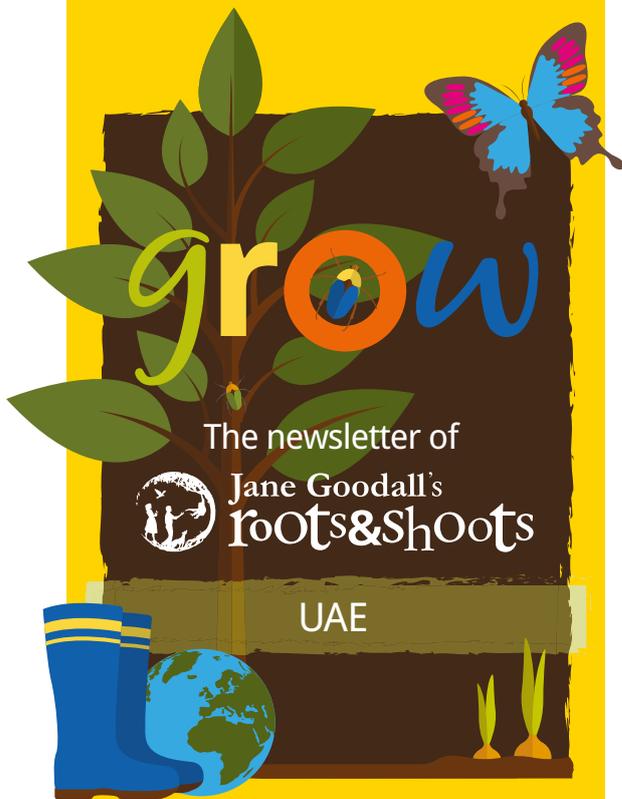


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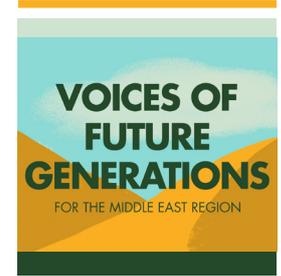
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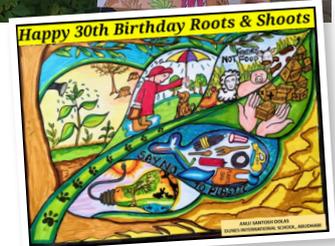
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A significant milestone in our history - the 30th Anniversary of Roots & Shoots!

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



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](#)

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



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

Abu Dhabi Indian School, Muroor: PRAKRITI – THE ENVIRONMENT CLUB

Prakriti, [the environment club of Abu Dhabi Indian School](#), is one of the oldest clubs of the school

Over the past 29 years it has gone from strength to strength in achieving its mission of preserving the environment and spreading awareness within the school and the local communities. As a part of the sustainable school initiative by the Abu Dhabi Environment Agency, the club in collaboration with the agency has been organizing a variety of programmes to raise awareness about the various environmental issues which plague the world and the region.

VISION – A safe planet for future generations through environmental preservation and sustainability by instilling responsible habits.

MISSION – To preserve the environment and create awareness in society about various environmental issues which plague the world and region. To lead sustainable lives.

CLUB COORDINATORS: Mrs. Huffrish Parekh (Girls Shift), Dr. Aditi Hazra (Boys Shift)

External Outreach Programmes

Our external outreach Programme includes various programmes which raise awareness in the community of Abu Dhabi

Save the Hammour Project –was initiated to raise awareness and protect the endangered marine species of UAE. Students visited eateries, markets and held street play to raise awareness about the Hammour fish which is on the brink of extinction.

Hold that drop “Save Water Campaign” – was launched on 8th November 2018, under the able guidance of the school Principal, Mr. Neeraj Bhargava. This is the premier outreach programme of the school and club. It aims to educate the community on the implications of indiscriminate use of water.

The first initiative under this campaign was an attempt for the Guinness book of world records by 998 students at the school, for the largest human image of infinity on 27th November 2018. The infinity loop represented an indefinitely continuing water cycle and the need to keep it moving. It conveyed the message, “We must save water and respect water resources”.

The students held various programmes at different public places like malls to reach out to the larger section of society. The programme included flash mob, street play, songs, presentations and a quiz.

The school organized one of the longest human chains on February 7, 2020, which



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1. Infinity loop
2. Save the Hammour Project
3. Earth Day Celebration
4. Green Audit
5. Abu Dhabi Better life Index award

spanned from Al Sahil to Al Bahar Corniche, in Abu Dhabi, raising awareness about the need to save water. Approximately 8000 people participated in the event.

Abu Dhabi Indian School, Muroor organized an ambitious online summit, entitled ‘Save Water Summit’ on the 16th and 17th of September, 2020. The two-day summit, which was aired live on YouTube, constituted of four panel discussions each aimed at disseminating awareness about the current situation and concerns regarding our water supplies. A strong viewership was received with participation from more than 20 schools from the UAE as well as India.

A club fair was organized where various clubs of the school presented their perspectives of water in their own unique style.

Internal Outreach Programmes

Our internal outreach programme includes programmes initiated within the school

Campaign against packaged drinking water in school – a survey is conducted annually on packaged drinking water. Various campaigns are held in the school to convince students to avoid packaged water.

Plastic Collection Drive – used plastic products are collected by students on 10th of each month. The main aim of this campaign is to reduce high rates of plastic pollution while putting less pressure on virgin materials to produce brand new plastic products.

E waste collection drive - the club with the help of enviroservice has recycled nearly

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▶ 1000kgs of e waste over a period of time. Electrical items are collected and then sent for recycling.

Celebration of various days & activities of environmental significance – The students regularly celebrate earth day, biodiversity day, ozone day, world water day, world environment day, and Arab environment day. Various inter and intra competitions are held by the school.

Field Trips and clean-up drive

Students volunteer regularly for various clean-up activities like the beach clean-up, Shramdaan i.e. cleaning and watering of plants in school premises.

The club members also visit places which educate them about the various sustainable issues and their solutions. Some of the places visited by the club members are Masdar city, Al Whatba Wetland reserve and the Hydroponics farm.

Green Audit

The school is one of the lead schools conducting green audit under the sustainable schools' programme - an initiative launched

Ozone Day



by the Abu Dhabi Environment Agency. The club members carry out land, air, energy, and waste and water audits for the school.

Training of Teachers

Teachers associated with the club regularly train the faculty of the school on ways of integrating sustainability in their curriculum. The club has also been mentoring other schools on various environmental activities.

Plastic Collection Drive

Accolades –the club has been winning many prizes and awards in various inter school competitions at national and international level. Some of the most prominent ones are

- **The sustainable school award in the lead school category initiated by the Abu Dhabi environment agency. The award has been won four times by the school**
- **Abu Dhabi Better Life Index Award**
- **Botanical Adventure Challenge Award**
- **The Tide Turners challenge**
- **Trust for Sustainable Living International Essay Award**
- **Roots & Shoots 30th Award**

More on our [activities here](#)



JANE GOODALL HOPECAST

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!

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.



Photo: Robert Ratzer

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](#)

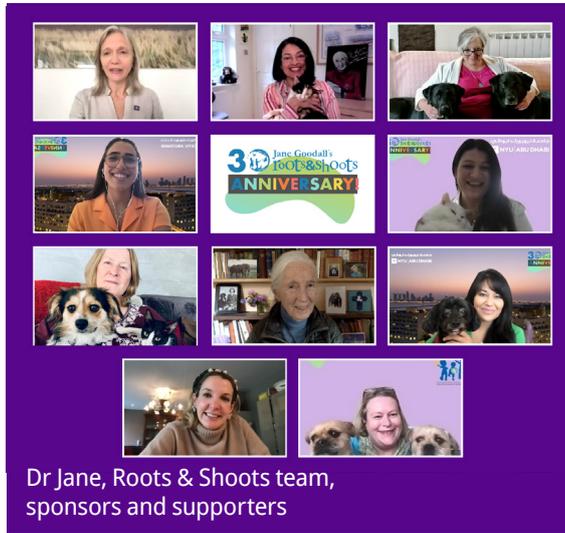
Our first ever **VIRTUAL** Twinning Celebration Awards 2021

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots celebrated both UAE and UK students' achievements and the initiative's 30th anniversary with a virtual awards ceremony.

In the presence of HH Sheikha Maytha bint Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Goodwill Ambassador for Roots & Shoots UAE, Dr Jane Goodall and VIPs, the event, which was hosted by New York University Abu Dhabi, showcased the achievements of students, with the support of sponsors and partners

As part of the Twinning programme initiative, 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), presented their amazing projects, leaving everyone even more motivated and determined to create a better future for our planet.

HH Sheikha Maytha bint Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, said: ***"I am filled with admiration for these young people who have remained committed to creating a better world for all of us, in spite of all the challenges the last***



Dr Jane, Roots & Shoots team, sponsors and supporters

year has brought. The Sustainable Development Goals have identified partnerships as key, and we know that bringing our two initiatives together will help both grow, with a huge positive impact on our planet".

"We are very excited this year to be hosting 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 are also very excited to be launching 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," said Tara Golshan, Executive Director, Education, Jane Goodall Institute.

Following the twinning of Roots & Shoots UAE and Voices of Future Generations for the Middle East, the Emirates Literature Foundation in partnership with the Jane Goodall Institute, will lead the outreach for both initiatives in tandem, with an aim to create learning opportunities, field trips, and science projects.

Together the two initiatives provide a comprehensive sustainability-themed path with a focus on the SDGs for children to follow from a young age up to adulthood.

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

Have you heard about **Voices of Future Generations (VOFG)?**

If not, then read on, because we are excited about our new sister initiative in the Middle East

Our initiatives have so much in common, including our faith in the power of children to change the world.

Voices of Future Generations is a unique writing competition for children age 8 - 12. It is a chance for you to make a difference and have a say in the matters that matter the most.

If you close your eyes, can you imagine a hero who could change our world for the better? Take a look at the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) for inspiration and for an idea of the things they might be fighting for. Now picture this character and imagine what they have to go through to achieve their goal.



They probably have to go on an adventure. Perhaps there will be huge obstacles in their way. There could be villains they need to evade, or quests they must accomplish. There could be unlikely friends along the way.

Can you picture it? Now try to write it! For more information about the initiative and how to join the next round of the competition, please visit vofg.vofgarabia.org/

The Internationally successful graduate programme in **Taiwan**

Our ED had the privilege of speaking recently at the Chang Jung Christian University, home to the International Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Eco-Center, and its graduate programme run by Kelly Kok, Executive Director.

The Eco-center takes the concept of the University's Christian spirit as its main driving force for development. Based on the principle of holistic education, the Center follows the practice of the Universities development strategy, gradually expanding its international perspective and striving to provide sustainable education for everyone, while affirming the dignity and value of all life. Committed to becoming a deep-rooted, international, and socially responsible university, the center also continues to promote environmental education in line with the principles of the Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots program.

In 2014 Dr. Jane Goodall visited the Chung Jung Christian University (CJCU) to plant a tree, and to give a talk to the students. What followed next was a dream come true.

"For years we have been looking for ways to support our global network of Roots & Shoots members," Kelly Kok, executive director of JGI Taiwan, reminisced. "So when CJCU President Lee Yung Lung offered to start an all English international program for sustainable development, and provide full scholarships to qualified Roots & Shoots alumni, we were simply elated." It turns out to be one of the most rewarding programs of the Jane Goodall Institute Taiwan.

Sustainable development is one of the most pressing issues of this century and requires practical solutions backed by sound theoretical knowledge. Chang Jung Christian University, in cooperation with the Jane Goodall Institute Taiwan, offers the International Program for Sustainable Development (IPSD), a 4-year bachelor's

degree program for young people who are eager to make the world a better place.

This program emphasizes solving real-world problems and learning by hands-on action. It aims to equip students with interdisciplinary knowledge of environmental sustainability, civil action, international affairs, and cultural diversity in the search for solutions to environmental challenges, in the spirit of Roots & Shoots.

Recruitment efforts began in late 2015, and by September 2016 the first batch of 23 international R&S students arrived on the campus of CJCU. The students were from Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, UAE, South Korea, and Italy. In 2021, there are currently over 80 international students from more than 10 countries.

This summer, we proudly celebrate the graduation of our first batch of students. During the graduation ceremony, student representative Nathan Thadeo shared his journey in his speech, *"Over the last four years we have achieved goals that we never imagined we could reach. Coming from a poor family in Tanzania, I was inspired by Dr. Jane Goodall and Roots & Shoots, and became committed to environmental protection. I have spent four fruitful years in Taiwan, conducting research and hosting events, learning to communicate with different people, coordinating many things, and making the best decisions. I learnt Chinese from scratch, and was able to practice my Chinese through hosting events and daily interactions. And now I have been accepted by the National Taiwan University to pursue a graduate degree. Hopefully I will be able to apply what I have learnt when I return to Tanzania. A final word: Share what you have, and teach what you have learnt."*

For more information about the program, please visit dweb.cjcu.edu.tw/ipspd



Sharing paper-brick making skills with young children during workshops



1. Dr. Jane speaking with IPSD students during her visit to Taiwan in 2018
2. The program focuses on many practical aspects of sustainability, including sustainable building materials
3. Learning to create bamboo furniture

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 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)!

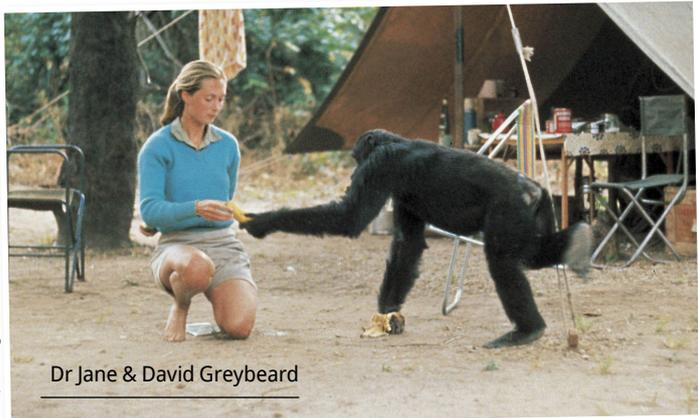
On the 3rd of April 2021 we celebrated Dr. Jane Goodall's 87th birthday!

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.



Photo: Vincent Calmel

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



Dr Jane & David Greybeard

Photo: JGI - Hugo van Lawick



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](#)

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



To help you celebrate 30 years of Janes 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.

Do your best to find biodegradable sticker sheets. Remember to share your photos wearing yours!