

Simon Howie inspires & delights children with Space Haggis in the run up to Burns Night 2022



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Leading Scottish Butcher inundated with entries for their Space Haggis Competition

To mark 1 year since Simon Howie, the Scottish Butcher, achieved a world first by sending a haggis to the edge of space. Watch the video. They have created a special space lesson aimed at primary school children that they have sent to every school in Scotland. Watch the lesson.

The video, made in conjunction with the expert team behind the Space Haggis mission, educates the children on what it takes to send something to space and sets them practical assignments to engrain their learning in class. One of the tasks set in the video is to design a mission badge to commemorate last year's haggis space mission and Simon Howie is offering up £500 for the winning artists school plus a bunch of other goodies for the child themselves.

Simon Howie has been inundated with hundreds of entries from children all over Scotland and with the deadline for entries 5pm on Friday 21st January they are expecting even more.

Simon Howie commented: 'We received a lot of messages from schools last year saying how intrigued the children had been of the space haggis mission after seeing it on Newsround. We were always meant to be taking the Stratonaut team in to the local schools near us to run an educational workshop on Space Haggis but Covid stopped that. In some ways I'm glad as it meant we had to come up with a different approach and this new idea has been able to

reach every primary school in Scotland and the response has been phenomenal.”

Lewis Campbell from Stratonauts added “Using our space missions to educate and inspire school kids has always been part of our business ethos so we are delighted to work with Simon Howie again this year and to reach out to so many children with our special Space Haggis lesson”

Last year’s Space Haggis mission saw the UK’s best-selling haggis reaching the edge of space, soaring over 20 miles (107,293 feet) above the Earth. That’s equivalent to nearly four times the height of Everest, or 3.5 times higher than a jumbo jet flies! The footage was extremely popular and was covered by press worldwide including a skit by James Cordon on the Late Late Show in America

Simon Howie has invited all primary school children to design them a mission badge to commemorate the Space Haggis Mission. Entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 21st Jan. They can be submitted by sending scans of the designs to The winner will receive £500 for their school’s fundraising association plus a bunch of Simon Howie Goodies and their winning design professionally printed as a keepsake. See website for more information. See some of the entries so far.

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