



Sandfield Scene



Fairtrade Special Edition



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Fairtrade Fortnight



On 25th February children at Sandfield Close listened carefully to an assembly all about Fairtrade Fortnight.

The children learnt about the importance of the Fairtrade logo and how it ensures that farmers get a fair wage for their work and products.

Miss Eames, a teacher at the school, explained how important it was to the farmers and their families that they receive a fair wage for their work.

Mrs Dhillon, Sandfield's headteacher, emphasised that we would be helping to make the world a fairer place to live in, if children and their families just bought one product that was Fairtrade.

Mrs Daudbhai, also from Sandfield, said she would always try and buy Fairtrade tea because she now knew that it would help families in India and China live a better life.

Children will now collect the logo on products. I wonder how many they will find?

Sandfield visit Sainsbury's



Mr Darren Rhodes, Sainsbury's Manager, talks to children from Sandfield Close Primary School.

On Friday 27th February children from Sandfield Close Primary School visited Sainsbury's. Mrs Dhillon, Sandfield's headteacher, Miss Eames, Sandfield's Eco leader and Lee Jowett, from Leicester City Council, were invited to visit by the store's manager, Mr Darren Rhodes.

Earlier in the week children met to plan and prepare their questions. The children were delighted to hear about how the store near their school on Melton Road was the most environmentally friendly Sainsbury's in the country.

Mr Rhodes enthusiastically explained how rain water was used where possible, how the roof has 1,200 solar panels and that creates much of the electricity needed to run the store and that the store only has LED lights.

Mr Rhodes, answered the children's questions including how the store ensures that the products they sell are Fairtrade.

Sainsbury's are in fact the largest seller of Fairtrade products in the country.



On a recent visit to the Sainsbury's children from Sandfield find a lot of Fairtrade chocolate.

Children were also interested to learn how packaging is recycled. They were very interested to hear about how food waste is taken to a machine called a digester and turned into energy.

The children learnt a lot and were very grateful to Mr Rhodes for his time.



Sandfield discovers that ALL Sainsbury's bananas are Fairtrade. They are also the most popular fruit sold by Sainsbury's.



Leicester's Fairtrade Conference

On Friday 6th February, fourteen children from Sandfield Close Eco Club attended the first ever Fairtrade Conference for primary school children.

Presenter Lee Jowett, Leicester City Council's Environmental Education Officer welcomed them. Councillor Rory, Deputy Mayor of Leicester, also spoke about the importance of buying Fairtrade products.

Children then spent the day at three different workshops: Fair and Funky, Buy a Banana and Fairtrade chocolate.



Co-op supports Fairtrade!

The Co-op supermarket chain had a stall to show their support for Fairtrade. Children were lucky to be able to make a healthy fruit kebab of grapes, bananas and oranges. Mehek, year 6, said "I've never had a fruit kebab before and it is great that you can make your own."

Roses from Kenya



Did you know that you can buy Fairtrade flowers? These roses come from Kenya.

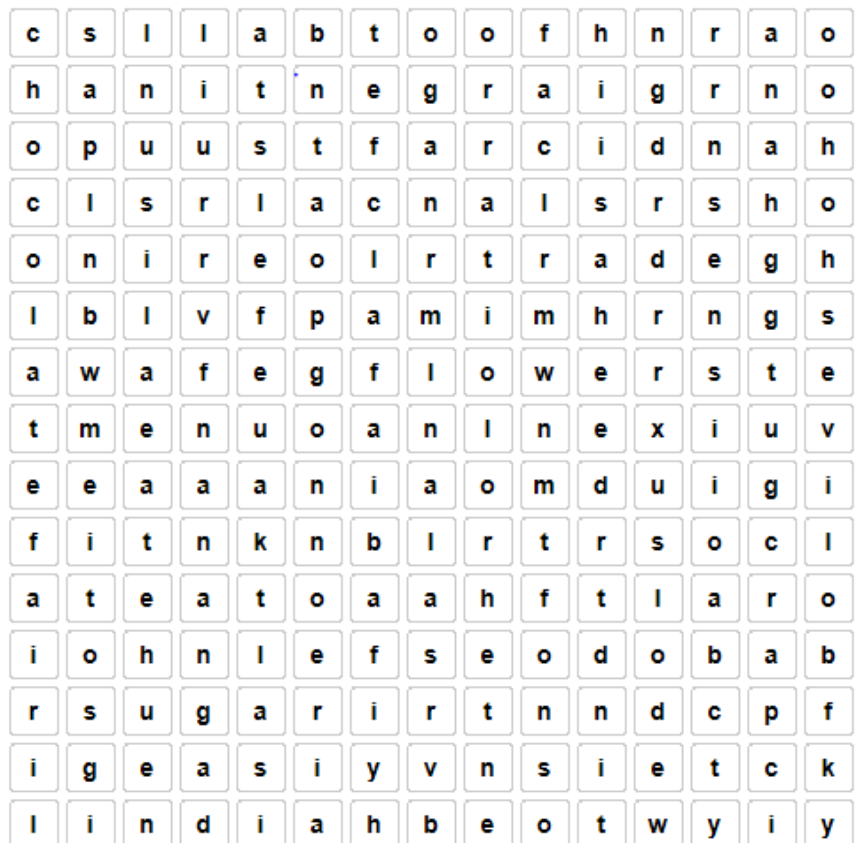
They are sold in The Co-operative, Sainsbury's and Morrison's. See if you can see them for sale anywhere else.

Fairtrade Spices



Children from Sandfield discover that Sainsbury's sell their own brand of Fairtrade spices. Next time you are cooking try and use Fairtrade Spices. Every little bit helps. They also found black pepper and lots of different brands of tea.

Can you find all the words associated with Fairtrade in the wordsearch?



Bananas chocolate gold coffee cotton flowers sugar tea wine honey
 footballs fruits handicrafts olive oil olives almonds farmer Vietnam
 Sri Lanka India Ghana Argentina Peru Nicaragua Mexico global fair
 trade

Do you know where the countries are on a map or globe?

Fairtrade Poetry



Foncho, a Fairtrade banana grower in South America cutting the bananas down.

Mrs Kachela, a teacher at Sandfield Close Primary School gave up her lunchtimes to show children in Eco Club some videos about Fairtrade farmers in Africa. The children discussed what they had learnt and wrote poems about Fairtrade.

Fairtrade Haiku by Miss Eames

Fairtrade Fortnight's here!
Giving farmers a fair wage,
Buy Fairtrade each week!

Fairtrade by Muskan
Fairtrade, Fairtrade
What is Fairtrade?
If you don't know
I'll tell you, now.

It's all about the farmers in a distant land,
Fairtrade helps them,
Gives them a fair price,
For all their sweaty work.
Without Fairtrade they and their families may suffer.

Fairtrade
Fairtrade is like a piece of cake.
It makes the world a better place.
You can help
Buy things with the logo
Make trade fair.

Sandfield's poems along with those written by the pupils of Avenue Primary were read out at a special Fairtrade event on Saturday 28th February.

You can make a change by
Aashi and Diaz 4BP
Fair pay for all
And better conditions.
In some of the world's poorest countries,
Real life us not that easy.
Together we can make a difference,
Realise the Fairtrade potential.
Help them flourish,
Pay a little more,
Equality for all.

Picture it!



Talking Bananas!

 University of
Leicester



Sandfield children learning about bananas and how they are imported in the UK. Dressing up as a banana seemed like good fun.

The University of Leicester ran a workshop at Leicester's Fairtrade Conference at the beginning of February on bananas. Bananas grow in hot humid conditions and are actually a herb, not a bush or a tree. Children from several schools looked at how the bananas are grown, cut and travel in huge container ships to the United Kingdom.

Bananas are grown, cut and travel in huge container ships to the United Kingdom. Once they arrive they travel to a ripening centre because they are green. Leicester's nearest centre is in Coventry. Once they turn yellow they are ripe and ready to sell to the supermarkets and shops. Only some bananas are Fairtrade – look for the logo.



Sandfield's children had a great lunch time, looking at the Fairtrade stalls.

Leicester Fairtrade Schools Art Project



Lee, Jowett, the Environmental Education Officer from Leicester City Council came to visit Sandfield's Eco Club.

Sandfield were invited to take part in creating art work that would be featured in a trail around Leicester. Sandfield were given the letters W, X, Y and Z.

Sculptures were created by Eco Club using recycled materials. These were photographed and turned into posters that are hung in the shops around Leicester.

People can pick up a trail booklet to visit all the letters in the alphabet. Each letter of the alphabet is linked to a word that is connected in some way to Fairtrade. Can you guess what materials we used in creating our sculptures? Can you guess which words we were trying to represent?



What's in your Wallet?

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To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight FairandFunky joined the Leicester Fairtrade Schools Conference to host a creative 'What's in Your Wallet' Workshop with over 60 children.

All FairandFunky workshops encourage participants to look at the world around them and empower people of all ages with the knowledge that their actions can have a positive impact on the world around them; both locally and globally. This workshop focussed on Fairtrade as a way in which each of us can take little steps to change the world.

Throughout the workshop the students were challenged to think about the people behind the products they use and buy every day. Beginning with a focus on chocolate, participants were asked "Where did this bar of chocolate come from?" With initial suggestions including "shop" and "rainforests!" the students were encouraged to think about all the people along the supply chain of chocolate, considering lots of questions: How does the cocoa bean get from the tree?



Sandfield children, with FairandFunky, show off their newly made wallets.

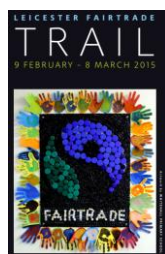
How does it travel? Where is it made into chocolate? What other ingredients are used?

Fairtrade guarantees a fair price is paid to farmers. It also pays an added premium to invest in community projects: to build new schools, improve water supplies, invest in school buses, training and education for farmers and their families and more. Buying a Fairtrade product means the lives of farmers and their communities can be improved and each of us has the power to do just that. Buy Fairtrade and change lives. We can change the world when we shop.

With this in mind the students, and teachers, each made a wallet from a recycled juice carton so that when they go shopping, they can use their wallet and think about the people behind the products as they shop. Each participant placed a Fairtrade sticker inside each wallet – and was asked to look closely at the Fairtrade Mark: "What do you see?"



Fairtrade Fortnight Trail around Leicester



Logos around Sandfield



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