

FAIRTRADE AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL

At St Christopher's School we recently won a BT Schools Award for our project on Fairtrade. Pupils learned about the term "Global Citizen" and the role they could play within this term. This resulted in a great deal of discussion about what we could do to promote Fairtrade within our school and in the wider community and how we could work as members of the Wrexham Fairtrade Coalition.

We decided that we would open a Fairtrade shop in our school café. We wrote a business plan, produced questionnaires to see what items we should stock, and did research to find out how many people knew about Fairtrade already. We chose the shop name democratically and made posters to publicise the shop.

Pupils chose *Traderite* for the name of the shop, helped produce control systems and planned the grand opening which took place on the Friday before Fairtrade Fortnight began on 1st March. Ian Lucas M.P. and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress attended and were served fairly traded tea, coffee and scones; samples of Fairtrade chocolate were also handed out. The pupils performed their 'Spread the Word' play, Ian Lucas M.P. switched on our Fairtrade website and the Deputy Mayor handed out certificates to pupils from St. Anne's, St. Mary's and St. Christopher's schools to mark membership of the Wrexham Fairtrade Coalition. The afternoon was a great success.

St. Christopher's pupils were also involved in other events during Fairtrade Fortnight: They took part in a penalty shoot out at half time during the Wrexham V Grimsby game. They organised Fairtrade tea and coffee tasting in the staff room and they arranged a Fairtrade dance for adults, serving locally produced beer and cheese and fairly traded wine; local group 'Out of the Blue' provided the music. Pupils went out to four primary schools and performed their 'Spread the Word' Assemblies as well as doing a stint on the Fairtrade stall in the Butchers' Market.



Pupils of St. Christopher's in their Traderite shop

Future developments include a plan to buy shares in Traidcraft with the profits made from the dance. This will help pupils to understand stocks and shares and to compare ethical companies with our large supermarkets.

St Christopher's is a special school and the pupils must be congratulated on the tremendous amount they have achieved towards the promotion of Fairtrade and becoming Global Citizens.

**The *Traderite* shop is open
Monday to Friday
11am to 1pm
during term time.
Everyone is welcome.
It is situated at St. Christopher's School,
Stockwell Grove, off Percy Road, Wrexham,
to the right of the main school entrance.**

