

Cefn Glas Infants School



Fairtrade Policy 2023

UNCRC Article 27

You have the right to have a proper house, food and clothing



Rationale

At Cefn Glas Infants we strive to ensure that all our children and staff are fully aware of the Fairtrade Foundation. As a school with Fairtrade status, we are committed to spreading the Fairtrade message and to making Fairtrade an integral part of school life.

Aims

Our aims are:

- To raise awareness of Fairtrade principles.
- To use and promote Fairtrade products.
- To implement Fairtrade throughout the curriculum.

Fairtrade Awareness

A whole school approach to raising awareness of Fairtrade is used. We explicitly promote the Fairtrade philosophy and actively encourage our children, staff and parents to play their part.

We do this in a wide variety of ways in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These include:

- Displaying Fairtrade posters, banners, bunting and flying our Fairtrade flag.
- Creating displays including the Fairtrade logo (e.g. using green, blue and black recycled bottle tops, fabrics and mosaic tiles).
- Sending Fairtrade leaflets home to parents/carers (during Fairtrade fortnight).
- Sending Fairtrade recipes to try at home (e.g. Fairtrade chocolate brownies).
- Participating in Fairtrade Fortnight (e.g. wearing blue and green clothing to represent the logo).
- Establishing a Fairtrade/Eco committee with pupils and staff to make joint decisions about forthcoming activities and events.
- Inviting children to attend Eco Club to learn about Fairtrade issues. (After school on Mondays).
- Organising Fairtrade coffee mornings/book swaps for parents/carers, visiting helpers, Governors and the local community (see Fairtrade products).

- Sending donations to assist the plight of Fairtrade farmers.
- Entering Fairtrade competitions (e.g. designing a birthday cake to celebrate 20 years of Fairtrade).
- Planning Fairtrade days (e.g. 'Go Bananas Day' – wearing yellow clothing, awarding Fairtrade stickers, making Fairtrade banana milkshake).
- Watching and discussing Fairtrade film clips of Fairtrade farmers (e.g. Foncho the banana farmer).
- Attending Fairtrade assemblies with a particular focus (e.g. sharing Power Point presentations with a focus on Fairtrade chocolate, bananas or cotton).
- Sharing our Fairtrade activities on Twitter and Seeasw

Fairtrade Products

- We ensure that Fairtrade products are used as much as possible by all staff, children, parents, carers and visitors. These are readily available throughout the whole school.
- Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar and hot chocolate are available in the staffroom. Fairtrade beverages are used for coffee mornings, open evenings, meetings with Governors and parent groups. Fairtrade biscuits, cakes and chocolates are also purchased for special occasions and celebrations.
- Fairtrade roses, wine and toiletries are frequently purchased by staff, as birthday or thankyou gifts to other members of staff, students and visiting helpers.
- Fairtrade cooking ingredients are used (wherever possible) for cookery lessons in the kitchen area. For example; Fairtrade honey, sugar, icing sugar, jam etc. In addition, Fairtrade recipes are used by the children. These are sent home to share with parents and carers e.g. Fairtrade pancake recipe.
- Fairtrade products are also encouraged as part of a healthy lunch box for children bringing sandwiches to school. Children and parents are encouraged to look for the Fairtrade logo on bananas, snack bars etc.
- Fairtrade cotton is used whenever possible, for fabric printing and painting activities.

Fairtrade Activities

In our school, a wide and varied selection of exciting activities with a specific Fairtrade focus have been introduced across all areas of the curriculum. Every year group, from Nursery up to Year 2 regularly participate in a range of interesting lessons and events. These shared experiences enable the children to develop their understanding of Fairtrade and also help them to appreciate its importance in the wider world.

Examples of these activities include:

Expressive Arts

- Designing Fairtrade cotton T-shirts using blue, green and black from the Fairtrade logo.
- Creating banana bunting using yellow collage materials and blue/green bunting with patterns.
- Printing individual designs on Fairtrade cotton.
- Decorating and colouring Fairtrade logos.
- Creating a Fairtrade logo display using bottle tops.
- Practising mosaic techniques using blue, green and black tiles.
- Painting in the style of Jackson Pollock using Fairtrade colours – blue and green.
- Learning and performing Fairtrade songs in assemblies and concerts (e.g. Go Green- “Go Green to make all trading fair” and Seed Song – “Look out for the Fairtrade logo. Black, blue and green, we are one world team!”).

Language, Literacy and Communication

- Learning and reciting Fairtrade poems.
- Completing Fairtrade wordsearches.
- Handwriting practise during Fairtrade fortnight.
- Reading Fairtrade recipes.
- Listening to Fairtrade assemblies and film clips.
- Discussing Fairtrade farmers and products.
- Expressing opinions in Eco/Fairtrade committee meetings and Eco Club.

Health and Well-Being

- Learning about helping those less fortunate than ourselves e.g. Fairtrade farmers.
- Understanding the importance of being fair – discuss ‘fair price’.
- Discussing making choices e.g. selecting a Fairtrade alternative.
- Showing respect for the needs and feelings of others e.g. Fairtrade workers.

Humanities

- Recognising that Bridgend is a Fairtrade town.
- Demonstrating an awareness of places beyond the locality and the wider world e.g. developing countries.
- Looking at maps, globes and atlases to locate countries in which Fairtrade produce is grown.
- Finding similarities and differences between localities.
- Communicating observations from Fairtrade film clips.
- Recognising that people make positive and negative impacts on the environment e.g. Fairtrade producers and buyers from large companies.

Science and Technology

- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 cooking in the learning kitchen using Fairtrade ingredients whenever possible.
- Following Fairtrade recipes including Fairtrade ingredients e.g. fairy cakes (FT sugar), pancakes (with added FT honey), banana bread (FT bananas), biscuits (FT icing sugar), fruit kebabs (FT pineapple) jam tarts (FT jam), rice crispy cakes (FT chocolate) etc.
- Fairtrade Welsh cakes are made for St. David's Day, Fairtrade pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and heart-shaped cookies for Valentine's Day.

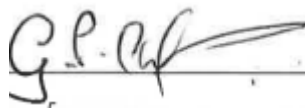
Mathematical Development

- Experiencing money through everyday activities – counting how much has been raised for different charities.
- Weighing ingredients during cooking sessions.
- Sorting Fairtrade/non-Fairtrade foods.

Ratified by Governing Body

March 2023

Signed by Governing Body



Mr Graham Clifford