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**Tavernspite Helps Make A Difference With Fair Trade. (Kate's Headline) or
Simple Things Can Save Lives (Zekia's Headline)**

By Tavernspite School Year 6 Pupils and Sharron Hardwick

Tavernspite CP School hosted a Fair Trade assembly to kick start their Fairtrade Fortnight activities on March 2nd. Simon Moffett and Sharron Hardwick, Fair Trade Wales (www.fairtradewales.com), led the whole school assembly, spreading the word about Fair Trade.

Simon Moffett's message moved pupils and staff, reminding them of the adverse affects of poverty: "Sadly people die every three seconds from hunger and lack of clean water, think how many people die in an hour?" reports Zekia (Year 6).

During the assembly Simon demonstrated how everyone should have these "five basic human rights": shelter and warmth; food and water; safety and security; a sense of belonging – community; Justice and respect.

"My favourite part of the assembly was when Simon showed us the five basic human rights by taking off layers of clothes. The main message of the assembly was that Fair Trade helps others around the world to live and have the best life that they can." shared Cerys (Year 6)

Sharron then showed a power point presentation, including photos of children working in factories, due to hunger or living in poor countries: "It was very sad. They taught us lots of things I did not know, and I think we should be grateful of the fact that we are more fortunate than others." Charlotte (Year 6) responded.

The visitors encouraged everyone to continue their support, by talking about and buying Fair Trade. "You can buy Fairtrade items from local shops like Kilgetty Co-Op. I found out that by buying Fairtrade bananas, footballs, even Cadbury's Dairy Milk, we can change lives. Remember; look out for the Fairtrade logo in shops." said Rhys and Kate (Year 6).

"Fair Trade pays workers fairly, that means even the simplest objects with the Fairtrade logo on, can improve and save lives." Zekia (Year 6). The assembly concluded when Sharron presented a Fairtrade Football to the School.

Simon shared more about fairness with Year 3, whilst Sharron challenged Year 6 to write reports of the Fair Trade Wales assembly, and Tavernspite School's Fairtrade Fortnight activities.

Two Charlotte's from Year 6 reported that Year 3 were learning about banana growth, and the difference Fair Trade makes to banana growers: "I found out that people in

poor countries do not get a fair trade. I feel good when I buy from Fair Trade producers.” said Saoli.

The banana theme continued in Year 5’s Fairtrade banana relay race. Hywel thought: “It was fun but tiring at the same time.” and Steven said: “The bananas were scrumptious”.

In addition to report writing, Year 6 pupils responded to Mrs. Keating's post on the school zone board, sharing opinions on Fair Trade. Some devised a Fair Trade price comparison table, expelling the myth that Fairtrade products are always more expensive. Others produced plays telling the story of tea, from plantation workers to shopkeepers.

“I’m so impressed with Tavernspite School’s passion for supporting Fair Trade. Thanks to Julie Houghton for inviting us, and Year 6 for their excellent reports; it was a pleasure working with them.” concludes Sharron Hardwick.

