

## Korean Connections for Climate Change

Balmalloch Primary School in North Lanarkshire took every opportunity to share their learning about environmental topics with their local and global communities and were awarded an Eco-Schools commendation for Learning for Sustainability in recognition of all their achievements.

Their Action Plan included a huge range of actions across their 3 chosen topics and showed how both teachers and pupils learned along the way, and how families and the wider community were involved in many activities. The school made the most of every chance to expand their learning through connections and collaborations with other organisations, groups, businesses and schools.

One example of this was their learning for the Food and the Environment topic. This involved working with a partnership school in South Korea to virtually share ideas on how to create a more eco friendly and waste free lunch box. The partner school shared videos of famous and popular K-pop music bands talking about their own lunch boxes from their childhoods and this encouraged Balmalloch pupils to give different ideas a go themselves. It also increased the awareness of other world foods and linked very well to the core values their school promotes, respect for other cultures.

Alongside this, the Eco-Committee worked together to plan lots of activities for Fairtrade week. This included developing positive relationships with the shops and suppliers in the local community. By talking to shops such as the Co-op, Lidl, Tesco and local grocery stores, the pupils were able to increase awareness of the importance and meaning of Fairtrade products. Pupils also met with local MPs and government groups to raise the awareness of Fairtrade and the importance of a fair price for farmers who need it most.

