**School Council Meeting**

**12th November 2014**

Present – Nixon, Florence, Victoria, Freddie, Roan, Tilly, Emily, Hannah, Isla H, Toby H, Katie.

Invited – Eleanor, (Fairtrade Officer), Mr Lewis Harben, - Guest Speaker.

Agenda - Fairtrade and choosing this years charity.

**Fairtrade**

Our meeting opened with looking at the running balance of our Fairtrade account. We currently have a balance of £54.80.

We decided that this money should be spent on purchasing gifts from the Traidcraft catalogue in order to sell at our next Fairtrade Café.

Time was given for School Council members to select items from the catalogue based on last best sellers.

We will also need to purchase Fairtrade coffee at approx £5.00 and oranges for tasting at approx. £2.50.

Cakes and sweets will be made in advance in school time (Mrs Morris to organise.)

**Cockwood School Council’s Chosen Charity for 2014-2015**

The School Council invited Mr Harben to talk about the School that he visited in Gambia, Africa.

The School Is called Bakau Newtown Lower School. He talked about the school and the difficulties that they encounter. The primary concern is that they do not have sufficient toilet facilities for 2000 children.

Mr Harben’s Gambian School won with votes, other votes went to charities such as the RNLI, Help the Heroes, Children in Need, Guide Dogs and ALS.

The aim of supporting Bakau Newton Lower School will be to raise money to provide them with better sanitation.

**Future Dates**

Friday 21st November 2.30pm – Organise Fairtrade Café Posters etc

Friday 28th November 3.30pm – Fairtrade Cafe

Monday 8th December - Next School Council Meeting