



Dear Members,

It's hard to believe that fifteen months on we are still living with a Global Pandemic. This has been equivalent to running a hypothetical 'marathon' in terms of resilience, strength, resourcefulness, application, optimism and hope.

It has been a roller coaster ride for all, and an indescribable dark period for many people who have sadly lost loved ones, not to mention those remarkable individuals who have bravely been working on the front lines of history. As a result, we have moved further into a technological, fast paced world of Zoom, MS teams and Chrome to name a few 'social' platforms, where the 'personal' aspects of living and connecting with others have taken even more of a back seat, almost non-existent in some cases.

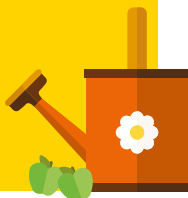
In light of this, I've been thinking a great deal about the value of longevity; time considered projects and activities that bear fruit gradually, and relationships that are built up over the years. I'm pleased to say that Roots & Shoots is a stall bearer for these values. Our young members have done us proud, yet again. Rising to the challenges that the Pandemic has created through lockdown, on-line learning and social distancing to embrace the very qualities that we stand for and that continue to hold us steady in turbulent times.

The projects during this time speak for themselves in this latest edition of our Summer newsletter. Enjoy them.

Keep safe and well. Good times are ahead. We will emerge stronger, more compassionate and more mindful of our planet as a result of these times.

Warm wishes, Tara

Executive Director, Education



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A significant milestone in our history - the 30th Anniversary of Roots & Shoots!

30 years ago, Dr Jane Goodall launched a youth-driven movement that has inspired thousands of young change-makers and transformed the world.

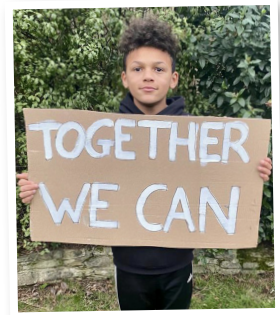
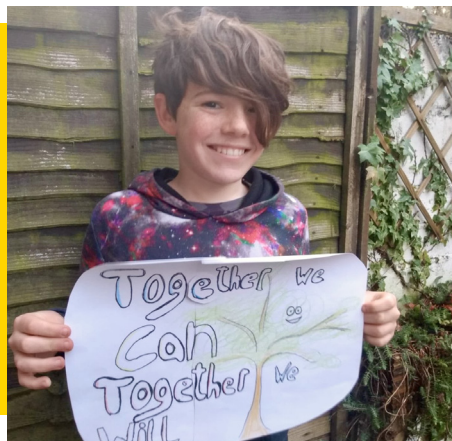


Photo: S.O.S From the Kids



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As a result, we are celebrating 30 years of Roots & Shoots initiatives, actions, projects and members who have tackled the issues that matter most to our planet and its future.

Huge thanks to everyone who sent in a birthday message for our special anniversary [video](#). It is a reminder that you are part of a very special global family, and we hope that it inspires you to continue doing the amazing work to help people, animals and the environment!

And once again, Dr Jane inspired us all with this [special message](#)



Photo: Acrington St Christopher's Church of England High School

Happy 30 years of making a positive change. **We thank you.**



Darwin200 Voyage

– our amazing summer expedition!



Skomer to Anglesea



Photos: Darwin200 UK Voyage

The Darwin200 UK Voyage is intended to offer the Roots & Shoots team members the opportunity to gain first-hand experience studying wildlife and undertaking conservation surveys.

The future protection of wildlife across the globe depends directly upon empowering and inspiring the next generation, and transferring skills so that tomorrow's conservationists can study, understand and conserve wildlife populations.

Over the summer of 2021, four Roots & Shoots members are joining the Darwin200 UK Voyage aboard the 45 m long tall ship Pelican of London. The objective of the voyage is to circumnavigate the UK and study the health of the marine environment around the British Isles.

The Roots & Shoots members will join professional researchers to undertake systematic studies of plastic pollution, megafauna (whales, dolphins, basking sharks), and seabirds to collect data for key conservation surveys, and to create live, interactive maps showcasing their findings! Visit darwin200.com to follow their progress and help interpret the data generated in real time beamed live from the ship!

In addition to gaining first-hand field experience in remote corners of the

British Isles (from St Kilda to Shetland to the Farne Islands), our members will have the chance to sight spectacular wildlife around the British Archipelago, from minke whales, many species of dolphins and porpoises, sunfish, gannets and sea eagles!

The spectacular diversity of wildlife around the UK is often forgotten, but the experience that the Roots & Shoots team members will gain, witnessing this wildlife up close and personal, will, hopefully, drive their passion and enthusiasm as young conservationists and give them valuable experience for their future careers in the field of conservation.

The Roots & Shoots team members will be presenting their findings live on August 11th at 10 am! Please join these live results event to hear first-hand their experiences and a summary of their results – visit darwin200.com for details on how to join the live broadcast and see updates as the ship sails around the UK!



Show your Roots & Shoots involvement with our 30th Anniversary badges and stickers



To help you celebrate 30 years of Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, we've created a printable sticker sheet for group leaders and members to print, stick and wear and also some email badges you can download and upload to your email signature.

You can download them from [here](#), linked to biodegradable stickers you can print on. Remember to share your photos wearing yours!

DON'T MISS OUT

Request your free Hanson box now!

We were so pleased that you enjoyed the first set of Local Safari books which we created in partnership with the Don Hanson Charitable Foundation and sent to 20,000 schools last year in the 2020 Hanson Box (our [2020 launch](#)).

We are delighted to announce that this year, we are creating two new resources to send to thousands of schools across the UK and the 2021 resource boxes will contain four other nature/conservation-related books, a 'nature's recyclers kit' (with dormant brine shrimp and tad pole shrimp eggs), drawings and essay competitions and more.

Dr Jane, Tara Golshan and Stewart McPherson at the warehouse where the 20,000 Hanson boxes 2020 were packed and shipped from



Photo: Blacktide Phonic Visual



Our first ever VIRTUAL Celebration Awards 2021

The last 14 months have been challenging and unpredictable! But, despite the uncertainty we have soldiered on bravely - educating, inspiring and taking action!

As 2021 marked Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots 30th Anniversary, there was much to celebrate. Hosted by our partners at New York University Abu Dhabi and in the presence of Dr Jane Goodall and our UK and UAE sponsors and partners, we celebrated the achievements of our members.

As part of our Twinning programme initiative, we had groups from both the UK (East Coast College; Goat Lees Primary School & Ysgol Clywedog, Wrexham) and the UAE (Cranleigh Abu Dhabi; Abu Dhabi Indian School, Muroor & GEMS United Indian School), who presented their amazing projects, leaving everyone even more motivated and determined to create a better future for our planet.

"We were very excited this year to have hosted a celebration event as part of our Twinning Programme with our members in both the UK and the UAE who have demonstrated remarkable progress, despite living through the challenges of a Pandemic. We were also excited to launch our new partnership with Voices of Future Generations in the UAE. We very much look forward to celebrating these achievements with other member schools, sponsors and partners".

– Tara Golshan,
Executive Director, Education



Photo: Accrington St Christopher's Church of England High School



Awards watch parties



Photo: Ysgol Clywedog, Wrexham

(left) Dr Jane, Roots & Shoots team, sponsors and supporters



Photo: Cranleigh Abu Dhabi

You can see the video from the event and school video presentations on our [YouTube channel](#)

"The Mental Health Foundation chose nature as its theme for mental health awareness week. Research they carried out showed that even small interactions with nature can protect mental health. Put simply we need the natural world that surrounds us to be healthy. The work that Roots & Shoots does in giving young people a voice and an opportunity to actively nurture the world around us is vital for our future. We are proud to be partners with them in this journey."

– Leonor Stjepic, CEO,
Montessori Group



Our Global Awards 2021



With 2021 marking the 30th Roots & Shoots Anniversary, it was not enough to celebrate locally, we had to go global with so many of you working hard all over the World.

If you are interested in getting involved and nominated, just keep on posting your amazing activities [on our website](#) and you never know, our team may well be in touch to nominate you for a Global category.

Another inspirational success: Jane Goodall's Hopecast

This brand-new podcast took listeners on a one-of-a-kind journey as they learn from Dr Goodall's extraordinary life, hear from changemaking guests from every arena, and become awed by a growing movement sparked by Jane and fuelled by hope. If you've missed any of the episodes, **you can catch up here, all in one place!**

The unstoppable team at Goat Lees Primary School

This small community school of students are punching high above their weight as they strive for a better planet. [Here is what they have been up to](#) in the last 18 months in their own words:

Our Meadow and Pond area

The children and staff have been hard at work on our Year 6 Project to improve the wildlife area at the top of our school's field. We created a pond and a wildlife meadow that are now a haven for wildlife. We planted some willow to hopefully form a shady spot to sit under once it grows.

But there is more to do - we still need to keep planting around the pond area to make a more habitable, natural environment to encourage more insects and wildlife to visit. Plus, we have loads of different ideas to expand the biodiversity of our school grounds. Although we do currently have log piles, bug hotels and bird boxes, you can never have too much to support the local wildlife.

The left-over pallets from the bird hides are going to be turned into compost bins and, possibly, a mud kitchen and solar hand wash station up by the Forest School for the key stage 1 children.

Pond Dipping With The Professionals

The children all took turns to, gently, use their nets to see what they could find on and in the water of our school's wildlife pond. We also took a look in amongst the plants growing in the pond, and carefully skimmed the bottom to see what we could find lurking below. When we caught something, we placed it in a tray of water so that we could all see, and identify, what we had found. We had a fabulous time and found lots of amazing pond life.

'Shake the Tree'

Year 4, Cashmere class, went out to 'Shake the Tree' to see what bugs they could find living in and around our school field. They

We have also started to build some bird watching pallet hides in amongst the wildflowers and tall grass. This area, last year, was not only a lovely calming space for us, but we saw so many different butterflies, bees and bugs; it was truly amazing.

Building Habitats - Log Pile

We built a log pile in our school's pond area. We decided to construct it in a far corner so the creatures that wanted to live there would not be disturbed as much. We were hoping that maybe a passing newt, frog or toad might find it welcoming as it was near to water. Obviously, we were confident that many different insects would definitely find it appealing.

We dug a little dip in the ground and placed logs and stones, randomly so that it looked nice and natural. We have plants that are growing around it so that would give extra shelter to hide in. Hopefully we will have some creatures occupying our lovely log pile soon.

were very lucky to have a lady linked to Godinton House Estate, Ashford, who brought along the equipment they needed. They successfully found shield bugs; various spiders; ants; various beetles.

The Big Schools' Bird Watch

On a very rainy Friday in January, some Year 6 Pygmy Class children took part in the RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch. Six of our class, who were in school on that day, went out with a clip board and a keen eye to see how many birds they could spot in our school grounds. Before going out, the children looked at the 'Bird Identifier' sheet, which was supplied in the pack, so they knew what to look for to



Wildlife meadow



Planting for Bees



Pond Dipping

Photos: Goat Lees Primary School

help them recognise the birds. They correctly identified the following: 1 robin, 2 magpies, 1 crow, 2 herring gulls, 18 sparrows, 3 wood pigeon, 7 blackbirds, 2 blue tit and 1 coal tit. We submitted our results on to the RSPB website.

It was a very chilly, wet day but they really enjoyed spotting all the birds; they also saw a few nests high up in the surrounding trees. We have now built three bird watching hides, up in our meadow area, from old wooden pallets which have pictures and descriptions (supplied by RSPB) on the insides for easy identification. It was a fabulous day finding many different insects.

More on our [activities here](#)

Give a Pant – Hoot this World Chimpanzee Day, 14th July



World Chimpanzee Day, on the 14th July, unites people all around the world in celebrating the innate value, complexity, and importance of our closest living relatives in the animal kingdom—chimpanzees. The day honours the anniversary of the moment in 1960 when 26-year-old Jane Goodall first stepped foot onto the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Gombe, Tanzania to study these mysterious and wonderful beings.

For World Chimpanzee Day 2021, we celebrate all the fascinating ways chimpanzees are so like us, and yet so unique, as well as the importance of taking action to increase understanding, protect wild endangered populations, and improve wellbeing for captive chimpanzees.

This year, Dr Jane Goodall and the Jane Goodall Institute global chapters are sending out a Pant-Hoot (chimpanzee calling) to celebrate incredible chimpanzees and use our voices as worldwide changemakers to stand up for our closest living relatives in the animal kingdom.

[Here is how you can celebrate with us](#)

Y3 planting new hedge in Harmony Woods



Recycling at Damers First School

Photo: Damers First School

Photo: Portway Junior School

Join up to our **Climate Action initiative**. Race to Zero Project and Win Big!



Photo: Roger Marks Photography

Trashion Show at Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Annual Awards 2014

reduction of it. We're asking you to rise to this challenge by making changes to your own lifestyles to reduce your CO2 usage. And we want to reward your hard work!

5 of you will get the chance to win £1,500!

For more details and how to enter, please [visit our website](#)

The deadline is Friday 11th February 2022, and the winners will be announced on the 19th February – Roots & Shoots 31st Anniversary

Our planet is under pressure. So are the generations who inherit it. It's time to invest in climate solutions by and for emerging leaders, inspired by Count Us In and the United Nation's COP26 Race to Zero. Leading up to COP26, we will grow a diverse community of young innovators tackling climate action!

In partnership with Climate Action: Race to Zero, we are delighted to launch a competition to finance your innovative projects! Inspired by our Roots & Shoots Ambassador Robert Swan, we've created the Climate Force Challenge to enable the our CO2 usage and methods in offsetting



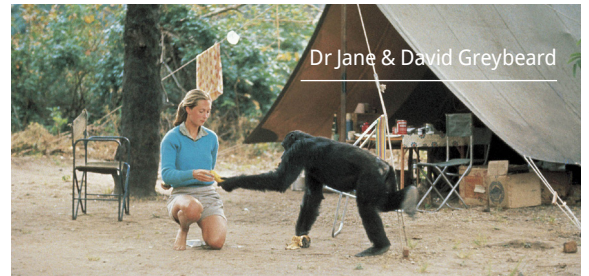
Dr Jane Goodall Receives 2021 Templeton Prize – the biggest single Award of her 60-Year career

Pennsylvania, USA, May 20, 2021 – Dr Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute, UN Messenger of Peace and world-renowned ethologist and conservationist, whose ground-breaking discoveries changed humanity's understanding of its role in the natural world, was announced as the winner of the 2021 Templeton Prize.

The Templeton Prize, valued at over \$1.5 million, is one of the world's largest annual individual awards. Established by the late global investor and philanthropist Sir John Templeton, it is given to honour those who harness the power of the sciences to explore the deepest questions of the universe and humankind's place and purpose within it. Unlike Goodall's past accolades, the Templeton Prize specifically celebrates her scientific and spiritual curiosity.

The Prize rewards her unrelenting effort to connect humanity to a greater purpose and is the largest single award that Dr Goodall has ever received.

"We are delighted and honoured to award Dr Jane Goodall this year, as her achievements go beyond the traditional parameters of scientific research to define our perception of what it means to be human," said Heather Templeton Dill, president of the John Templeton Foundation. More on [our website](#)



Dr Jane & David Greybeard

Photo: JGI - Hugovan Lawick

Dr Jane at the Sofia Science Festival, Bulgaria

On the 15th May, Dr Jane gave a talk at the 2021 Sofia Science Festival on the topic "Why I have hope for a better tomorrow".

She spoke about her early years in Gombe; the challenges she faced; the amazing chimpanzees and why we must protect our closest animal relative; the damage that humans have inflicted on our planet and how we can all play a part in its restoration and preservation in the future; Roots & Shoots, and why young people all around the world give her hope for the future of this planet.

The event was dedicated to the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, and you can watch the full talk [here](#). We are very excited that arrangements are on the way to start Roots & Shoots in Bulgaria, as it is the home country of one of our own (Jasmina)!

On the 3rd of April 2021 we celebrated Dr Jane Goodall's 87th birthday!

She is an incredible, inspirational woman who has inspired and motivated millions of people around the globe to live in greater harmony with nature and to take action on behalf of the planet we share. Many of you wrote to us with your own special thoughts and our social media all over the World was flooded with heartfelt messages. Here in the UK, we've put together a [very special video](#) with moving messages from some of our sponsors, supporters and friends.



To keep up with Jane's activities please follow us on social media:
Like us on [Facebook](#)
Follow us on [Twitter](#)
Follow us on [Instagram](#)

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Welcoming our new CEO



We are delighted to announce that **Corinna McShane** joined the Jane Goodall Institute UK as CEO in May 2021

Covering all aspects of our work from supporting community led conservation projects and chimpanzee sanctuaries in Africa, to empowering young people to become compassionate changemakers through our Roots & Shoots school programmes in the UK and UAE.

Prior to joining JGI UK, Corinna held a number of senior leadership roles including Campaigns Director at the BBC and Global Head of Communications & Marketing for The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award across 140 countries. Corinna's lifelong passion for wildlife conservation particularly primates, was fuelled by childhood membership of Durrell in Jersey where she grew up.

Corinna has an MSc (Distinction) in 'Climate Change Impacts & Sustainability'. She has over ten years Board Trustee/Chair experience with the Sumatran Orangutan Society (protecting orangutan habitat through community-based initiatives such as forest restoration, conservation education and agroforestry) and Mayhew (improving the lives of dogs, cats and communities in London, Afghanistan and Georgia). Corinna is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and an Associate Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences.



Mark your calendar for the JGI's **Silent Auction 2021**

Last year the pandemic prevented us from organising many physical fundraising events which, in turn, gave birth to the Silent Auction. The positive feedback from 2020 encouraged us to continue collecting funds for our work and projects with special exhibits from the Jane Goodall Community. Your help is needed!

The Jane Goodall Institutes from Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, UK and Global are working together to offer unique exhibits for you. The proceeds from the sale go to the work of Jane Goodall's Institutes and are tax deductible. We thank the buyers, donors and those who provide exhibits. Especially in these unusual times, none of this can be taken for granted.

"We are not asking for charity to help save the wildlife - and ultimately the people - of African forests. We are asking for a collective investment in the future and in a legacy that we can be proud of. We do not have much time left. We must act now."

Dr Jane Goodall

This year's auction will be between the **18th – 24th November**. Links will be shared nearer the time, **so watch this space**

Montessori Resources and New Partnership

We are delighted to announce the start of an exciting six-year partnership with the Montessori Group. Through the great vision of Maria Montessori, they have led the way in a highly valued holistic approach to children's education from an early age complimenting the Roots & Shoots values of educating, inspiring and taking action to create a better future for our planet. The partnership started two years ago but today we are delighted to announce an extended six year partnership.

"I am very excited about our long-term partnership with the Montessori Group's charity – Montessori St Nicholas. Our philosophy fits beautifully into successful Montessori teaching practices, which celebrate the 'holistic' approach of young people as a whole being interconnected with our planet and the world around them. I look forward to spreading our message to the Montessori community to reach more youngsters in all walks of life through their dedicated network of students, teachers, and families." – Dr Jane Goodall



"We are very excited this year to be extending our partnership with Montessori, not just in the UK, but through the exciting development of our Twinning Programme with our members in the UAE. We very much look forward to working with them to bring the concept of 'holistic' education both in and out of the classroom, to create better global citizens of the future".

– Tara Golshan, Executive Director, Education

"I can think of no better way to celebrate 30 years of the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots Programme than by making a long term commitment to continue to work together. Our shared vision of empowering children and young people to implement practical positive change for people, animals and the environment, will be even more effective by our continued long term collaboration."

– Geeta Sidhu-Robb, Chair of Montessori St Nicholas

You can read more on the partnership [here](#), and take advantage of our amazing [Montessori resources](#).