

We feel like kiddies in a sweet shop!

Sisters share 2,200 chocolate bars after winning contest

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IT MIGHT not be an entire chocolate factory, but it comes pretty close.

Little Lucy Duff, 11, yesterday experienced her own *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* moment when she was given more than 2,200 chocolate bars after winning the entire contents of a city sweet shop.

The sweet-toothed youngster, who attends George Watson's College, won 22 huge crates of treats from the Kshocolat shop, in the Gyle shopping centre, following its closure in January.

She secured the chocolate windfall after guessing that there were 2,201 goodies left in

the shop – which was only six off the total of 2,207.

Lucy, from Morningside, yesterday started collecting her prizes with her mum Rosemary, 45, but she said she was going to avoid a tummy ache by sharing the chocolate with her identical twin sister, Emma, her family and friends, and her school.

She said: "We went around the shop and looked at all the sweets, and I just picked a random number which I thought was pretty close.

"Then when we got back from our holiday a couple of weeks ago I saw a letter on the hall table. I couldn't believe it when I read that I'd won the chocolate. I was jumping around everywhere.

"So far I've eaten some orange chocolates and some lavender chocolates, but I think it'll take me ages to get through them all.



CHOC A BLOCK: Emma and Lucy Duff get stuck into the massive haul.

Picture: GREG MACVEAN

"I'll definitely be sharing them with my sister and I'm going to sell some at a school fair to raise money for charity. In particular I like animal charities, such as WWF."

More than 900 people entered the competition, which ran over a three-week period.

Confectionery fans were invited to take a blind guess as to how many chocolates had been left in store, or they could take a walk around the shop to try and count them.

The different types of chocolate include traditional milk, dark and white truffles plus some more unusual flavours, including champagne, strawberry and pepper, and lavender cream.

Lucy's mother, Rosemary, said there were also a number of liqueur chocolates, but that she would be keeping those to herself.

She said: "I'm quite worried about fillings and gaining weight, but it's good to know that

we'll never go short at Christmas or Halloween again.

"I don't think I've ever seen so much chocolate, and it's high quality chocolaté, too.

"We'll definitely munch through some of it ourselves, then we'll give a lot of it to the school to sell at their charity fair. Some will go towards a charity of the school's choice and some to Lucy's favourite charity.

"I think it's a magical thing to happen to an 11-year-old."

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