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- It's just a WEE BOX!
- You might think there's nothing special about it!

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- Hello! My name is \_\_\_\_\_
- This assembly today explains how you **[CLICK]** are making a BIG CHANGE with SCIAF

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- It is a WEE BOX but thanks to us and others around Scotland it is an award-winning box and it has broken records.
- In total, SCIAF's supporters managed to squeeze £867,000 into this WEE BOX in 2007.
- That was a record-breaking amount and resulted in SCIAF winning the 'Best Campaign' category in the annual Scottish Institute of Fundraising Awards held in November 2007.
- Schools also played a major role in the success of the campaign raising an amazing **[CLICK]** £162,000 during the Lenten period – more than ever before!
- It shows when we work together, we can make a big impact.

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- This year SCI AF is asking us to work our magic again to help some wonderful people who are living life on the edge.

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- People like Jenneth [Janet].
- Jenneth lives in northern Uganda – a region which has experienced a terrible civil war for the last 20 years.
- She was abducted by the rebel soldiers when she was 14 years old. She was walking to school at the time.
- For 5 years she was forced to become a teenage soldier.
- Now a fragile peace agreement is in place and the fighting is on hold.
- People like Jenneth need to rebuild their lives and learn new skills.
- With our help, SCI AF is training Jenneth **[CLICK]** in tailoring skills so she can provide for her children, Wultur [Walter] and Gurfre [Godfrey].
- She is on the edge of a happier future.

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- In northern Uganda paying for nursery or day care is beyond the reach of most families.
- Children as young as five years old are often left to fend for themselves in the villages whilst their parents work in the fields or look for food. Often they can get hurt or end up in trouble.
- For just £30 SCI AF is making sure Jenneth's children, Wultur and Gurfre, attend the day care centre run by the Women's Training Project.
- Jenneth now knows they are safe and are learning and having fun. This allows her to concentrate on her training which is the road to a better life for her family.
- She hopes to start her own tailoring business when she is fully qualified.

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- Meet Santo.
- Santo's parents were killed in the conflict in northern Uganda and he has been left to look after his four younger brothers.
- He's only 14 years old himself.
- He has to provide food and clothes for them and do all the other things parents normally do.
- It's not an easy task – especially when you've had to live in a war zone.
- £12 allows SCI AF to help Santo out – maybe with pots for the house or clothes for his brothers.
- SCI AF is also helping to provide activities for his brothers to keep them occupied when he is out working or at school.

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- This is Ajok [Ajock].
- Her education was brought to end suddenly by the war.
- Over 1 million people in northern Uganda have had to leave their homes and villages and schools because of the fighting.
- Now she is grateful for the chance to get back to training.
- £5 can buy her sewing materials such as thread and cloth so she can perfect her new skills.

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- This is Rosemary and her family.
- They live in northern Kenya in a harsh desert area called the Turkana District.
- It's always been difficult to grow food in this area but climate change is making things even harder.
- This is because droughts and flash floods are becoming increasingly common and are destroying her crops.
- SCI AF have helped to fund a major irrigation and land reclamation project in her village which is helping 50 of the neediest families.
- With £1200, SCI AF is helping to create an oasis in the desert which is providing Rosemary's family with food come rain or shine.

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- We've heard about some of the ways our support is transforming the lives of people in Uganda and Kenya.
- Lent is also a time when we transform ourselves through giving, reflecting and acting.
- In our school, we will be using SCIAF's 40 DAYS 40 WAYS cards to keep track of all the ways we're helping to make a BIG CHANGE this Lent.
- The 40 DAYS 40 WAYS cards are full of ideas to help us give, reflect and act this Lent.
- We can follow the ideas SCIAF has provided – one for each day of Lent – or come up with our own.

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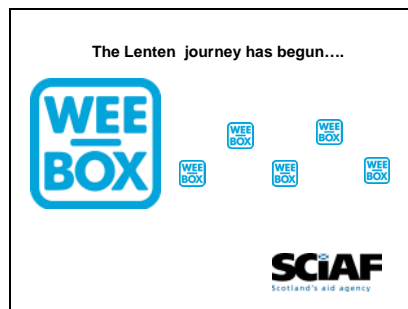
- Our school will also be creating a WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE display to help us keep track of how our WEE BOXES are making a BIG CHANGE.
- We'll be colouring in the target poster as we work towards our target of £ \_\_\_\_\_
- **[Click]** We'll also be adding our 40 DAYS 40 WAYS cards to the display to remind ourselves of the many different pledges we've made this Lent.
- Remember, Lent is not just about giving stuff up: Lent is also what you do!

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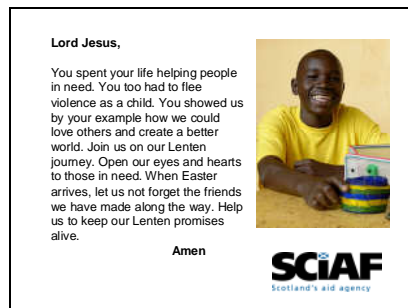
- Please join in all our school's WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE activities this year
- **[Describe the activities that have been planned]**

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- Lent is a journey towards Easter.
- We're asked to use this time to reflect on the life of Jesus
- We're asked to renew our commitment to his message and teachings.
- We're asked to follow his example in loving and caring for others...

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- Let's read the closing prayer together!