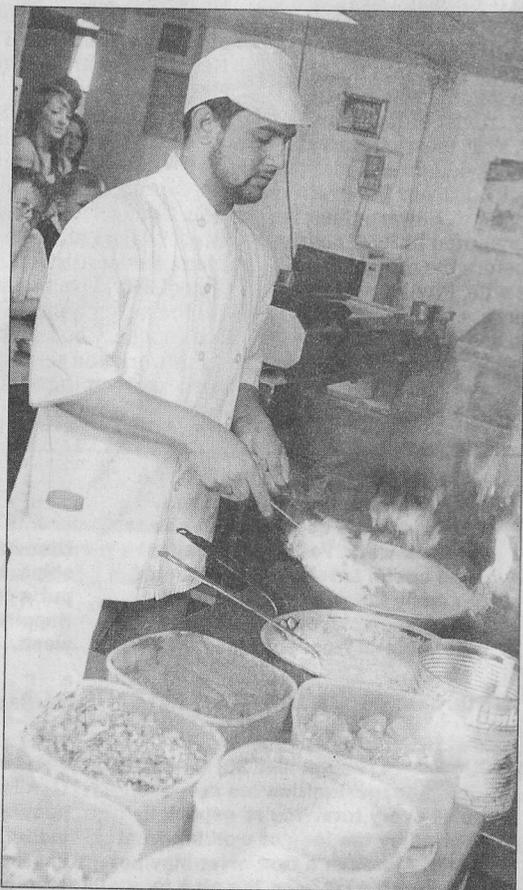
background and kids in traditional Indian dress, Zaf talked to the ten and 11-year-olds about the origin and uses of different spices and herbs, passing them around so everyone could touch, smell and handle everything from cardamom pods, cassia bark and turmeric to coriander and chillies.

After a brief introduction to spices he split the kids in to three groups and took them on a tour of award-winning chef, Imran Mohammed's kitchen who showed kids how naan bread is made using a Tandoori oven and prepared a selection of curries from scratch for them to try.

Zaf said: "We are trying to teach youngsters about a little bit of everything including the Islam requirement for Halal products and what that means when it come to things like meat.

"For most of these kids here today it's the first time they have heard of or seen these types of spices, herbs and curries.

"Hopefully it's something they will remember and go on to enjoy for a long time to come."



**Cooking tonight: Chef Imran Mohammed prepares a range of foods.**

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