The simplest way...

to bake a healthy lunch box treat.

Homemade muffins are a great way to add a fruit or veg-filled treat to lunch boxes.

Apple and date muffins

Ingredients: 3 apples, chopped; 1 cup boiling water; 200g dates, chopped; 50g butter; 2/3 cup brown sugar; 2 tsps mixed spice; 1 egg; 1 tsp baking soda; 1 tsp baking powder; 2 cups wholemeal flour.

Method: Preheat oven (180 °C). Chop apples and dates. Add boiling water, butter and sugar. Mix until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Add spice and allow to cool. When fruit mixture is warm, not hot, add spice and egg. Mix well. Add baking soda, baking powder and flour. Mix, but do not overbeat. If mixture is too dry, add a little milk. Spoon into the prepared mini-muffin tin. Bake for about 15 minutes.

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