

Co-op Academies



Hi, my name is Sharon and I’m a Co-op Member from Bradford.

My favourite Co-op own brand product is the Irresistible salted caramel cookies.

The cookies are lovely with a nice cup of tea. They have the perfect combination of being crunchy on the outside and soft in the middle. I really like the sweet and salty mix together and the cocoa is Fairtrade. I volunteer at a group for older people and the Irresistible salted caramel cookies always go down an absolute treat with them too. In fact, if they're a bingo prize, they always get picked first!

It’s nice to know that every time I buy my favourite cookies, I’m also raising the funds to support amazing work in communities across the UK – including at Co-op Academies – just by swiping my membership card.

I recently visited Co-op Academy Delius in Bradford to find out more about their facilities and hear about their eco club – a project funded by Co-op Members.

Click below to watch my video round-up of what I learned as I went back to school for the day.

There's always information in my local Co-op store about how to choose a local cause to support through my membership, but I was less aware of the wider community projects - like Co-op Academies - that I'm also funding just by buying my favourite Co-op products.

So, if you're a Co-op Member, don't forget to swipe your membership card when you shop because you're having a more far-reaching impact than you think.

Thanks for reading!

Sharon



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Video Transcript

Hi I'm Sharon, I'm a Co-op Member. My favourite Co-op product is Salted Caramel Cookies and every time I swipe or scan my Membership Card lots of money goes to all sorts of projects all over the UK.

Today we've been to Co-op Academy Delius which is a special school and we've been having a look at their facilities. So we've had a tour of all of the classrooms today, and see how all 170 of their students are supported. We've seen how the classrooms are set up, we've been to see the sensory room, the library.

Delius operates over two different sites so now we've come to the second site to find out how members' money is supporting their eco club.

We heard that the students here recently went to an eco conference for all students of Co-op Academies in Manchester, and were really, really inspired by what they learned there and have brought back loads and loads of ideas about what they can do here at their school, in their eco club.

So, we've been in the science garden, and the children have used some of the equipment that's been bought with the funding, to tidy up the garden they've done a litter pick, we've done some weeding, they've got the beds prepared ready for some plants to go in next week, we've checked on the hedgehog houses to see how they're doing - there weren't any hedgehogs in there today and we've also filled up the bug houses as well so that they're ready for all the bugs and the snails to make a home in there.

So it was really nice to see how the children were getting involved in protecting biodiversity in their school, and how they were protecting the little animals and bugs that were around their school.

So Delius is one of nearly thirty academies, and this wouldn't have been possible today, this eco club, without support from our members and I know that the members of the eco club here today are very, very grateful for your membership.

I just think, as a member, it's really inspiring to come here and see how the money us spent and the good that it does and how it can benefit the whole of the community as well, not just the students here at the eco club, the little bugs are benefitting as well.

We've seen lots and lots of amazing work today that's funded by Co-op Members. So next time you're in store, look out for Co-op branded products and make sure you swipe your card. Thank you.