

## ALIVE

# *Justice for all*

All students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> year are welcome to join ALIVE which meets once a week at lunchtime. Sion Hill's Developing World Group has three aims

- To educate ourselves and others about the Developing World
- To campaign for a more just distribution of the world's resources
- To fundraise in support of the poor in the Developing World

Educating and campaigning are part of the same process. Since ALIVE was founded in 1996 its members have campaigned on many fronts. ALIVE members have campaigned on behalf of refugees, to end Third World debt, in support of the people in Indonesia, against slavery, for fair trade between the Developed and Developing World. ALIVE has also backed Trocaire's Playfair campaign that workers in The Developing World toy factories would be paid a just wage and would work in a safe environment with good working conditions.

The Fairtrade campaign is an ongoing one over the years. ALIVE promotes Fairtrade goods at events such as parent-teacher meetings, in our staff room and in our vending machines.

As a result of its fundraising ALIVE has sent thousands of pounds/euro to development projects in the Developing World. Its funds have gone to projects for street children in Brazil, for a women's group establishing home industries in Rwanda, to the Grameen bank in Bangladesh, for Honduran victims of Hurricane Mitch, for children in India and elsewhere who needed basic literacy education, for Dominican work among the poor in Argentina and for Afghan war victims, for victims of the Haitian earthquake.

The now annual much anticipated Coin Race first took place in 2001 when ALIVE organised a Coin Race for the school prior to the change over to the Euro currency. Classes compete to see which class can lay the most lines of copper coins. Most recently the money raised went to street children in Kolkata and to buy a dairy cow for a poor family through Bothar.

The student members of ALIVE take various roles in the running of the meeting and thinking up fundraising methods which are always imaginative and varied. We welcome guest speakers to address the group on relevant issues.