



Dear Members,

As the year draws to a close, I get such pleasure from reading the amazing work of all our member schools across the UAE, where numbers continue to grow.

This year, our emergence from the Pandemic has enabled us to continue our inspirational projects with even greater impact. We are busier than ever before!

It has also reminded us about the importance of Gratitude. A feeling that is very much at the heart of the UAE culture and its citizens. Our young members embrace this quality throughout all their endeavours and projects, through an even greater awareness of the fragility of life and the importance of respecting our planet and all its inhabitants.

Just a few of our highlights include our exciting UAE annual Awards event coming up next January. Watch this space and don't forget to enter your school for a chance to attend a future awards ceremony and meet Dr Jane. It's our way of showing our appreciation for all that you do.

In the meantime, please read on and enjoy our Winter update, highlighting the great work of our young members who continue to embrace the many challenges we face, and rise to meet them in a practical and positive way.

Happy New Year.

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# Dr Jane is returning to the UAE!



**We are so excited that Dr Jane and the Roots & Shoots team will be returning to the UAE to celebrate you and your hard work on the 26th January 2023!**

**The Roots & Shoots Annual Awards truly is our favourite event of the year. We wish we could invite each one of you to this event, but we can only have 10 schools to present each year.**



### Not taking part in our 2023 Awards?

Don't waste time. Start planning your entry for the Roots & Shoots Awards 2024. It is simple – post on the [Roots & Shoots website](https://www.rootsandshoots.org.uk) all projects and activities you undertake. Every entry gets you closer to that invite and a chance to meet Dr Jane herself!

The difference you will make for animals, the environment and the community is invaluable!



**If you have any questions or need any help, please e-mail Jasmina at [jasmina@janegoodall.org.uk](mailto:jasmina@janegoodall.org.uk)**



# Peace Day 2022

Peace Day is an important day not only for Dr Jane, but for everyone. Each year, we honour and celebrate Peace Day by flying giant and small doves, making pledges, talking about peace, tolerance, understanding and respect.... The theme this year is, 'End Racism. Build Peace' and ending racism is a key to a peaceful world.

We were delighted that many Roots & Shoots schools celebrated Peace Day this year. Here are some of our highlights:

## Pristine Private School

Pristinians celebrated International Day of Peace which brought with it an opportunity for our young minds to voice out the kind of world they dream of – a happier, healthier, and peaceful world for all its cohabitants. They recognized the power of fostering a peaceful and sustainable world through a variety of activities such as making peace doves, singing a song with their classmates, and sharing their pledges for global peace and solidarity. Read more on the day [here](#).



Peace Doves making at Pristine Private School



Photos: Pristine Private School

## Safa Community School

Across the school, students learned about the origin of this day and the role that the UN plays to maintain and support peace across the globe.

### Peace Day in SCS Primary

In Year 6, we learned about the role Jane Goodall plays as a UN Peace Messenger. We thought about what Peace means and why it's important. To celebrate the day, we thought about our hopes and dreams on Peace Day and created wishes which we folded to create a dove, the international sign of Peace.

### Peace Day in SCS KS3

Some of our Year 8 leaders celebrated World Peace Day by giving an inspiring assembly to their peers. Students wrote some wonderful Peace Day speeches, which can be read [here](#).



Doves with wishes

Photo: Safa Community School

## Abu Dhabi Indian School Muroor

Celebrated Peace Day by making doves and [writing peace pledges](#) on them.

## Private International English School

On Peace Day, the teachers at PIES talked to the students about the [importance of Peace Day](#), showed them various videos; then each student wrote/ drew a card related to Peace Day and how they understand Peace.



Peace Day cards

Photo: PIES

## Delhi Private School Sharjah

International Day of Peace is a celebration of efforts and motivation to hearts to restore the Peace and happiness in this world.

DPS boys and girls of grade 9 [celebrated the day](#) by observing a minute of silence to connect with others around the world and serve as a reminder of their commitment to peace. Student speakers shared their ideas on peace through powerful presentations.



Peace day presentation

Photo: Delhi Private School Sharjah



Doves with pledges

Photos: Abu Dhabi Indian School, Muroor



Peace Day at Delhi Private School Sharjah

Photo: Delhi Private School Sharjah





## Peace Day 2022 (continued)

Photos: Abu Dhabi HomeSchoolers Association



### Abu Dhabi HomeSchoolers Association

ADHSA celebrated Peace Day 2022 with an act of kindness. They visited Home-based-Orphan-care (HBOC) and MGQ Old Home in Islamabad. They spent time with young kids and the elderly, interacting and distributing gift bags. The people were full of life and stories, and we hope more can be done to make their lives more fulfilling.

Abu Dhabi HomeSchoolers Association, distributing the gift bags

#### FEATURED SCHOOL

## Safa Community School

We love when our members take on different challenges and do it with passion that can inspire us all.

The team at Safa Community School proves that you can help animals, the environment and the community while learning and having fun.

Here is what they have been up to:

- Researching the garbage patches in the oceans and conducting lunch box surveys monitoring the amount of waste plastic each class is producing. As part of their learning, teachers filled the swimming pool with lots of single use plastic items. Students then swam in it to imagine what it is like for sea creatures whose homes are polluted!
- Learning about food waste in the UAE and how they can make sustainable choices to help the planet.
- Reducing paper usage at school. The secondary Eco Team also organised a desert clean up trip in collaboration with Simply Bottles. With the help of other students and local law enforcers, the students removed over 18 large, biodegradable bags of plastic and rubbish.
- SCS often takes part in fundraisers and community outreach programs like raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness; Festive Box appeal and Ramadan box appeal; 'Two For Tuesday', where students bring in an extra snack or piece of fruit which is then donated locally to those less fortunate.



4 Donations boxes 5 Desert clean up  
6 Love gift boxes



1 Festive toy drive donations 2 Students experiencing what it feels like for sea creatures to swim in plastic polluted waters  
3 Making recycled bird feeders



- Safa Community School took part in a festive toy drive in collaboration with GTS, Dubai Irish FC and Dubai Irish dads. The school community were encouraged to donate toys, games and teddies to put a smile on the faces of those less fortunate than us this Christmas. All the donations made by the school community are being organised and sent to the Waterloo Orphanage in Sierra Leone. SCS students and staff cannot wait to see the smiles on the children's faces when they see all these wonderful gifts!

- SCS Foundation stage students made bird feeders out of plastic bottles, egg cartons and cardboard, clipboards out of pieces of waste cardboard and binoculars out of toilet rolls. They hung their recycled bird feeders outside of their classroom in the trees and learned safe ways to observe birds in their natural environment. They also learned about plant growing and planted pumpkin, bean and sunflower seeds.

**FOR MORE ON THE AMAZING SCS'S PROJECT READ [HERE](#)**

Thank you, Safa Community School!

You truly are making a positive difference

Photos: Safa Community School

## THROWBACK PROJECT

## GEMS United Indian School Can collection campaign

United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No.12 calls on the importance of Sustainable Consumption and production. As part of this, EEG organized [can collection drive](#) across the emirates to reduce the volume of cans for landfills and to create an awareness to tackle pollution and to promote recycling practices.

GEMS United Indian School once again held their hands together for volunteering the drive at American International School of Abu Dhabi and deposited their collection towards a cleaner Greener UAE. EEG managed to collect from different schools and organizations 5,432 Kgs of Aluminium Cans and mitigating 4,933



Photo: GEMS United Indian School

Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide all over UAE. Well done on an amazing achievement!

## THROWBACK PROJECT

## Private International English School Trash to treasure

We love a sustainable fashion show! Thank you Private International English School for taking part in this green fashion show.

An inter school [fancy dress competition](#) was conducted by Shining Star International School in December 2019, with the theme **ENDANGERED ANIMALS** for KG 1, **FAIRY TALES** for KG 2, **PRODUCTS WE USE** FOR GRADE 1 AND **3R's** for grade 2.

Students of Bhavan's Kindergarten and grade 1 and 2 participated with great enthusiasm; they dressed up with recycled materials and spoke about the theme they portrayed. KG 1 and Grade 1 tiny tots grabbed the 1st prize, while grade 2 bagged 3rd prize. The little ones spread the message of sustainability through their pretty green walk.

A famous quote says: "When you put the whole world picture together, recycling is the right thing to do."

The objective of the activity was to make children appreciate, learn and progressively understand that the resources should be used carefully, and reuse waste material and not always depend on new things. They learned the valuable lessons of Reuse, Reduce and Recycle and to maintain an ecological balance to making maximum use of eco-friendly materials.



Photos: Private International English School

## Exciting new resources for protecting our oceans

Check out our new resources about the oceans of the world, developed in partnership with DP World.



The oceans and seas of the world are truly amazing and beautiful places full of stunning sea life.

Sadly, they are becoming more and more polluted with filling unwanted plastics and other waste. More importantly, overfishing is threatening all marine life.

But there are things we can do to help preserve our oceans and seas.

Therefore, we've created a series of exciting resources to help you understand the importance of oceans and seas and suggestions on how you can help protect them:

**Our oceans, our pollution** – Use this resource to discover the types of waste floating around the ocean and how you can help, no matter where you live!

**Warm seas, cold seas, ocean currents** – you will learn more about the diversity and location of marine life, and carry some simple experiments that show the conditions plant life needs to thrive and how this relates to water temperature

**Ocean life** – learn more about the plants and animals that live in the ocean

**Commercial fishing** – This resource examines the fishing industry and suggests choices that consumers can take to help steer it into more sustainable practices

**Aquaculture** – Compare and contrast the environmental impact of salmonid (salmon and trout) farming to the farming of bivalve molluscs such as oysters and mussels. Look at ways you can consume more ethically. Brainstorm ways that you can make a difference.



# Where is Jane

During September Dr Jane visited the USA with a wide variety of events in Boston, Atlanta, Jackson Hole, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

These included meetings, Roots & Shoots gatherings, lectures and then filming for the IMAX film with the Blackfeet Native American community and Bison who play such a key role in many parts of the USA. The National Geographic 'Becoming Jane' exhibition has now moved to St. Louis and Dr Jane was able to be there for events linked to that. She made her first visit to the Jane Goodall Institute's new offices in Washington DC and met many members of staff there for the first time.

Whilst in Los Angeles Dr Jane tested positive for covid and fortunately had the doctors and medication close to hand during the week there so could do her events virtually.

Dr Jane then travelled to Vienna Austria to meet with Executive Directors from JGIs around the world including JGI UK's CEO Corinna McShane for four busy days of meetings, sharing, planning and learning from each other on the many and varied programmes our colleagues have in place. Our Roots & Shoots Global Coordinators Rita and Andres shared updates on global programmes to benefit people, animals and the environment and we were fortunate to learn of the work of many of our JGI countries represented at the meeting ranging from China, Malaysia and Taiwan to Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa Chile, Argentina, USA and of course the UK!

Dr Jane then attended a wonderful gathering of 700 active Roots & Shoots members of all ages in Baden, Austria where students presented their projects including concern for plastics, the use of 'graffiti moss' and how to extend the life of fashion items. Dr Jane also met with the President of Austria. JGI Austria hosted a lovely evening fundraiser for which everything was donated by generous local companies including the wonderful vegan cookery from Tian restaurant in Vienna. Amongst the items auctioned were charming Jane Goodall dolls created by JGI UK Claire Quarendon and an incredible portrait of the Gombe chimpanzee Fifi created in stitches donated by the artist.

We are already planning for 2023 which will include visits to Tanzania, UAE, some European countries, the USA (including the premiere of the new IMAX film in Phoenix Az and in Sudbury, Canada) in May and the launch of the SSE tv series on Apple TV during April. Dr Jane is of course looking forward to the Roots & Shoots Awards in Dubai, on the 26th of January 2023!

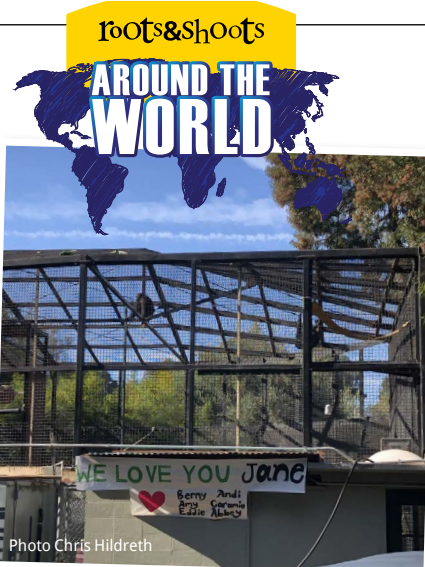


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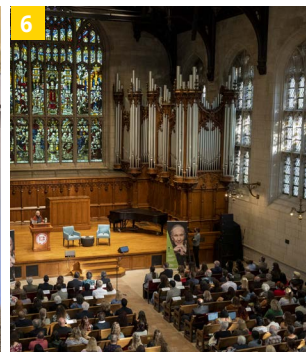
Signs outside Dr Jane's green room directly behind the chimpanzee enclosure at the Oakland Zoo

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Dr Jane Goodall, DBE, who presented the winners with their awards, often unsung heroes from around the world, commented:

*"We all have a role to play in developing our relationships with animals, communities and the environment so I am always delighted to see inspiring stories of individuals who are doing just that. These awards show that there is not just one route to making positive change – it can be done in a way that uniquely works for you, wherever you are in the world."*



1 Dr Jane addressing an audience at the University of Maryland. 2 Audience at Dr Jane's lecture in Memorial Chapel, University of Maryland 3 Dr Jane & Dr Crickette Sans greet the audience with a pant hoot. 4 Dr Jane addressing a crowd of R&S and Seven Arrow students during a Celebration of Service at Pacific Palisades in Los Angeles, CA 5 Dr Jane speaks at IFAW Animal Action Awards 2022 6 Dr Jane addresses an audience in Graham Chapel, Washington University in St. Louis



# Halogreen at Fairgreen

## What is Hallogreen?

Every year at Fairgreen International School, in keeping with our school ethos of encouraging sustainability, we host 'Halogreen' where students and teachers dress-up in sustainable costumes to celebrate Halloween.

## What message does Hallogreen send?

### Impact

Halogreen reminds Fairgreen students to be mindful of the carbon footprint and impact on the environment even on special occasions such as Halloween. So much waste is generated during Halloween, and Fairgreen wants to send out the message that even just by making your own costume you are taking a step in the right direction, helping the environment through one costume at a time.

### Reaching the wider community:

It also encourages not only students but families to be sustainable and recycle materials to create costumes. Hopefully through social media, this mentality and these actions can be seen by more people and schools and inspire them to be more sustainable in their next Halloween dress-up.



## How do we encourage participation?

Prizes are allocated in 3 different categories:

1. Most Creative
2. Most Sustainable
3. Best Group Costume

Having prizes for different costumes is a really good way to engage students and get them into a competitive spirit. The students enjoyed getting to see everyone's costumes and the winners had something to be proud of as well!



We love this idea and hope other schools will join and celebrate Hallogreen next year!



Photos: Fairgreen International School

Costumes that raise awareness and inspire ecological action

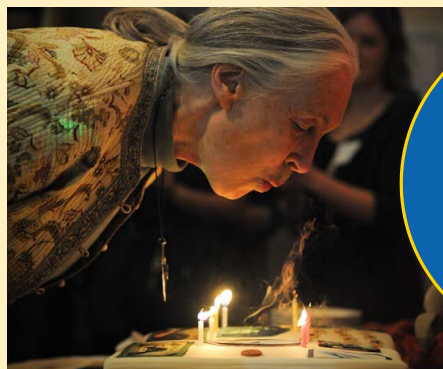
## Dedicate a project for Dr Jane's 89th Birthday

She is a Global icon, an inspiration. She is our heroine. She is tireless and hopeful.

And never gives up on getting her message of hope out to millions of people across the Globe. She is Jane Goodall!

Can you believe that in 4 months, Dr Jane will be 89 years old and yet she continues to travel the world and inspire us all every single day.

So in April 2023, take time to celebrate Dr Jane by dedicating a school project to her and all that she has achieved for this Planet and its inhabitants.



We all know that one of Dr Jane's biggest reason for hope are young people, young people like you!

Send your project briefs, posters, photos and videos to Jasmina Georgovska [jasmina@janegoodall.org.uk](mailto:jasmina@janegoodall.org.uk) and we will share these on our website, social media and with other member groups