

*'Together we can
make the world a
better place for
all living things'*

Jane Goodall

Dear Roots & Shoots Members,

Things have been moving so fast at Roots & Shoots. We now stand at 1285 schools – the last time I was writing this we had not yet reached our first 1000!

We have also managed to raise almost 15,000 for the programme thanks to a donation from the Belgian Tourist Board and a number of exciting events in the last six months.

The awards event on December 10th was a huge success and for the first time we had R&S directors attending from other parts of Europe including Spain, Holland and Hungary. As a result of the programme's success, we are increasingly being invited to speak at events, conferences and seminars – not only in the UK but in Europe as well.

During my time at JGI a common phrase I keep hearing is;

We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.

Dr Jane has now amended this phrase to say, *we don't borrow it we STEAL it from our children.*

Seeing her travel 300 days of the year and hearing her speak at so many events, the one area that continues to give her hope, despite all the problems in the world, are the Roots & Shoots members – therein lies our future as she sees it.

If anyone can save the planet – we can!

What a wonderful gift and sense of purpose to be given and I've no doubt each and everyone of us can rise to the challenge.



Tara Golshan
Executive Director, Education

Schools join Jane in home town celebration



Portway Junior School

Receiving the news in November 2010 that we had been awarded a Roots & Shoots gold medal and along with it an invitation to meet Dr Goodall in person at London Zoo was indeed cause for celebration. Sadly, we were unable to go to the London event and, although delighted with our gold medal, we were obviously terribly disappointed at missing out on the opportunity to meet Dr. Jane herself.

So when we were invited to Bournemouth on May 22nd to take part in a celebration of Jane's life work to date and 50 years of groundbreaking research at Gombe, there was no hesitation. Being given a second chance to meet Dr Goodall in person and for the children to hear for themselves how valued their efforts are, was almost too good to be true.

After several weeks of planning and after school activities to produce poems and paintings, a proud Portway and Harrow Way contingent of 44 children, parents, grandparents and teachers made their way to Bournemouth University to meet, as

our pupils aptly put it, 'the one and only Dr Jane Goodall'.

An hour after arriving our display of Roots & Shoots achievements spanning 5 years was complete. Photographs had been selected, artefacts in position, laptop set up, paintings and poems on display and behind the scenes a hive of feverish activity as the finishing touches were made.

We had a wonderful day. From the excited whispers of 'She's here!' to precious moments when we got to stand shoulder to shoulder with Jane and chat about trees and gardens and snails and have our photograph taken together (just look at the smiles!)... or listening to not just one but two of Dr Goodall's spellbinding talks, asking questions, watching the moving and inspirational film 'Jane's Journey'. It was a day to remember and treasure.

Back at school the next day, the children were already planning what to do next to show that we can all make a difference. Roots & Shoots, we can't thank you enough.

The Scotland Tour.....

In May, Dr Jane undertook a tour of Scotland. The trip included a visit to Prince William's very own university, St Andrews. It was a hectic tour and involved dinners, book signings and press interviews culminating in one of the largest schools in Aberdeen. First stop was a seminar and



lecture attended by over 600 eager university students at St Andrews University, followed by a grand dinner hosted by corporate sponsor Conoco in the illustrious Upper Hall. The next day involved another dinner at the Gordon Highlanders in Aberdeen and a lecture and book signing at the Aberdeen International school which included almost 800 eager and excited pupils.

Furthermore, the Roots & Shoots programme managed to raise over 4000 pounds in just two days from donations.

Meet our groups across the UK...

The map below shows where our Roots & Shoots groups are located across the UK.

To find a school near you or to find out about other projects please visit

www.rootnsnshoots.org.uk.



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The Experience of a Lifetime - Earthwatch Expedition story

Having returned home from an expedition to Belarus I felt very lucky to have been chosen to take part in this project. I went to Belarus for 10 days to help the Scientists from the Department of Experimental Botany of Belarus and Earth Watch to help preserve their endangered peat bogs and put back the drained peat bogs to their original glory. Peat bogs play a very important part in the carbon cycle.

I assisted in many activities in the days on the bog lands. Some of these included cutting and sorting plant samples to measuring biomass; measuring the age and counting the numbers of trees. Many other scientific samples were taken by the scientists including measuring where the water table was in the sample area, peat coring, pH sampling and recording what types of vegetation were found on the sample areas.



The Earthwatch expedition team

I have returned home with lots of different ideas on how I can help promote environmental sustainability in my school and I am planning to have a poly tunnel put in the school garden to grow vegetables for the home economics department to use. I would like to Thank Roots & Shoots and the Earth Watch Institute for this wonderful opportunity.

Sarah Canham
Dingwall Academy

R&S students showcase at the 2010 Awards



The awards enjoyed their highest attendance ever in 2010 which included attendees from our European Headquarters. Our finalists tell us about the day.....



Award winners from Ringwood

Champs in a changing world!

Students were thrilled to hear that Ringwood School had been awarded a Gold Award for their 'One World' project. Excitement mounted when just four students were invited to accept the award at the Royal Zoological Society of London in London Zoo, from Dr Jane Goodall. With over 200 students actively involved in sustainable initiatives at Ringwood, tough decisions were inevitable, so sixth form leaders Abigail Grace, Miranda Walter, Robert Mays and Ciara Sammut represented the school. Each had worked with younger students in meeting Roots & Shoots' objectives. Robert Mays, Principal Student in Biology said, "It was an incredible experience: Dr Jane Goodall is an inspiration. It was an honour to meet her and others who care so passionately about the future of our planet."

Student groups from across the country gathered to share lunch and information about their latest projects. Of all Roots & Shoots groups throughout UK, the ten schools with the most effective projects had been invited, and it was a pleasure to meet them all.

Students mounted a display of the group's work during the past year. They were thrilled to be able to chat about their work with Dr Jane Goodall and with representatives of Roots & Shoots international. Dr Goodall took time to explore the work of each group.

Abigail Grace, Head Girl said, "The whole day had a wonderful atmosphere and it was brilliant to share ideas with some really inspiring people."

Three schools were invited to present their work to the

distinguished audience. Having duly presented, Ringwood students learnt that their school had been singled out as 2010's Most Outstanding Group. Furthermore, they were to be rewarded by meeting actor Colin Firth! To be part of this award ceremony was a wonderful experience; to be given the most outstanding group award when we didn't think it was competitive, was barely believable!

Ringwood's 'One World' project describes the small and local actions that the school have taken as citizens of a global village. Students hope that by acting locally they can help to effect or at least influence, some global changes.

The school sponsors a range of animals, including primates, and students Eleanor Bowen and Anna Skeates have led biodiversity action campaigns and mounted displays to support Jane Goodall's work at Gombe.

Donation from the Belgian Tourist Office

In April, we were delighted to receive a 10,000 pounds donation from the Belgian Tourist Office. We look forward to developing a further partnership with them in the coming months. The BTO have also kindly agreed to sponsor the finalists winning trip, which we hope to host in Brussels in December.

"We are delighted to form a partnership with Jane Goodall's

Roots & Shoots and be part of a global programme that empowers young people with the inspiration and tools to make a difference in the world. We look forward to supporting a programme where we share common interests and have been overwhelmed by some of the projects carried out by its members. Through our involvement with R&S and a schools tour operator we plan

to bring the experience of travelling to Europe, and especially to Belgium, to this inspirational programme."
Stephen Keenan
(Saffron Promotions/STK travel)
and Françoise Scheepers
(BTO Brussels & Wallonia).



Calling all agents!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it...

Is to support and enter Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots new awards categories!

Here at Roots & Shoots HQ we look forward to reading your Mission Updates and seeing your photos before choosing which school shall receive bronze, silver and gold awards at the end of each school term. However, did you know that you can also enter your pupils into two additional award categories? Entries could result in you and your class being invited to the annual London Roots & Shoots Award ceremony to meet Dr Jane Goodall.

Jane Goodall Photographic Competition

Does your class have any budding photographers keen to record your Roots & Shoots activities?

Perhaps your pupils have taken interesting photos of their projects, showing off your school vegetable plot or wildlife garden? The theme of our photographic competition is "Making a Difference". Encourage your pupils to be creative and to submit photographs that capture the spirit of making a positive change to animals, people or the environment.

To enter, submit one photograph per pupil and email them to admin@rootsnshoots.org.uk See the website for more details – and perhaps you will see the photograph in our next newsletter!



The Jane Goodall Award for Individual Endeavour

One of the highlights of the Roots & Shoots Awards Ceremony is an individual's outstanding contribution to Roots & Shoots. This year's deserving award winner was Amy Robertson, 17, from the Highlands and Islands team in Ardersier.

Like Amy, nominees have to show exceptional personal endeavour and contribution

throughout a class project. If you feel that one of your pupils is deserving of recognition from Jane Goodall herself, then please email us at admin@rootsnshoots.org.uk with a testimonial and some supporting evidence to show how they have made a difference to the lives of their fellow humans, animals, and to the environment.

We look forward to receiving all your entries for the Summer term by 26th August. Good luck!

Home Facilitator

In December 2010 following the weathers disruption of our attempt to get to the award ceremony in London, Jasmina Marcheva, Roots & Shoots assistant, flew up to Inverness to present one of our members, Amy Robertson, with the Jane Goodall UK Individual Endeavour Award 2010.

Jasmina also brought gifts and certificates for our other members as well as news from Tara Golshan that Dr Goodall intended to phone the group that evening.

It was tremendously exciting and during her conference call with us Dr Goodall invited the team to meet her in St Andrews in May.

This we duly did, attending an extremely interesting workshop, before participating in a private meeting with Dr Goodall. This was followed by our attendance at her St Andrews Prize Lecture that evening.

Dr Goodall took an active interest in the photos we had taken and questioned the children closely about their work. She told them that she thought they showed real inspiration.

Unbelievably we were then availed an opportunity to contribute to Dr Goodall's 50th Anniversary Celebrations in Bournemouth on May the 22nd.

It was yet another amazing day and we submitted a number of art pieces to the proceedings and put on the biggest display of our work to date.



Amy Robertson proudly holds her prize

We were also able to meet with other teams and share our experiences.

Amy Robertson said "We all agree that it was worthwhile coming as the new film about Dr Goodall's life and work was enthralling and held everybody spellbound".

Isaac Robertson perhaps summed it up best when he said "Dr Goodall has such an aura of gentleness around her, she makes me feel safe and secure"