**WEE BOX 2019**

**Assembly**

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|  | My name is xxx and today I’m going to tell you about the charity SCIAF and the WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Appeal. |
|  | SCIAF helps families in poor countries to grow enough food to eat, to get an education and to recover when disaster strikes. |
|  | Our school are raising awareness about SCIAF’s work and fundraising for the WEE BOX, Big Change appeal.  This year’s SCIAF WEE BOX appeal focuses on SCIAF’s work in Uganda. |
|  | Uganda is a country in East Africa  It is home to over 41 million people.  It is over 7,000 miles away from Scotland  If you drove non-stop from Scotland it would take over 7 days to get there. |
|  | More than half of people in Uganda  rely on farming to grow their own food and earn an income.  But almost 14 million people live on less than £1.10 per day. |
|  | SCIAF are providing seeds, farming tools and training to help families to grow more food to eat. |
|  | With extra produce they can sell what they’ve grown to support themselves and their families and build a bright future. |
|  | Lydia and her family live in a small village in central Uganda. She has 3 girls - Patricia, Clera and Rehanna and is also mum to her 2 nephews, Lawrence and Goffrey, who she adopted. |
|  | Lydia used to struggle to buy food for her children and the family would often go without. But, with help from SCIAF, she received seeds, tools and training to grow her own food. |
|  | Now the family have enough to eat. Lydia can also grow extra food to sell at market to earn some money. |
|  | With the extra money she makes selling corn and vegetables Lydia can buy clothes for the children and is able to pay for her children’s school fees. |
|  | Lydia told SCIAF - I am living a happy life. My children are in school and I have enough food. My life has changed a lot. |
|  | Lydia wants to thank people who are supporting SCIAF and helping families in Uganda.  She said - I am so thankful to the people in Scotland for the support they are giving us. Thank you so much. |
|  | SCIAF couldn't help families in Uganda, and around the world, without the support of schools in Scotland. |
|  | Please remember the work of SCIAF, and all the families we help around the world, in your prayers this Lent |
|  | **Lord God,**    **We thank you for all the good things that we have in life.**    **We also remember that we live in a world where too many people still live in poverty.**    **Millions go without food, clean water, or an education.**    **We pray for a world without poverty and for a life where all can survive and thrive.**    **May the Holy Spirit, help us to show your love and bring hope to others.**    **Amen** |
|  | Thank you for listening and for supporting SCIAF this Lent |