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Newsletter - October 2011

Hello One Planet members! We hope your autumn's got off to a good start. Here's the latest news from the One Planet shop.

Grab a bargain - this month's special offers

- Burnt Sugar fudge – made from fairtrade sugar, choose from a selection of delicious flavours – now only £2.55



- Unsweetened Soya Milk – 1 litre only 99p
- Original Rice Milk – 1 litre 99p
- Geo Organics Vegetable Hot Pot or Vegetable Stew - RRP £1.65, introductory offer £1.32
- Organico Tomato and Olive Marinade was £3.15 now only £2.10
- Manuka Honey – was £10.45 now £8.88
- Selection of Nakd bars - introductory offer 69p



Pukka tea samples

You can sample any of our Pukka teas for only 15p per bag. Popular flavours include licorice and cinnamon, three ginger, night time and chamomile and vanilla. Try before you buy!



Get your lunch at One Planet

We now stock vegetarian and vegan wraps, burritos, sausage rolls, calzones and parcels from Forest Foods in Chorlton. Perfect for lunch on the go.



Gemma's eco friendly knitted gloves and hats

Gemma Tomlinson, Nature Walks Project Officer at the Prospects Foundation, has knitted a selection of hats and gloves using eco friendly wool and these are now on sale in the shop. They'd make perfect gifts for Christmas, or treat yourself to something warm and woolly now that the weather's turning colder.



New world food range arrives in store

A new selection of world foods has arrived at One Planet. The range includes Geo Organics yellow Thai curry paste, bhuna paste, madras paste, tikka massala paste, korma paste, mango chutney and Thai sweet chilli sauce. We're also stocking King Soba organic/fairtrade Pad Thai and Vermicelli noodles, and Mighty Miso instant edamame soya bean soup. Plus lots more – call in to see our full range.



Free jute bag

Spend over £20 in the shop and get a free jute bag (while stocks last).

We sell gift vouchers

Can't decide what to get someone for their birthday or Christmas present? One Planet now sells £5 and £10 gift vouchers.

Know any good recipes?

Have you any good recipes that use ingredients from One Planet? If so, please email them to info@oneplanet.coop as we're producing a One Planet recipes booklet.

New website launched

We've recently launched our new website which has been designed by John Flanagan, a member of our marketing subgroup. Check it out at www.oneplanet.coop



Leah's trip to Uganda

Due to changing work commitments at One Planet over recent weeks, shop manager Leah has had to take a step back from fundraising. As such she wasn't able to join the Agapao charity in Uganda in September. Instead, she will be joining them in April 2012. Leah would like to thank everyone who has sponsored her so far.

Card payments accepted

One Planet now accepts debit and credit card payments (minimum purchase £10).

Story behind the supplier - Dalit candles

Handcrafted in the Dharavi slums of Mumbai, these beautiful clay pot Dalit candles help support street children and the Dalit people of India. Julia from Dalit candles tells us how they got started:



"The story began when my husband Simon visited a very poor area of India where some friends wanted to open a school. He was so touched by what they wanted to do and by the plight of the poor in that area that he decided to support the project financially. As a result of that relationship he also met another young man who has since become the manager of our children's home. We began in both cases with a small piece of land and an old building but now the need has increased and so have the buildings. We now have a huge school in Orai that takes

about 400 children providing them with a high level of education in an otherwise ill educated area. Our children's home in Gannavaram provides a loving home for 100 children and has space for more.

"Our aim is to have many more of these projects across India but we can only go as fast as funding will permit. We feel it's our responsibility to make people aware of the unfairness of the caste system but also to equip children with an education which can be their passport to breaking free from the entrapment of the system that holds so many people down.

"For 18 years Life Association has been building schools and children's homes in some of the poorest parts of India. It has launched Dalit Candles and Dalit Spices to raise awareness of the plight of the Dalits and funds for their education centres. All the profits from the sale of our products goes directly to the charity's work in India."



Visit to the Fair Traders Co-operative in Holmfirth

We've arranged a 'skills share' study visit to the Fair Traders Co-operative in Holmfirth. The visit has been funded by the Plunkett Foundation. The trip is scheduled for 1st November and six places are on offer to One Planet members. If you would like to come along and see how their shop works please contact us asap.

Autumn and Christmas fayres

We're currently planning stalls at autumn and Christmas fayres. If you know of any that we could take part in, or would like to volunteer to help on one of the stalls, please get in touch.

Caroline's co-op film

One of the directors of One Planet has been commissioned to make an animated film tracing the history of co-ops from their inception in Rochdale. Caroline Eccles, along with her partner Dave, run Huckleberry Films, a creative video production company. They're working with the Co-op college in Manchester, and the team from the Rochdale Pioneers museum, to produce the video. They're blogging their progress on their website www.huckleberryfilms.co.uk

Coming soon

Our Christmas gift range has started to arrive in store – please keep us in mind when shopping for presents. We've got lots of exciting new stock on its way. More on this in November's newsletter

Comments, suggestions, feedback?

Please let us know what you think.

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