

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018



Monday 12th March to Friday 23rd January



Monday 12th March: Wake Up to Fairtrade



On the first day of Fairtrade fortnight we eased everyone into the events with a never done before 'Wake up to Fairtrade' breakfast morning. With smooth jazz playing in the library, friends relaxed drinking hot chocolates, coffee and tea. Also on offer were brioches, pancakes, cupcakes and fruit (which surprisingly sold out first!). The library was chock-a-block with students in our own Fairtrade Starbucks until 8:45



when they ran to registration feeling the sugar rush highs. This was an extremely successful event with students flocking to watch Abbie create her hot chocolate masterpieces.

Tuesday 13th March: Design your own Fairtrade Logo Competition

We tasked the creative minds of QM students the opportunity to redesign the Fairtrade logo encompassing Queen Mary's values with it too. Integrity, dedication and respect are just a few of the values that we share with Fairtrade and we had some amazing entries from many forms. Our winning logo was from **Stella Crutchley in 7S** who combined the tudor rose with the Fairtrade current logo, a brilliant design which will be displayed in school in the coming weeks.

Wednesday 14th March: Fairtrade Film Lunch

During lunchtime we transformed H13 into QM's cinema, showing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-after all, when people hear Fairtrade, chocolate is usually the first thing that comes to mind. Students hurried to get front row seats with a complimentary hot chocolate! More pancakes, croissants and biscuits were also served as we all enjoyed another relaxing and enjoyable Fairtrade event. It was an enjoyable atmosphere with students laughing and singing along to the catchy songs of the oompa loompa's.



Tuesday 20th March: QM's First Fairtrade Quiz

Two representatives were invited from each form to participate in our own Fairtrade quiz at lunchtime. Tensions were high as students racked their brains to think of which Universities were Fairtrade certified and if they have ever seen rice with a Fairtrade logo on. It was an exciting four rounds and in first place was **11E**, second was **8A** and close behind in third place was **7B**. Hopefully some of the questions gave students more awareness about Fairtrade and the fantastic work which they do.

Some of the tough questions included: 'In 2001 how many bananas related accidents occurred in the UK?' and 'What percentage of all tea sales in the UK are Fairtrade?'

The event itself was extremely successful and is hopefully a tradition that will be continued next year.



Wednesday 21st March 2018: Fairtrade Bake Off!

In mourning of Mary Berry, no longer gracing our screens with her presence, we decided to throw our very own Fairtrade Bake off. The turnout was unbelievable and was a wonderful display of Queen Mary's students' creativity and enthusiasm for our school events. H13 was full to the brim with cakes and other baked treats which SLT and the head girl team judged (oh how we envy them!) and it was extremely difficult for them to pick winners out of such amazing entries. Alas in **1st place was Sherbano Shah, 2nd: Maya Ehsan and 3rd: Anisha Bhatti**. Due to the high standard of cakes they also **highly commended Sophia Valmette Wright and Emily Walters**.

After the intense judging on presentation, texture and flavour at lunch it was time for the rest of the school to be their own judges as we sold out of all the entries to raise money for Fairtrade. H13 was overflowing with green uniforms as people rushed to get their favourite slice of cake. I think it's safe to say this day was a favourite for most- Maybe not for Mrs Daniels and the reps who had to clean up the remains of the crumbs and plates afterwards! 😊



Thursday 22nd March 2018: Samosa Sale

In true Queen Mary's fashion, we could not throw an event without a classic samosa sale. We successfully sold out of 200 samosas in just 10 minutes as both students and teachers eagerly waited in line to get (in the case of some teachers) 8 each! (Not naming any names...Miss Holland..).

*After such an amazing fortnight we would like to thank all of the Fairtrade teachers, Fairtrade reps from forms, the caretaker for helping us set up our stalls and everyone who brought a cake, samosa, film ticket or supported us in any way. It is with great pride that we announce we have raised **£320.19** and hopefully a lot of awareness for Fairtrade.*

