



SEAFOOD Pictured is waitress Agata Marszalek at Mimosa, Mermaid Quay, Cardiff
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Mimosa's menu shows its mussel

WELL it was the holidays and we were by the sea so there was nothing else for it but to order my favourite moules mariniere off the menu.

We might not have been nestled inside some rustic restaurant in Brittany, but Mimosa Kitchen and Bar was a welcome refuge on a chilly half term outing. Located in the heart of Cardiff Bay's Mermaid Quay, its contemporary steel bar, dark wood and leather seating, created a comfortable and easy on the eye interior. Despite being the only customer with children, the waitress at this "grown up" restaurant was very welcoming and showed us swiftly to

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our table. My seven-year-old who had been hankering after mussels all morning, just like his mother, did a swift about turn when he saw the size of the Welsh black beef burgers, dished up at an adjacent table. "That's what I want please," he said. My daughter also opted for the beef burger which proved to be a sound choice. They were definitely handmade as stated on the menu

and came topped with rocket, tomato and mayonnaise and tomato and onion relish. They were served in a rosemary and rock salt focaccia bun which got the thumbs up from my children and were accompanied by hand-cut chips. I managed to steal a few chips and they were delicious because you could actually taste the potato. The chip handover was in exchange for some of my mussels and even without the exchange I could have done with a larger helping, especially as they were as good as any moules mariniere served up in their native France. The mussels surprisingly came without bread, so I had to order that separately. The rest of the menu was pretty varied, offering lots of interesting

choices from soups, salads and sandwiches to a good selection of fish and meat main courses. And as for the service, it was excellent – efficient but very friendly and nice. At the moment Mimosa has a special weekday lunch offer of two main courses for the price of one, on production of a voucher from their website, so perhaps it will be time for a return visit soon.

