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### Kids give verdict on city's top eateries

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AFTER a month of tasting, sipping and judging, Mowbray Primary School pupils have announced their awards for some of the best restaurants in Launceston.

The Eat the Street experiment, run by Toronto-based Mammalian Diving Reflex and Streets Alive, saw pupils sit down at 12 restaurants across the city to judge 47 categories ranging from the longest bar towel, most family friendly, spiciest food and best design.

Streets Alive marketing manager Shweta Dakin said the experience had given children the chance to visit a number of restaurants and try foods they may not have had to the chance to.

"It was amazing to see how much kids notice about the small details," Ms Dakin said from the awards ceremony last night.

"We had kids eating oysters and eye fillets and trying lots of things they had never eaten."

Ms Dakin said the experience had been useful for restaurant owners in understanding how much children noticed.

"Kids notice a lot more than we think, from how food is presented, to how it smells, to what the waiter is wearing," she said.

"It was really insightful for restaurants as it has helped them to make small changes to improve their business."

Category winners at last night's red carpet ceremony included Flip Burgers for the most difficult food to eat, Stillwater for the poshest restaurant, the Prickly Cactus for the best hats and the most beautiful waitress and Toro's on York for the best overall restaurant.