

Media Release

Balbardie Primary takes the Credit!

Children in P6 at Balbardie Primary School in Bathgate, West Lothian are to help run the weekly credit union collection at the school. Six pupil volunteers have learned how to collect money, update passbooks and count takings. They will soon work alongside staff and parent volunteers at Blackburn, Seafield & District Credit Union's Thursday morning collections.

To launch their involvement with the credit union, the children held a presentation at their school assemblies encouraging their fellow pupils to start saving. The six presenters – Cameron Gemmell, Iona Morrison, Jordyn Macdonald, Louise Spalding, Prentis MacLean and Rhys McGrath - explained that credit unions are local organisations but are part of a world-wide movement that spreads from Australia to Zimbabwe, as well as Balbardie Primary School. As Head Teacher Audrey Ford pointed out, children throughout the school are getting to grips with money. P3 pupils even carried out research amongst their teachers to find out what adults save up for.

The credit union collection starts at the school on 18 February. Children who join the school collection will be given a passbook and money holder, and will also be able to enter a West Lothian-wide competition to win the value of 5p pieces in a piggy bank if they join before 1 March.



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