



Fairtrade

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. It gives farmers a better and fairer deal so that they can have access to basic needs such as healthcare and education.

Wadebridge School is committed to becoming a Fairtrade School so that students not only develop their own knowledge and understanding of global issues but they are also encouraged to get involved and make positive changes to help others. In working towards the award students become aware of how much they can make a difference as global citizens.

In 2013 the first Fairtrade Committee formed; this is made up of a group of Sixth Form students. The Committee wrote a charter to lay out their plans for the year in their mission to achieve the Fairtrade Award. The charter promised:

- Assemblies for all year groups (7-13)
- A tutor time activity for years 7-11
- A non-uniform day in Fairtrade colours where each student was encouraged to donate an item of food for the local Food Bank
- Create a Fairtrade display
- A cake sale in the autumn and summer term
- Fairtrade Day for Year 9
- A selection of Fairtrade products in the vending machines

The Fairtrade Committee has worked incredibly hard and has made many positive changes. One of the highlights was the Year 9 Fairtrade Day that was held in February 2014. Students took part in several different activities throughout the day and then all came together to share their work at the end. They made sculptures using Fairtrade packaging:



They played a game to highlight the injustice that many farmers currently suffer because they are not getting fair prices for their produce, made videos to show different ideas to raise more awareness of Fairtrade in the school and some even produced Fairtrade songs. The day was run by the Committee and was a great success.



Most of the current Fairtrade Committee will be leaving the Sixth Form this year so a new committee will be formed after the May half term. The new committee will put together evidence of all the hard work that has happened so far to send away in the hope that Wadebridge School will gain the first of three Fairtrade awards. They will also write another charter that will lay out their exciting plans for next year to build on the fantastic success of this year.

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