

Case Study: Busby Nursery

Nursery in East Renfrewshire took part in and developed a range of Fair Trade activities that linked to the three aspects of the Fairtrade Schools Award: Learning about Fair Trade; using Fairtrade products and taking action.

Learning about Fair Trade

The children at Busby started thinking about Fair Trade through role play, with each taking turns to be farmers and shopkeepers using real coins and fruits.

They also used pictures to match coffee beans, cocoa beans, sugar, tea and bananas to the plant where they grow – a great activity to allow children to explore where their food comes from

Together, the children made a Fair Trade tree – a mural of a tree with a central Fair Trade logo. Children drew Fair Trade products to stick on the tree along with Fair Trade wrappers. Being able to identify the helps inform children's choices (which help inform their parents'!)



Using Fairtrade products

Busby nursery devised a counting game which involved adding up Fairtrade products and logos and writing the answers, and held a Fair Trade pancake day.



Taking Action

To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight, the nursery held a Fair Trade day, where the children came dressed in the Fairtrade logo colours and each brought in an example of a Fairtrade food or product. The day included Fair Trade baking, dressing up, singing a Fair Trade song, watching video clips, books, crafts and sticker – an action packed day!

Staff were surprised at the response of and impact on children; Lynne Small from Busby nursery said:

"it has raised awareness for children as their comments and experiences they have shared with us have highlighted."

