

Dornoch

Tearfund Cheque — Dornoch Primary School raised £585.50 for water projects being carried out by Tearfund in various parts of the world, and asked the charity's acting regional manager, Shona Macpherson, to visit the school last week to collect the cheque.

"The money was raised by the younger classes through events like a sponsored silence, a line of coins, and sales of baking at lunchtime. They had fun raising the money and learnt about water needs in the world at the same time," said Shona.

"The school asked me to come and collect the cheque and talk at the morning assembly. I am acting as regional manager with Tearfund at present, but used to work in Sudan with Tearfund. I was able to tell the children about the difficulties people had getting water when I lived in Sudan, and showed them a clip from a video I made while out there, where the women are pumping water from the pump and carrying it home on their heads. The children were very interested and well informed for their age."

Tearfund is one of the UK's leading relief and development agencies, working in partnership with Christian agencies and churches around the world to tackle the causes and effects of poverty.

Added Shona: "1.2 billion people lack access to safe affordable water and 2.4 billion to adequate sanitation. Tearfund is committed to programmes that involve communities improving their own sanitation and water supplies. We are also involved in lobbying our Government to see that the UN will achieve its targets of halving the number of people without safe access to water and sanitation by 2015."



Here are the Dornoch Primary School pupils who raised nearly £600 for Tearfund's water projects in the Third World, with their teacher Mrs Gwen Muir (left) and the charity's acting regional manager Shona Macpherson, who visited the school to collect the cheque and spoke to the children about Tearfund's work.

Back left to right:

Gwen Muir (Teacher), Anna MacIennan, Mark Tulloch, Keith ?, Elle Wagstaff, David Stoddart, Emma Rutherford, Rebecca Mackay, Archie Bird, Ryan Leslie, Shona Macpherson (Tearfund Regional Manager)

Front right to left:

Nathalie Anderson, ?, Morven Rutherford, Stephanie Andrews, Sky Ross, Stephanie Smith, Eilidh Macrae, Josh Mahoney, Aiden Gallagher