

School uniforms choice led to best school trip ever!

THE PUPILS of Fyvie Primary School chose four new house captains last term and got stuck in with trying to earn their house the end of term treat.

The primary seven pupils voted into position by their peers were Katie (Camaloun), Tilly (Ardlogie), Christina (Tifty) and Jake (Petty).

One of the first items on their agenda in their initial meeting with head teacher Fiona Eaton was how they could improve the house points system in the school.

For the first term they tried the system where pupils in primaries 1-7 could earn house points from staff, and when each pupil had collected 20 points they posted their points collection card into their house's collection box.

The house with the most points at the end of each term is rewarded with a treat afternoon for every pupil in that house, and the winning house in term one was Tifty.

It wasn't just the end of term treat keeping pupils busy in the last week of term, with three pupils joining Mrs Eaton and pupil support assistant Miss Jones to attend a Fairtrade event about the HV Hjalmland in Aberdeen Harbour.

The school were invited to attend the event after they were the first in Aberdeenshire to offer the option to buy Fairtrade school uniforms through Koolkskools.

As part of the morning that was organised by the Montgomery Development Education Centre, primary and secondary pupils from across Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire took part in two workshops aboard the ferry.

Workshop one was led by Koolkskools' executive director Andy Ashcroft and Vishwaraj Maghoo, the managing director of the Koolkskools Fairtrade-licensed clothing factory in Mauritius.

The pupils were interested to hear about the real difference which Fairtrade had made to Mr Maghoo's life and village as he shared the remarkable story of



Best school trip ever: At the Fairtrade event on the last week of term were Miss Jones, Vishwaraj Maghoo, James, Melody, Jessica, head teacher Mrs Eaton and Andy Ashcroft.

his journey from managing sweatshops in Mauritius to setting up his own Fairtrade company in 2016.

Fyvie upper stages pupils James, Jessica and Melody helped Mrs Eaton to deliver a presentation on why Fyvie School signed up with Koolkskools to provide the choice to buy Fairtrade cotton embroidered uniform.

The pupils spoke in their own words as to why they were wearing Fairtrade uniform, stating that the jumpers were good quality and soft but that it was also a good ethical choice.

Workshop two allowed all visiting school pupils and their staff members to tour the ship. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the tour with the highlight being getting to sit in the captain's seat on the bridge wearing his hat!

The event finished with every child receiving a Northlink Ferry goodie bag before the pupils returned to school.

The pupils thought it was the best school trip ever!



House captains: Fyvie's new house captains are (back from left) Katie, Jake, (front) Christina and Tilly.