

Written By Sharron Hardwick And Class 5 Hubberston VC School

Fair Trade Wales Voluntary Schools Speaker, Sharron Hardwick, Kilgetty, visited Hubberston V.C. School on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, to take an assembly talking about Fair Trade and why it is important. Sharron, also Tearfund's Voluntary Media Officer, later worked with Class 5, helping them to produce newspaper reports of the visit.

“Sharron explained about Fair Trade telling us about people who make products and don't get a fair amount of money. She said we can help by purchasing products with the Fairtrade Logo on, so they will get a fair amount of money.” report Harry and Jay.

Alexandra and Elijah, with Ellie and Leon report learning how some girls and boys work all day collecting coca beans, and that some children are not allowed to go to school. They said “Looking at the picture of a boy working was sad.”

Anya and Georgia write that: “When you buy Fair Trade products some of the money will help the needy families send their children to school, give them food, and make a living.”. Moved by the Fair Trade message Charlotte and Eoghan encourage readers: “that we should buy Fair Trade goods to help children who work as slaves.”

Sharron also shared about her recently launched Fair Trade in Football Campaign. Her faith, Jesus's words about loving our neighbours, and connections with Premiership Stoke City FC, compels her to speak out on behalf of those affected by unfairness in football.

Jacob and Liam found the “high price of official F.A. footballs ridiculous.” Katherine, Ashton, Kian, Niall, Harry and Jay said: “It's amazing how they make 35 million footballs a year and 620 stitches are needed to make one football...It's quite sad when I found out that they only get 22p every football they make.” With Fair Trade the football stichers get 16p more per ball, providing a living wage.

Hubberston School were ready for action as “Sharron set (us) a challenge to play football tournaments with Fair Trade Footballs, against other schools; and to promote Fair Trade.” report Ellie and Leon.

The visit: “was really interesting and fun.” say Amber and Carla. Encouraging everyone, Kiah and Antonia say: “If you go to a shop try and buy some things that are Fair Trade.”

Head Mistress, Mrs J Williams, was keen that Hubberston School take up this challenge and is looking to purchase Fair Trade footballs. Teacher, Jenny Wheeler, set the whole school home work to design a poster promoting Fair Trade and teachers were encouraged to look into buying Fair Trade chocolate this Christmas.

Sharron finished the assembly saying: “Together we can make a difference.” Lolur, Alex and Kake ensure: “The pupils of Hubberston School will remember this phrase.”

