



GAFI

Pedal Powered Cinema

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TWINNING NEWS



What a busy year we have had with the School Twinning Programme. Thanks to our very kind supporters, we now have a UK Pedal Powered Cinema, which we have been using in our twin schools to show conservation films. Donations from GAFI Pedal Powered Cinema sponsors have ensured that communities and school groups in Uganda have been able to experience pedal powered film screenings, promoting conservation of Great Apes and their habitats. Twelve UK schools have been busy sending letters and cards over to twin schools in Uganda and thanks to the amazing work of Denis Agaba and Aphia in Kisoro, Uganda, we have been receiving regular photos and letters by e-mail.



Overleigh St. Mary's CE Primary have recently unveiled a gorilla sculpture to celebrate their links with Rubuguri Primary School in Kisoro. MP Stephen Mosley unveiled the gorilla in a special assembly. The 6ft sculpture was made by the British Ironworks in Shropshire.



Christmas cards arrive at Muganza Primary, Kisoro

The twinning children have enjoyed learning about school life in Uganda and UK. UK children were amazed to read some stories about gorillas being spotted near to one of the schools! We are now working hard to develop conservation projects that can take place both in the UK and in Uganda. News of our project work was published in First News, the National Children's Newspaper.





News from Denis Agaba, GAFI Uganda... "Last Friday Aphia and I visited Rubuguri for the purpose of checking on how the trees are growing. We took photos of some trees and of the cabbages. The children have a plan to sell the vegetables to the community and to the teachers as there are no cabbages grown around the area. Then they will generate some money that will help them have some educational visits to Mgahinga Gorilla National Park and also to acquire more seed as they would wish to make it a continuous project".

TREE PLANTING

A thriving tree planting scheme at Rubuguri Primary School in Kisoro was established by 80 families from Overleigh St. Mary's Primary School, Chester. Each family sponsored a tree to be planted by Rubuguri. The children have also raised money to send over a laptop and printer to support the school twinning programme.



Rubuguri Primary also planted vegetables to be used to fund further tree planting. The results were fantastic, as you can see from the photos. Children in the UK received a special tree planting certificate to celebrate their involvement in the project. This scheme will run again this Easter, but will be running through Crowdfunder.



GAFI ON TOUR The GAFI team took the pedal powered cinema along to an event at the British Ironworks. Uri Gellar even had a chance to pedal on the bike! Our new GAFI child ambassador Freya spent time discussing potential projects with Madelaine Westwood, GAFI Director.



SPOON GORILLA

Local schools have been collecting spoons to donate to the British Ironworks in Oswestry. Each spoon will be used to make a large gorilla to be donated for GAFI fundraising.