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Foreword | David Wall



It is with great pleasure that I introduce our eighth annual Creative Writing Anthology, which presents the work of the longlisted authors of this year's Creative Writing Competition. This year we received 85 entries from 44 schools, and, as ever, are extremely proud of the calibre of all our students' writing.

This year students engaged with *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls*, written by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo, and wrote biographies about local climate rebels – individuals from their local communities or countries who have used their talents, knowledge, and voices to lead efforts to combat climate change. Students were also challenged to take inspiration from the diverse styles of illustrations throughout *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls*, and created powerful portraits of their chosen climate rebel.

The entries were judged by Maithy Vu, a Rebel Girls editor. Maithy was hugely impressed with the quality of our students' biographies and illustrations, and chose the winning and highly commended entries for each age category. The winners of the competition also received a copy of *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* signed by one of the authors.

Climate change has become one of the most polemic global issues of the 21st century. NASA analysis has revealed that 2020 was tied as the globally hottest year on record alongside 2016, and the impacts of global warming continue to be felt across the world. Each year I am inspired by how our students use their voices to speak to global issues, and I hope that students were also inspired to become future climate leaders by their researching and retelling of their climate rebels' work and stories.

I would like to congratulate all the students who entered the Creative Writing Competition, and hope you enjoy reading this anthology. We encourage teachers and students to use this year's Creative Writing Anthology not only to celebrate the success of our published authors, but to continue discussing what it means to be a climate rebel and the powerful role that young people hold in creating an environmentally sustainable world.

David Wall
*Global Campus Programme Manager and
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*Nord Anglia
Writer of
the Year*

Under 8





Greta Thunberg

Kim and Wynnie, 7, International College Spain

Once upon a time there was a girl called Greta Thunberg.

She was born on January 3, 2003 in Sweden.

Greta says she first heard about climate change in 2011 when she was eight years old and she did not understand why people didn't do much about it.

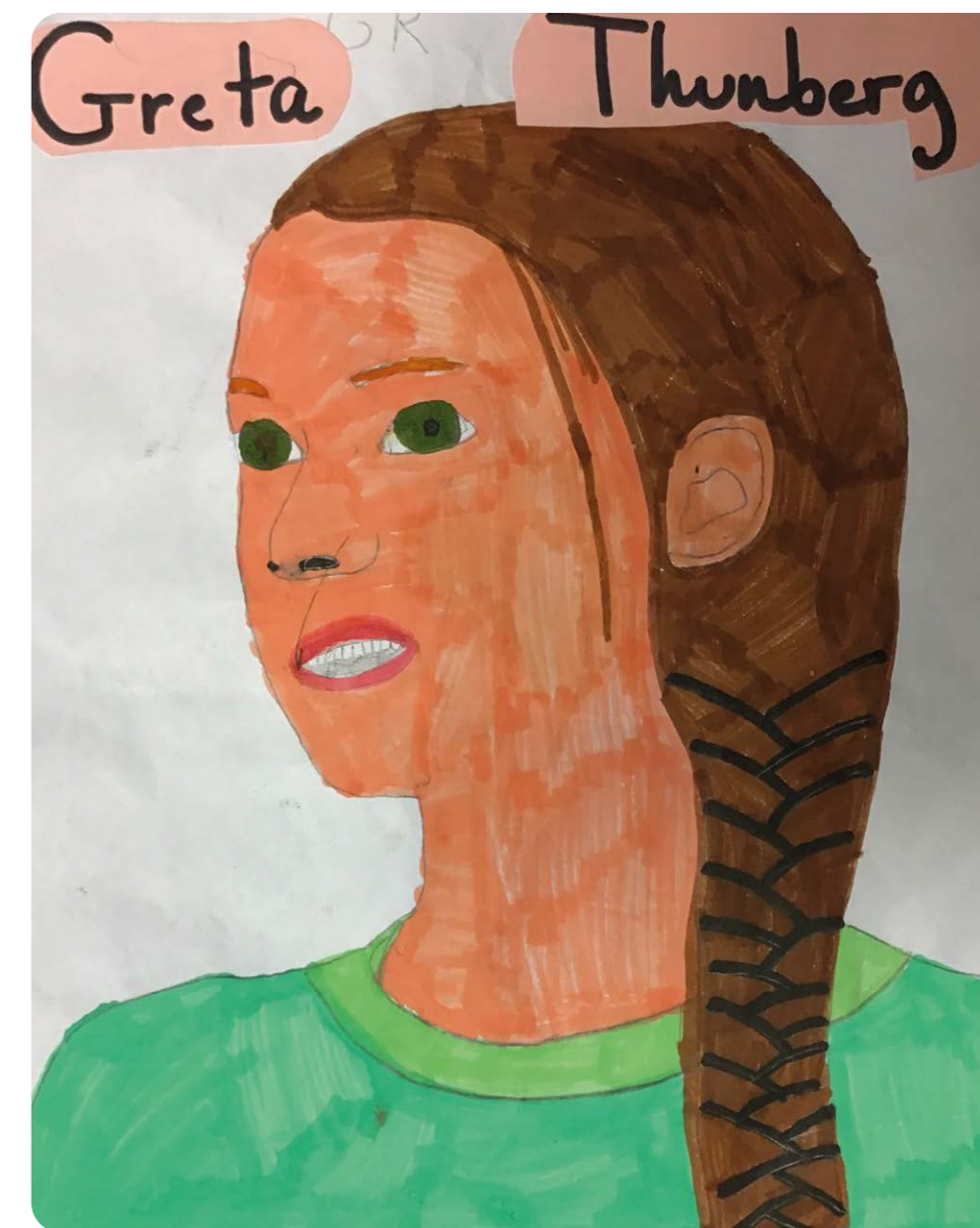
She tried changing the habits of her family like to stop taking flights and becoming vegan because it was bad for the environment. And so, when they went on holiday they used a sailboat instead of a plane.

Today Greta is a well-known activist around the world. She helps the environment a lot and skipped school a lot to give speeches in America.

In August 2018, at age 15, she started spending her school days outside the Sweden parliament to call for stronger action on climate change by holding up a sign reading: "skolstrejk for klimatet" (school strike for climate). Soon, other students engaged in similar protests in their own communities.

Greta believes that humanity is facing a crisis because of global warming.

Today Greta and her group are doing their activism and protests online because of Covid-19.



Jane Goodall

Lillian, 8, British International School of Chicago, South Loop

Once upon a time there was a girl named Jane Goodall, and when she was little she watched the animals in her world such as: cats, dogs, earthworms, insects, birds and horses. Jane was born in 1934 in London where there are no chimpanzees. Her biggest dream was that she would go to Africa and visit/ see the chimpanzees. Jane watched the chimps and wrote lots and lots of notes. It was at first hard to get close to the chimps. The first chimp Jane was able to get close to was a grey-bearded chimp she named David Greybeard. Then, the other chimps let her come close to them. Jane watched David Greybeard make a stick into a tool to dig for termites. She watched him eat meat not just plants! Before this, people thought that chimps only ate plants. Jane watched them

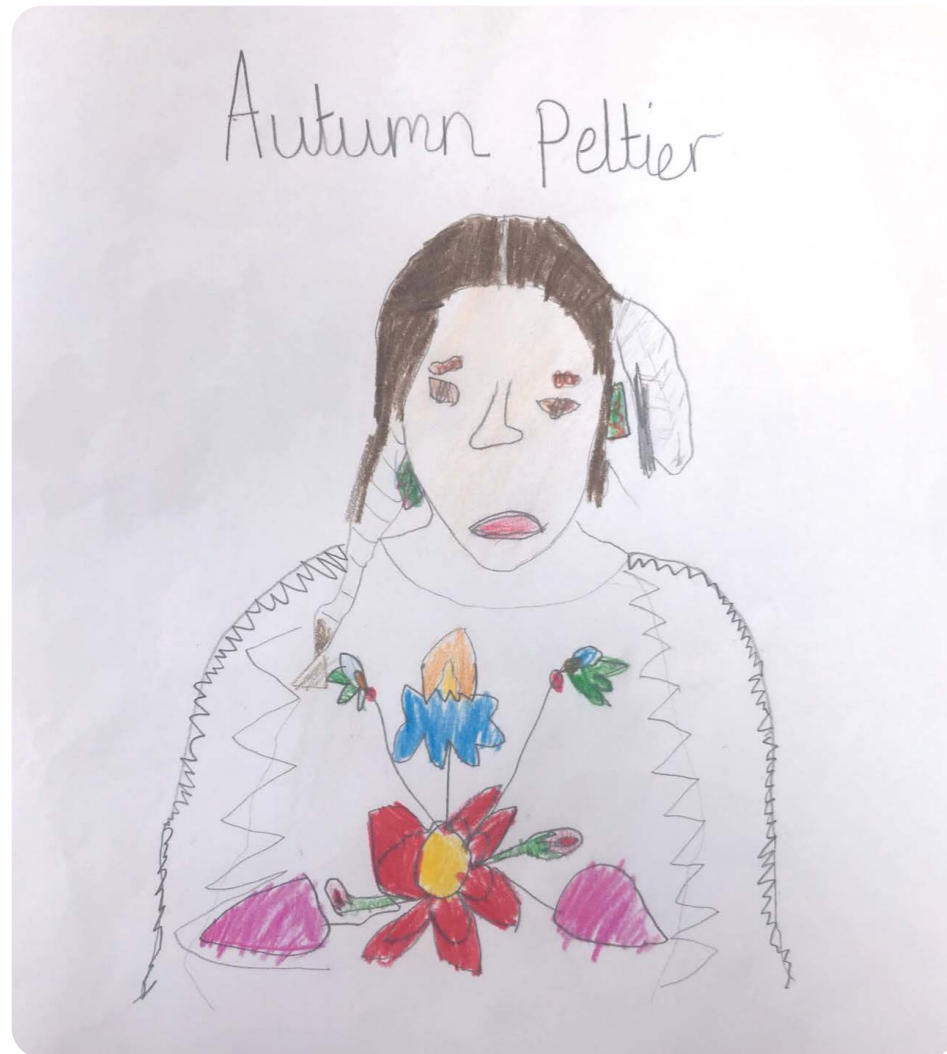
when they were happy, watched them hold hands, saw them kiss and hug, watched them laugh, she watched them when they were sad and angry and scared and even when they got into tantrums. She wrote books and researched and shared what she learned to other people. Then Jane noticed that forests all around Africa were being cut down. The chimpanzees losing their home, hunters killing/shooting chimpanzees taking the chimp's babies and selling to labs, to the circus, and as pets. Chimpanzees were in danger of becoming extinct! Jane felt very sad for the chimps. She started the Jane Goodall Institute in the US in 1977 to protect the chimpanzees.

Autumn Peltier

Addison, 7, British International School, Ho Chi Minh City

Autumn Peltier is 15 years old and she lives in Canada. She comes from a native tribe called the Wikwemikong. They live near one of the Great Lakes. When she was eight she learned from her aunt all about clean water and the environment. Autumn always had clean drinking water but she knew not everybody was so lucky. Autumn wanted people in Canada and all around the world to be able to drink clean water. When she was just twelve, she went to a big meeting and told the Prime Minister that she was unhappy that he was not protecting the water. After this she travelled to lots of big meetings in America where she

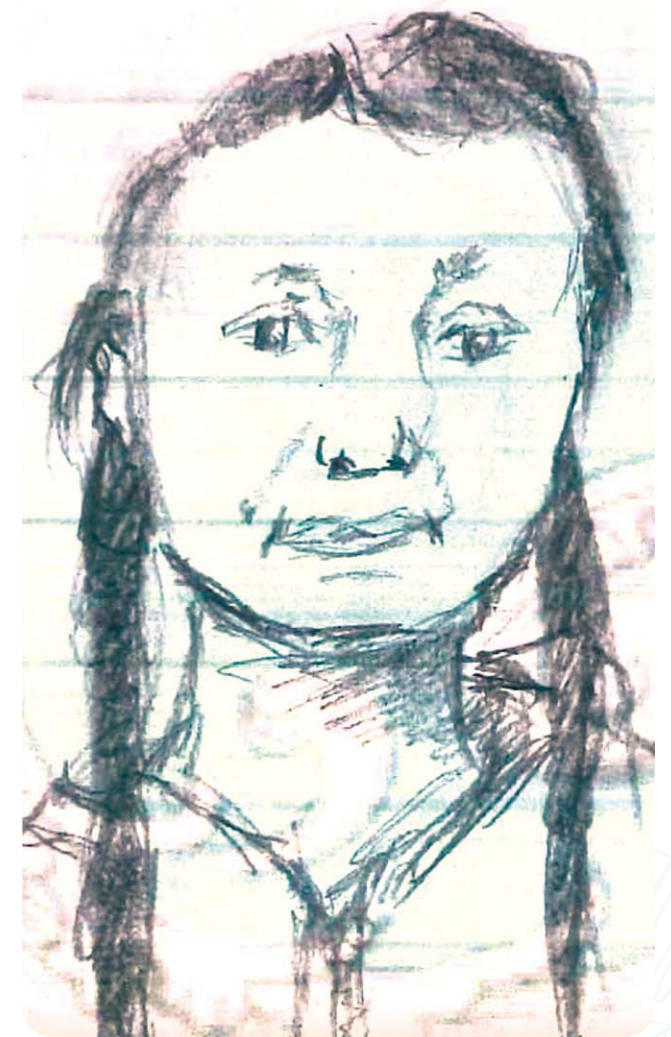
shared her message about clean water. In Canada they started working hard cleaning dirty water on the land where Autumn came from. When her aunt died Autumn was chosen to be called the new 'Water Walker' of her people. The Chief of her tribe said he was happy as she had lots of knowledge about water and had spread attention about clean water all around the world. Autumn has worked hard and she is admired for her efforts to change the way people think about clean water. Autumn is known as 'The Water Warrior' and has been given lots of awards.



Greta Thunberg - Environmental Activist Schoolgirl

Allison, 7, The British School of Beijing, Shunyi

Once upon a time, a golden-haired girl was born in a Swedish family. It was a cold winter day January 3rd 2003. This little girl was called Greta. Her mother and father and grandfather were actors, so they all wished Greta could be a famous actress when she grew up. But sadly Greta had a problem, she couldn't speak as much as other children spoke. She was a quiet girl, but she was very careful about everything she was seeing or hearing. When Greta was 8, she heard about 'climate change' but she didn't understand what "climate change" meant. Then she began to read about it and she looked at different people and how they saved the world. She was surprised because she found that people were very careless and they did very little about this important problem. People were just talking and talking but they did nothing. First she got angry and upset. She stopped eating at age 11 and she lost 10kg! Because of her speaking problem she couldn't talk about her sadness with other people. When she was 15 she understood her speaking problem but she always thought of 'saving the world'. She decided to only speak when necessary and this great idea changed her life. She became a strong girl when talking less as she could do more. She started her wonderful work in 2018 and she called it 'School Strike for Climate'. Now many students all around the world know about her work and ideas. On Fridays students do not go to school but they do a lot of talking and working with people to help the world. Now Greta is 17, she is a great speaker and she goes to different counties to talk with important people and ask them to pay more attention to climate change. Now she is back at school to finish her high school. She is a strong 'climate rebel'.



David Attenborough - Protector of animals and the environment

Antonin, 7, Prague British International School



Once upon a time, there was a boy called David Attenborough who loved animals. He lived in the UK. David was born in 1926. David also liked collecting fossils and natural specimens plus stones. He then got inspired in animals and habitats. One day he started to help the environment. He found out that he was good at it, "yay!" said David. He loved it. Suddenly he found out that people started destroying habitats, plus killing too many trees. One day he had an idea he was going to make videos. He encouraged lots of people but it still got worse. He is 93 and still fighting for our planet. He is trying to protect our earth. It's our earth and we should protect it. Protect our planet and animals to live a better life. Help the animals and habitats. David is helping the world even when he is 93 so are you going to help the world live a better life? David is saying to the world fight for our world and their habitats.



Ou Hongyi - China's first climate rebel girl

Jolaine, 8, Nord Anglia Chinese International School Shanghai

Ou Hongyi is also called Howey Ou, 17 years old, born in China Guilin, known as the 'first Chinese climate rebel girl'. To protect the environment, Howey decided to be a vegetarian.

The teenage climate activist was inspired by the Swedish Greta Thunberg's determined environment saving and protesting so she decided to do something as crazy as Greta. While everyone was at school, the proud teenager suspended the classes and waved posters in public. However, the rebel girl's silent protest didn't work in China.

Nobody noticed her and she failed with silent protesting. But Howey isn't going to give up yet. The climate warrior is determined. The teen environmentalist told people on social media to plant more trees in every spare time they had. Howey had planted 150 trees while she had suspended the classes. The Plant For Survival program worked very well and Howey wasn't coming up with too many crazy ideas any more.

This climate striker fought to stop global warming and climate change.

Licypriya Kangujam - Activist

Josephine, 7, The British School Yangon

When Licypriya was seven years old, she went to the barren lands of Mongolia with her Dad to attend a UN disaster conference. When she heard the stories people told about natural disasters, she felt that she needed to act now and fight for climate change. Licy's passion for environmental activism also started when she went to places like Mongolia and Spain with her Dad. They would go to events together that supported people who were affected by climate disasters, "I got lots of inspiration and new knowledge from the people giving speeches. I feel sorry for people who cannot help themselves when disaster strikes."

Inspired by Greta Thunberg, she started to go to the Indian parliament to bring notice to the climate change crisis. She even invented something called a SUKIFU (survival kit for the future)! The SUKIFU is a symbol of the bad air qualities in India. Licy has gotten numerous awards and certificates in her life time. She even got a chance to go to numerous parliaments and buildings. Licy is one of the youngest environmental activists in the world.

She did this with care and respect to the environment. And did this in two years! That's not the end of her story.

Born October 11, 2011 India.



Greta Thunberg

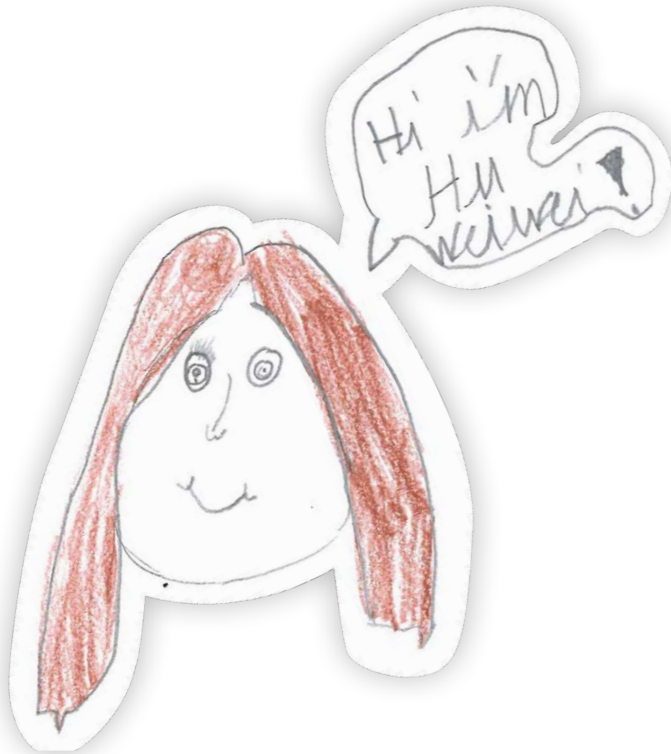
Martha, 5, British International School, Hanoi

Once upon a time there was a girl called Great Thunberg. She lived in Sweden and she wanted to save the world. She missed school to see the government and she told them to save the world. She wanted them to stop cutting down trees and making the earth messy. She travelled to the UN Summit by boat and she spoke to them. Greta said they were not doing enough. She said this to the world leaders. Great is still trying to save the planet as a real climate hero.



Hu Weiwei

Yagmur, 7, The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun



Hu Weiwei was born in 1982 in Dongyang. She went to University in Hangzhou and studied journalism. She was always adventurous. "My dream is to be a war correspondent" (who films other people fighting). After working at a newspaper as a journalist for nearly 10 years, she created her own website called Geekcar which was a website all about different cars. One day she started to think about pollution and traffic jams making the air bad to breathe. One of her friends thought about cycling to work, so they decided to create a new business. She worked hard and never gave up. She knew that a bike would be best!

Hu decided to call her company Mobike. Making interesting Mobikes was very difficult but Hu was very stubborn and did not give up. Hu talked to lots of bicycle makers but none of them would help her. She wanted a bike that was light, strong and easy to cycle. Hu decided to design her own bike. In April 2016, the first Mobikes were put onto the street in Shanghai and everybody loved them. Wonder Mobikes are now in more than 180 cities around the world and there are over 10 million bikes in China! Hu said "I always wanted to make the world less polluted and it worked".

Did you know that Hu Weiwei was a superhero for the world!

Julie Davison

Yassemie, 7, La Côte International School Aubonne

Once upon a time there was a girl called Julie. She was born in a town called Windsor. Julie loved walking by the river and looking at the birds. When she was older her first job was to be a scuba diver. When she went diving she saw fish. That is why she wanted to save the planet. She had two brothers and she helped them to learn to scuba dive too. She loved animals and saved them. She also liked to scuba dive because she could save animals from the rubbish and she enjoyed swimming at the same time. When she grew older she moved to Switzerland to become a teacher because she wanted to teach children to save the planet and she loved watching people learn. She stopped eating meat a long time ago to make sure that the animals were safe. Now she tries to go on trains and buses because they carry more people. She uses reusable bags and masks and tries not to buy things with plastic.





Xiye Bastida - Climate Justice Activist

Yu Xin, 6, The British International School Kuala Lumpur

In San Pedro Tultepec, a town in Mexico, there lived an indigenous girl named Xiye Bastida. She liked smelling the flowers and loved feeding her grandmother's turtles but when her hometown got affected by the long drought and heavy flooding, she realized that something was wrong with Earth. Climate change had destroyed all things she loved and it was affecting everyone in the world. In her culture, she believes that Earth gives us everything, we have to give back and protect it. That was when she knew she had to do something about it.

When her family moved to New York, she started to organize a climate strike every Friday called the 'Friday For Future' youth climate strike and then global climate strike that began in September 2020 to get everyone's attention. "We don't want people to suffer from climate crisis to realize we are in a crisis" she said. She will never give up and will continue to fight for climate change and a better future!

Born: 18 April 2020

Mexico/USA



Nord Anglia Writer of the Year

8-11 years old



Claudia Andujar - Photojournalist/environmental activist

Olympia, 10, Collège du Léman

Once there was a young girl, Claudia Andujar who's Hungarian, Jewish father and his family died during the war in a concentration camp. Since then, Claudia truly understood the sense of loss. With her mother, she fled from Transylvania to Switzerland, her country of birth. Claudia never stayed in one place for too long. In 1955, she ended up in Brazil. She instantly fell in love with the country, and wanted to get to know it. "So I picked up a camera, and when I could I photographed", Claudia recalls. She didn't know the language so she used photography to communicate and soon became a self taught photojournalist. Whilst working on an article about the Amazon, Claudia encountered the indigenous Yanomami people in 1971.

As she got to know the Yanomami people she learned that the Brazilian government planned on building a highway cutting through the Amazon rainforest, causing deforestation. Lives and lands were endangered. Claudia decided to dedicate her life to the Yanomami tribe as she promised herself not to lose anyone she cared for. The Yanomami were afraid to be photographed, because they thought their soul would be stolen. Without photography, Claudia had no communication tool. Finally the tribe realized that she would be their savior.

She spread awareness with the power of photography. Despite being warned by the government and eventually fired, Claudia continued. Her efforts led to 92,000sq km of protected land in the Amazon. She still fights today for the rights and protection of the Yanomami's.

Born June 22, 1931
Switzerland



This is my interpretation of Claudia Andujar. I drew my drawing digitally using an app called 'Sketchbook', after I printed it. I chose to do Claudia Andujar because I was blown away by what she has accomplished. I believe she deserves to be noticed and would inspire children all around the world.

"We are destroying nature, destroying life. If you destroy any part of the whole, you are destroying the world."

Claudia Andujar

Climate Change Rebel

Aijaz (8) and Markus (9), The British International School
Kuala Lumpur

Licypriya Kangujam is the world's youngest climate rebel. She started being an environmental activist when she was only 7 years old! She was born on October 2, 2011 in Bashikhong, Manipur, India. She studies at Indus International School Bangalore and is known for her "rising voice" to combat climate change.

Licypriya puts effort into trying to reduce the high pollution rate and to spread climate change awareness in all schools in India. She believes climate change will strongly impact future generations and so we have to be well prepared for it.

Licypriya's parents are very supportive of her climate change movement. In February 2019, Licypriya voluntarily went to the parliament of India to protest with banners and slogans every weekend. Her resilience and ambition finally

drew the Prime Minister's attention. Earlier in 2020, she received letters from two state governments, Rajasthan and Gujarat, agreeing to include climate change awareness as a compulsory subject in school education.

Licypriya is a true role model for us. Stepping away from her comfort zone but focusing on the current climate change issue which will affect us in the future. Like Licypriya, we also need to persevere and never give up on our beliefs and passion.

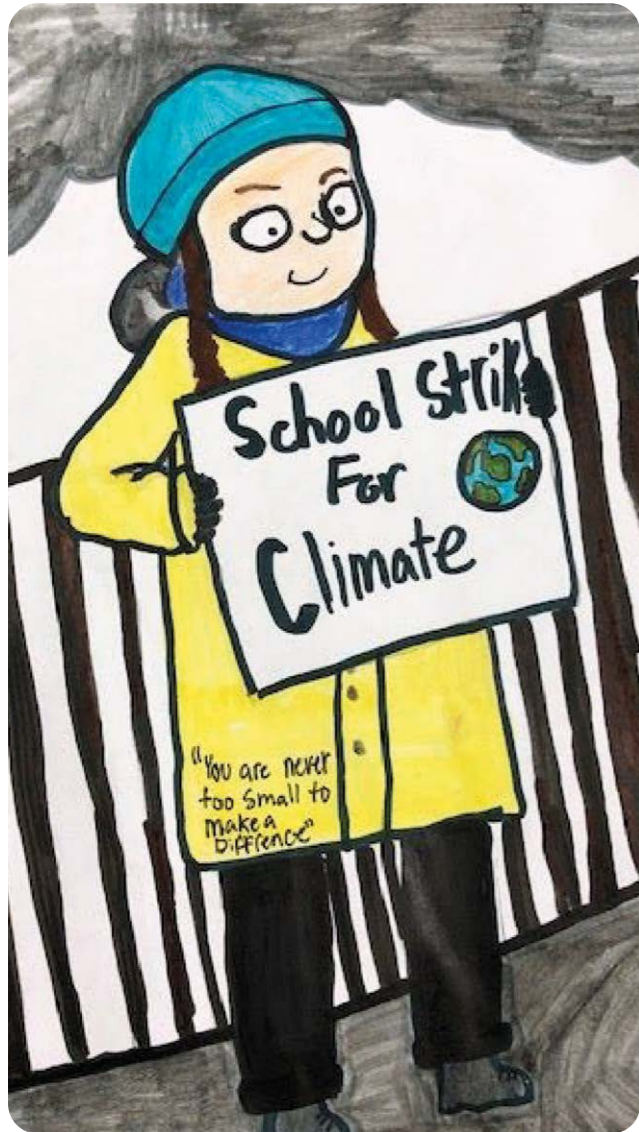
At the age of 9, Licypriya Kangujam already received 7 global awards. Besides these awards, many respected schools around the world have offered her scholarships to study abroad. As Licypriya once said, "Experiencing is the best action of life".



Artwork by Markus

Greta Thunberg - Climate activist

Abi, 10, The Village School



Once upon a time, in Sweden there was a girl named Greta who was in high school. She won a climate change essay competition in a local newspaper. She protested with more than 20,000 students around the world in different countries like Japan and England. She took the whole of 2019 off school to continue campaigning. She refused to fly and chose to travel by train to limit her impact on the environment because of its environmental impact on the world. She made her way there on a racing yacht, on a journey to the different countries that lasted two weeks. When she arrived, millions of people around the world took part in a climate strike, underlining the scale of her influence. Addressing the conference on climate change, she blasted politicians for relying on young people for answers to climate change. She said: "How dare you? I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean, yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you?" Greta says big governments and businesses around the world are not moving quickly enough and are failing young people. Now Greta is 17 and has returned to school with big hopes for the world; she is delighted to be back at school after doing last year remote while protesting; she couldn't wait to be with her friends and in school.

January 3, 2003
Sweden

Valérie Girard the climate rebel

Abigail, 9, La Côte International School Aubonne



Valérie was born 8th January 1971 in France.

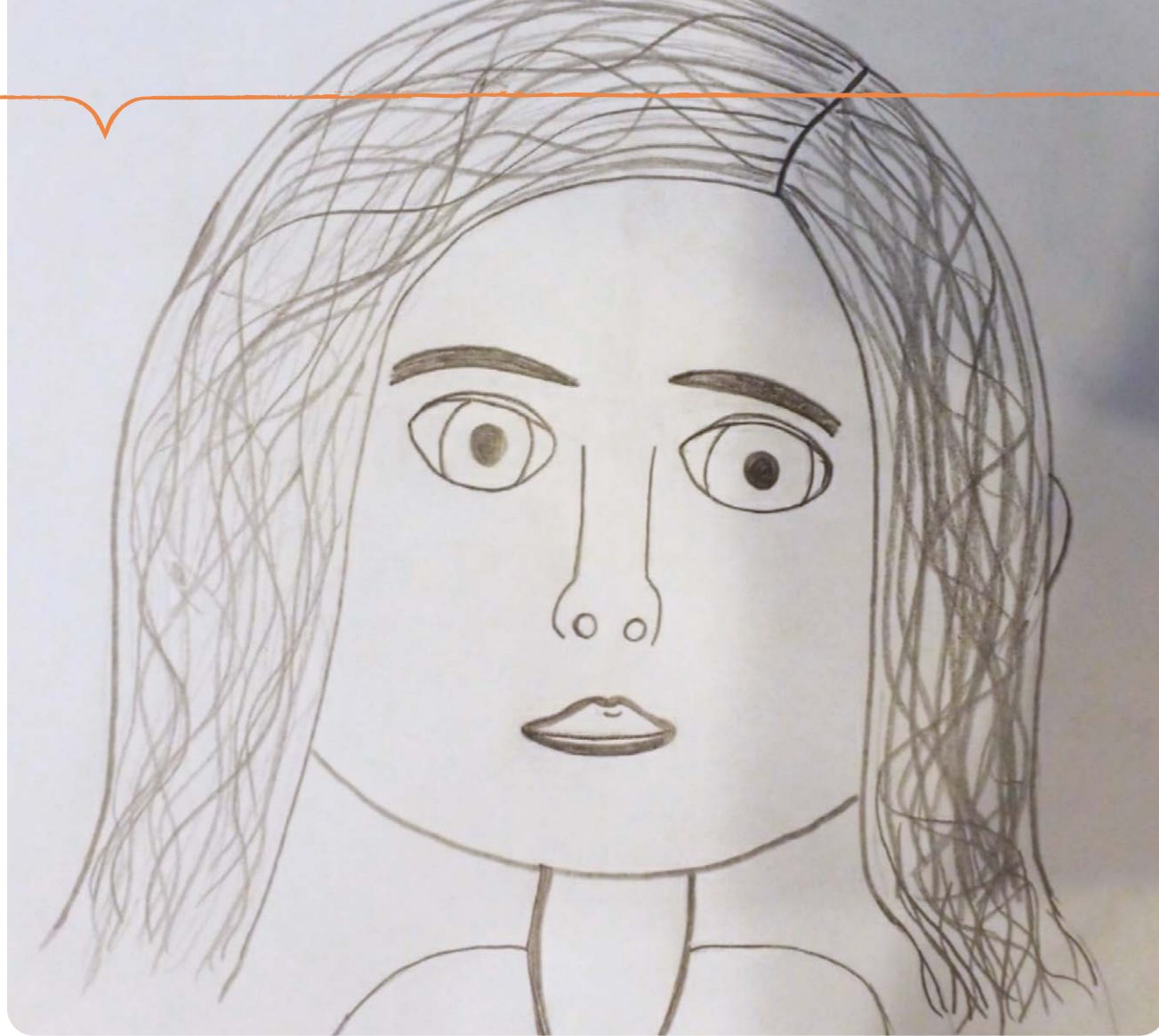
One day, in the breezy air of France, Valérie was walking towards her boarding school when she saw 30 teenage boys littering, as if nothing existed around them. Valérie was horrified because she had never seen so many people litter...RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER!!! She wanted to help our beloved Earth. She chatted to the boys to try and make them snap out of their imaginary "I can litter everywhere I want!" world.

After weeks of preparing, Valérie was ready again to tell them to stop the littering. The boys ignored her completely. Valérie tried again, but they just did not listen to her.

After being very frustrated (never mess with a frustrated girl), she gave up because they would not listen. But...Valérie had a back-up plan.

When older, she actually got some of them to listen! She showed them a detailed poster, so they could see that if everyone did their bit, they could save Earth. The other boys didn't care about Earth, but they cared about animals. She made a detailed poster on animals losing their habitat or getting stuck in bits of plastic. Now they started to listen!

At university, Valérie met a handsome man, Vincent. When he saw Valérie, he fell madly in love and they decided to get married. They had four adorable, noisy kids, I'm the youngest, and they encourage their kids to not litter and to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



Katharine Wilkinson

Alexa, 10, British International School of Chicago, South Loop

Once Upon A Time (On January 5th 1983) a beautiful girl named Katharine Wilkinson was born. As she grew up, she heard a lot about Climate Change, so, when she was 22, she wanted to do something about it!

She applied for many jobs that helped and resolved climate change, but kept getting rejected! She was hopeless, wanting to do something important but not being able to!

Although Katharine kept getting declined, she would not stop until she reached her goal!

Soon, she had a job interview at the 'Project Dropdown Magazine', and she needed to stay positive! She loved everything the magazine did and wanted to help them make the biggest impact possible!

At her interview, with her head held high, Katharine strode into the office and sat proudly in her seat! As she spoke clearly and knowledgeably to her boss, he was intrigued and gave her the job with open arms! He believed that with a little bit of practice she would soar and become a pearl in the eyes of the Dropdown Community!

Like Katharine's boss had predicted, she did soar! After dozens of successful articles and lots of TV interviews, she was the editor and chief of the magazine!

With her achievements riding on her back, Katharine started teaching about climate change at San Jose State University!

Katharine's story is inspirational to everyone. If you follow your dreams, never give up, and fight for what you think is right, you will be successful!

Nanticha Ocharoenchai - Climate activist and writer

Alyssa, 10, The British School Yangon

Thailand is slowly becoming a better place because of one extremely inspirational person. Her name is Nanticha and she's trying to reduce the waste produced in her country. Nanticha is a climate activist as well as an author. She has made our world a better place.

Nanticha Ocharoenchai was born in 1998, Bangkok, Thailand, a land in Southeast Asia where a lot of plastic is used. As she grew up, she loved to read and studied in Chulalongkorn University, becoming an author at age twenty one. She wrote several articles including Mongabay. One day, while the young lady was devouring every single page of a newspaper, she read about Greta Thunberg and how the fifteen year old was fighting for climate change. Nanticha was furious as she thought that most local people didn't care for their environment so she decided to socialize with many and formed a team.

From March to May, the team protested, took action and numerous people joined to take part, which made Nanticha incredibly surprised. After that, citizens tried as much as they could to become more friendly to nature. In addition, Thailand used to be the globe's sixth contributor of plastic dumped into the ocean, but now people have decreased it since Nanticha created 'Climate Strike Thailand'.

Nanticha, or Lynn, has been in many interviews and declared, "Everyone is part of the problem but they can also be part of the solution."



Katharine Wilkinson - Female Climate Change Rebel

Andelija (11) and Maria (10), Collège Champittet Pully

Once upon a time, in a city called Atlanta, in Georgia, a beautiful and horse-crazy girl was born. Her name was Katharine, Katharine Wilkinson. Her horse-crazy childhood led her wanting to one day become an equestrian. But when she grew up, she realized she was suited to be someone else.

One of her years as a high school student, on an outdoors resort in North Carolina, Katharine went from loving the outdoors, to feeling incredibly guilty about how much work there was to be done for our planet. That's when she decided to become a climate change activist!

Katharine became an author, public speaker and teacher, and yet she never let go of her passion to protect the planet. In addition to this, she wrote many books, the most successful one being called Drawdown : The Most

Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming, a wonderful book with a lot of possible ideas of how to change the world, and how to stop global warming.

The local American newspaper even named her one of the 15 women that would change the world !

She hosted her own outdoor resort, the Feminist Climate Renaissance, bringing together women that wanted to help the environment as much as she did, and she did a great job.

Katharine Wilkinson is on her path to make the world a better place, and soon, we hope, more people will join her on this incredible yet courageous mission, and one day, maybe, just maybe, our descendants will have a better place to live.



Sonam Wangchuk - The Architect of Sustainability

Aneesh, 9, Oakridge International School, Hyderabad, Bachupally

The term 'Rebel' is habitually used in an unenthusiastic manner. Though, when clubbed with the statement 'Climate Change'; the term gains an optimistic outlook. In times of a climate change and worldwide loss of environment, each and every country needs a strategic plan to face the intricate condition. That's when a Climate Change Rebel comes into action. So in simple words, Climate Change Rebels are individuals who gain and spread awareness about the critical environment situation, continuing at the moment.

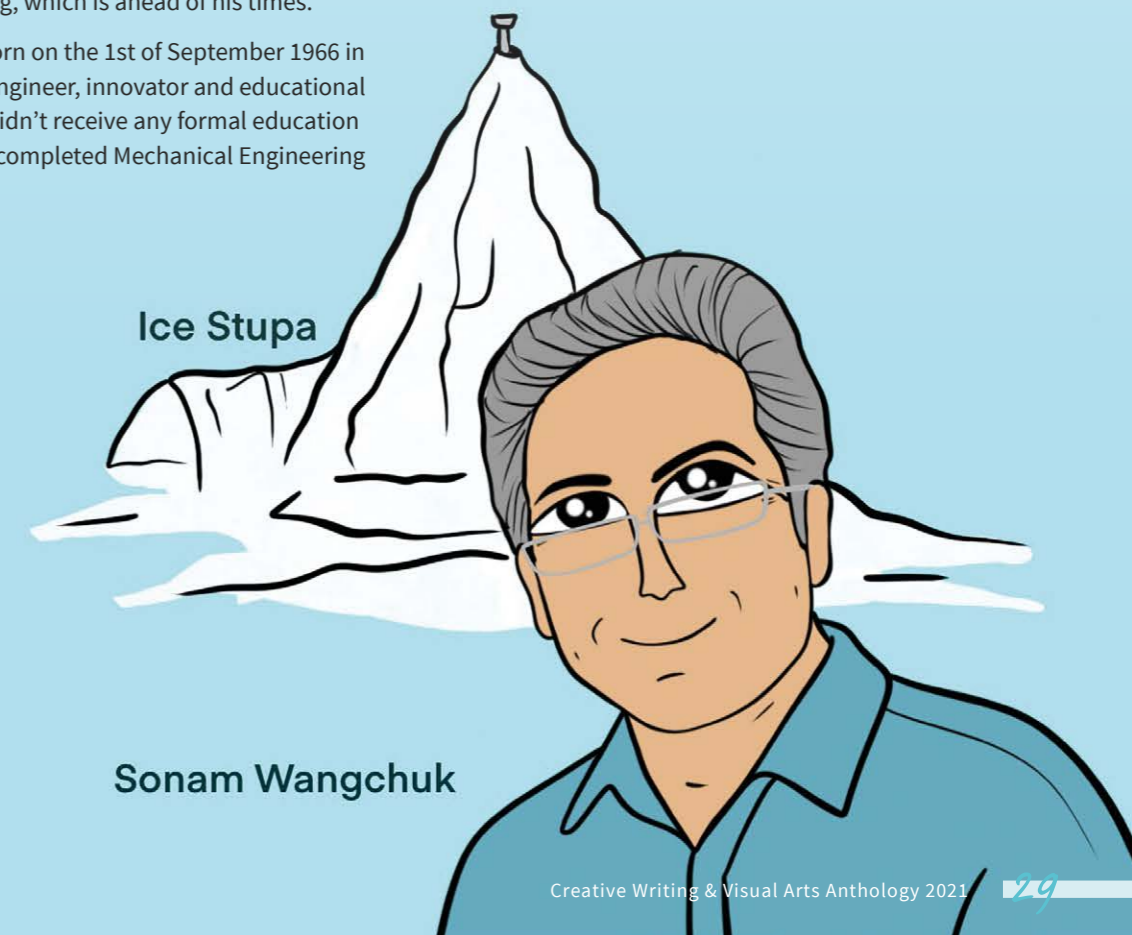
I have selected Sonam Wangchuk as my icon for this write-up. It was a tough choice due to the fact that there are thousands of environmentalists nationally and internationally. I have chosen Sonam Wangchuk because he is unlike the others. Instead of protest campaigns, he comes up with innovations in which he can put his engineering skills to use and preserve the environment. I admire him for his contemporary thinking, which is ahead of his times.

Sonam Wangchuk was born on the 1st of September 1966 in Ladakh. He is an Indian engineer, innovator and educational reformist. As a child, he didn't receive any formal education till the age of 9 years. He completed Mechanical Engineering

from National Institute of Technology, Srinagar. Thanks to his educational background, his numerous endeavours are a fusion of modern technology and social welfare.

He has gained international fame for his project called 'Ice Stupa'. The goal of this venture was to supply water to the farmers of Ladakh during the summer months. In 2014, he released the first prototype of an Ice Stupa that could store approximately 150000 litres of winter water. Wangchuk has also played an important part to improve the lives of people living in harsh mountainous conditions. He has devised passive solar mud buildings to conserve energy in parts of Ladakh, Nepal, and Sikkim. He has received several awards for his commendable work including the much sought after, Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2018.

My Climate Rebel's work is in tune with essential realities. It inspires me to make a difference in society.



My Female activist: Greta Thunberg

Anuhya, 10, Nord Anglia International School Manila



Still talking about Rosa Parks she explained how “one person can make such a huge difference.”

Greta only speaks when necessary, she struggled with depression for three to four years before she began her school strike days. She used a boat to travel around. For a very long time she challenged her parents to lower the family’s carbon footprint and over all impact on the environment.

It was very much known that she protested during the school hours by sitting outside the Riksdag in Sweden every day with a sign that said “Skolstrejk för klimatet”.

Achievement:

On May 2018, Greta Thunberg won a climate – change essay competition of the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet. The 16 year old activist, Greta Thunberg, told the world leaders, “You have stolen my dreams, and my childhood, with your empty words. And yet I’m one of the lucky ones,” during the Climate Action Summit. This is one of her famous speech.

Education:

On the 20th August 2018 she just starting ninth grade when she decided not to attend school, instead start protesting and attend school later on the 9th of September 2018. She started protesting since the Sweden’s hottest summer which happened in 262 years. When she travels her father goes with her since he is very much worried about her and thinks that it would be quiet intimidating trip for her to travel without a parent.

Greta has two pet dogs and their named Moses and Roxy, and they even greet her! She traveled with approximately 8,000 people around the world to attend different conferences.

Introduction:

The activist I have chosen is Greta Thunberg. She was only 8 years old, when she heard about climate and had no idea of what it meant, when she turned 11 years old, came to know a little about climate change and she stopped eating and talking.

Inspiration:

Greta Thunberg was inspired by Rosa Parks and launched the “Fridays For Future”, a protest program dedicated for climate change. She told Rolling Stone magazine that Rosa Parks was the first person to inspire her. “I learned she was an introvert, and I’m also an introvert” said Greta.

Paula Icaza

Ariela, 10, Colegio Menor Samborondón

Once upon a time a little girl named Paula loved the sea and the beaches.

Her mom showed her to recycle and to use plastic in the correct ways . When she was an adult, she did not forget everything her mom had taught, so she decided to create a foundation in 2015 called “Mi Playa Limpia”.

She was very worried because she could see that the beaches were left with tons of litter, and people were not picking up the trash after they left.

She started her foundation with her best friend. They clean the beaches and they pick trash from the beaches . Their first day they picked 30 bags of trash and a lot of types of shoes, big shoes and small shoes. She and her friend clean all the trash on a beach called Playas in the coast of Ecuador .They picked trash almost all days. She used the plastic bottles to reuse. One day She saved a dog in the beach “Playas” and she named her dog “Playita”.



Things Change

Bhavik, 9, Oakridge International School, Mohali

Ravi was happy to visit his grandparents' home during the summer vacations. He waited for long to get a chance to play with his grandparents. Every year, he loved to spend his vacations playing lot of games with their grandparents. His grandmother would cook his favourite delicacies, while his grandfather would take Ravi around the village, showing him the ways of living and lifestyle of the village.

However, this year was little different at the village. With delayed onset of monsoon season, there was a scarcity of drinking water in the village. The regular water supply was disrupted, and ponds had dried up causing it a severe drought like situation across the village. Cattle were going thirsty with the dried water ponds. Villagers had to walk many miles daily to fetch a water from the nearby township. Ravi was disturbed with the adverse water conditions prevalent in the village. His grandfather helped him understand the underlying circumstances which cause the whole water cycle to get disturbed. These include, deforestation, exploitation of underground water without replenishment and drastic change in climate causing the complete rain led water cycle to be disturbed.

Having moved by this plight of nature, Ravi was determined to do his bit for the improvement of climate and make people aware about the causes and consequences of deteriorating climatic conditions. To this effect, Ravi connected with all his neighbourhood friends and made them aware of the affects of a disturbed water cycle caused by climatic disturbances. Together, they formed a group named 'Kids for saving nature' which owns responsibility of making people aware about how to prevent the climate from becoming deteriorated. They made awareness posters, staged street skits and took out small aware walks in their neighbourhood society. They spoke with many people requesting them to spread the message for saving nature and helping climate get better. The posters made by them carried messages for afforestation, reducing carbon footprint and reducing dependency on use of fossil fuels which cause excessive pollution.



Ravi was extremely pleased at the effort put together by their group. He gladly called his grandfather and told him about all the efforts he spearheaded in creating awareness about saving the nature and climate. His grandfather thanked Ravi for all his efforts and guided Ravi on how he can help spreading the message to wider communities by taking help from aware adults in their society, including his parents. Consequently, Ravi spread his messages on climate changes and preserving nature to his school friends and schoolteachers as well. He was praised by the school principal for his forward-looking approach in creating awareness about climate changes. Thus, Ravi is incredibly happy in putting all his efforts to save the nature and balance the climatic impacts with positive contributions to nature's cause so that the abnormalities like impacts to water cycle can be minimised.

Hoang Thi Minh Hong

ChengYan, 9, British Vietnamese International School, Hanoi

Hoang Thi Minh Hong is a Vietnamese environmental activist named "climate hero." In 1997, she set foot on the land of Antarctica, she was also the first Vietnamese woman to accomplish this. She was very excited and raised the Vietnamese flag in her arms. Meanwhile, in her mind there were more great ambitions, "If I have been lucky enough to set foot in Antarctica, I need to do something to give back to the world". As promised, after joined a PR company in 2001, she was in charge of social environmental projects. Then she went to South Africa to learn about wildlife. In 2002, when she started working for the WWF, she was able to do the real environmental work that she wanted. In 2008, she persuaded her leader to bring Earth Hour project, an initiative of WWF Australia to Vietnam. In 2018, former US President Barack Obama wrote on his personal Twitter account that Hoang Minh Hong was one of the young people who inspired him. In 2019, Forbes magazine voted Hoang Thi Minh Hong as one of the 50 most influential women in Vietnam. In addition, she was the first Vietnamese woman to receive a scholarship from the Obama Foundation at Columbia University. Currently, she is the director and founder of civil society organization CHANGE, an organization that aimed at raising young people's environmental awareness. Overall, environmentalist Hoang Thi Minh Hong is a wonderful, intelligent, confident and sharp woman, and she is also very charming and extremely affectionate.



Local Leaf Plate by Jai

Fahsai, 10, St Andrews International School Bangkok



Do you know how to replace plastic plates? If you say, “no”, then I would like you to meet someone. Her name is Jai. She loves the environment and never wants to hurt it. She is 69 years old and she makes plates out of leaves. I know, leaves! She graduated from Chulalongkorn University with a degree in architecture. She used her knowledge of what she learnt to improve the plastic plate problem. She is a self-made entrepreneur, who earns a living preventing plastic waste.

Many people use plastic plates which we know are causing pollution and encouraging climate change. She had a simple solution. Make plates out of nature herself. Everything she uses to make the plates is from nature. She washes the leaves in the rivers, she even made glue by herself, mixing flour and water.

She uses many different kinds of leaves from around her property, normally she uses banana and teak leaves because of their size and availability. They look fresh and as green as grass. Sometimes she uses dry leaves and most importantly she uses big leaves. The size is like a normal plastic plate. The process is simple and fast.

The machine that she uses is a mold that presses the leaves and glue and changes their shapes by using heat. The machine cost forty thousand baht (about \$1,300). If I open a bakery, I would use her plates because firstly, it doesn't hurt our world, and secondly, the presentation is great!

Anna Du The Microplastic Eliminator

Faiz, 8, Nord Anglia International School New York

Anna Du lives in Andover, Massachusetts with her family. She is in middle school and she loves robotics. One day when Anna was walking past the beach near her house, she saw so much plastic in the ocean. It made her concerned about sea life. She was worried that sea animals would eat the plastic and get sick. Also, humans eat fish, and would get sick as well.

When Anna got home, she researched about plastics and pollution. She discovered that about 8 million tons of plastic get dumped into the ocean every year. Anna was right, 100,000 animals die a year from plastics in the ocean.

Anna wanted to create a microplastic detector. She went to her basement and found some PVC tubes to use in her

invention. She created a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) that uses infrared to figure out if objects are plastic. Anna's parents took her to MIT workshops since she was 5 years old. She got the skills to create a ROV. It was hard to move the ROV because when she moved it, it would flip over. It was also hard to figure out which glue to use to stick the pipes together. After a lot of trial and error it worked.

Anna was a finalist twice in the 3M DISCOVERY YOUNG SCIENTIST CHALLENGE. She worked with engineers and scientists. Anna also wants to build a microplastic collector! When Anna grows up, she wants to be an engineer to help the world .





Lilly Platt

Filippo, 10, International College Spain

Hello, I'm an eleven-year-old girl born in the UK. I am trying to make the world a better place. I will tell you how I became an environmental activist and what I have done so far.

My interest in the environment started in 2015. My grandfather and I decided to take a walk to McDonalds. I saw something lying on the ground. It was a piece of plastic. Then, I saw more and more. I wondered if anyone was going to pick it up.

I have been picking up trash since then. It has been four years now and after all these years I collected more than 100,000 pieces of waste. I send back as much trash as possible to be recycled.

One of my dreams is that everyone cares about the world. Sometimes in school I go to the playground and pick up all of the trash that is left on the ground.

One day at school the teacher announced who wanted to participate in cleaning up the school. I immediately raised my hand and I gave a speech to the class. I said "Do you really want to study in a school that's dirty or would you rather study in a clean place?" My class thought about it and then everyone raised their hand up and from that day on, the school was sparkling. I won an award. I achieved a big goal to make the school clean.

Vasantha

Ila, 9, Oakridge International School, Bengaluru

Thanjavur, a district in Southern India is the delta region of Tamilnadu. It was once a prosperous South Indian kingdom but right now disaster prone district and with dried up river tributaries running through its villages. This land faces risks of unpredictable rains and drowning into the sea in 3 decades due to Climate Change.

The women of the remote villages, considered as the Untouchables, are fighting against climate change and the caste system together to improve their future. The Women used to earn their livelihood as daily laborer in farms, but challenged by drought due to climate change.

Vasantha, a widow from this village started an idea of 'Collective Farming', where a group of women comes forward to pool their money and efforts and perform farming.

Vasantha lead the collective farming team, she is a great leader. The Team wanted a piece of land to start farming. The Landlords denied because of the caste system. Vasantha and team faced several difficulties and finally managed to get a plot of land at a huge lease amount.

The team then started farming; they grew many vegetables and crops. They also learnt to grow climate resistant crops like millets. Over time, they became profitable.

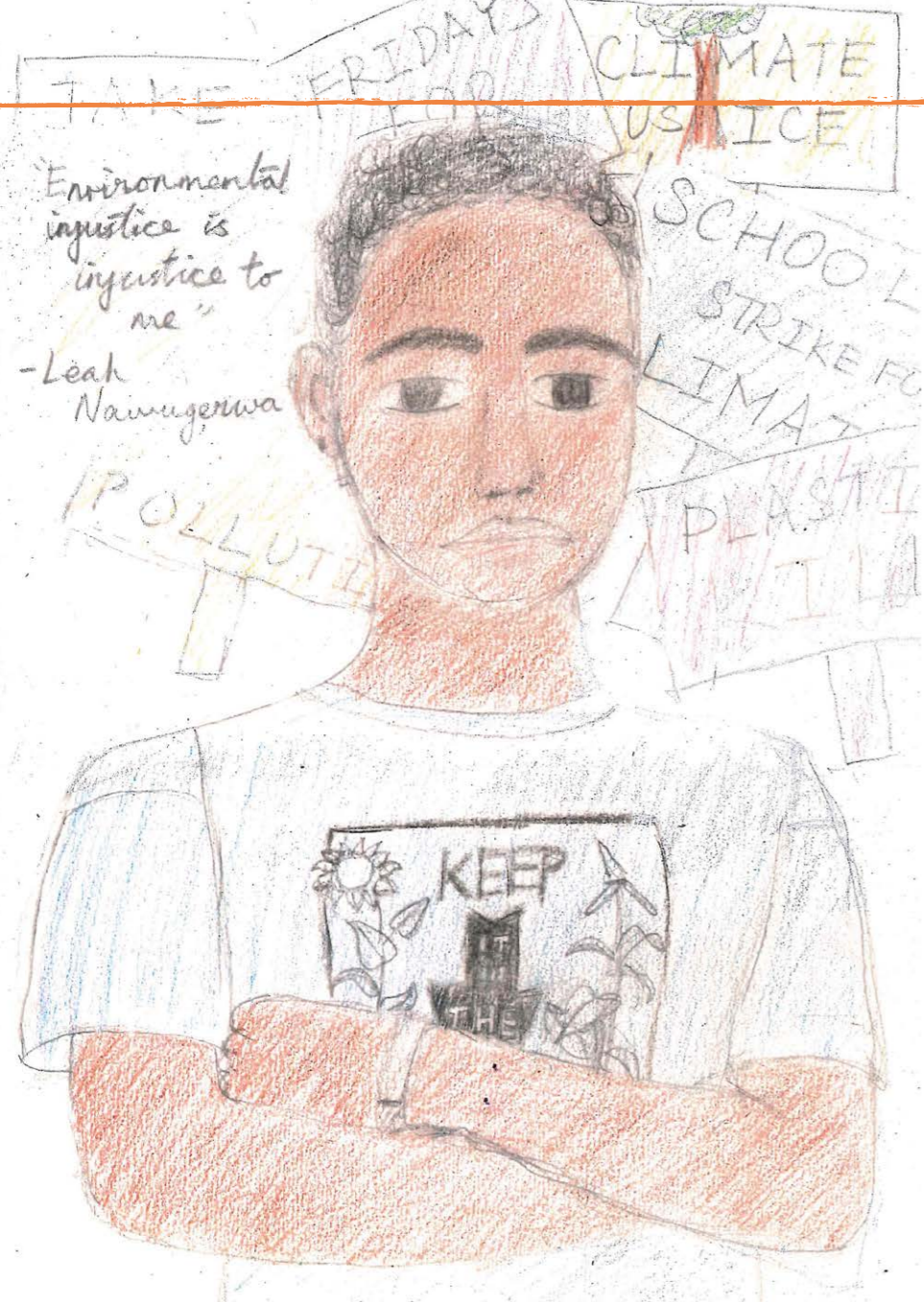
Vasantha said with pride and courage, 'We fought back and sowed our seeds with no man's help, "it's like we've been rescued from slavery.

Vasantha and her team successfully fought against the climate challenge and social discrimination together that helped them be empowered for a safe future.



We fought back and sowed our seeds with no man's help, "it's like we've been rescued from slavery

Vasantha



Leah Namugerwa

Iven, 11, The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun

There was once a normal Ugandan girl, who had a normal life in her country. Her name was Leah Namugerwa.

She has been a witness to many of the negative effects that Climate Change has led to. Leah experienced lots of floods that killed about 2.4 million people from 2004 – 2013. The floods left her family and others starving.

One day, Leah's father told her about a 17 year old girl named Greta Thunberg, who was a climate rebel. Leah was not interested at first, but then was intrigued by Greta Thunberg's actions. She started to follow Greta's footsteps to stop Climate Change.

Soon, more and more young people joined her chants while marching across the streets. Additionally, Leah encouraged people to celebrate their birthdays by planting trees.

Leah's biggest goal apart from enforcing urgent climate legislation is to bring attention to Climate Change. "I want to raise a generation that cares about the environment, at last if the leaders can't make a difference, we can make a difference. We, as kids, we're not too young to make a positive difference" was a saying of hers.



Yoo Gwansoon

Junghyo and Yoonhoo, 8, Nord Anglia International School Rotterdam

In 1910, Japan occupied Korea. Yoo Gwansoon was a young girl who believed Korea should be free. When a Korean yelled or said "Korea is free", the Japanese soldiers would take them to jail.

Yoon Gwansoon risked her life to liberate Korea.

In 1902 at Chungcheongnamdo Yoo Gwansoon was born. Years later, more and more people wanted to join the independence movement. (3.1 movement) and yell "Korea is free" So Japan wanted to stop students from joining the movement and cancelled school.

Yoo Gwansoon went to her hometown, and told people about 3.1 movement. In 1919 at Tapgol Park Seoul, 1000 people shouted "Korea is free." Then Japan killed and arrested people. Nineteen people died including her family.

YooGwansoon got arrested and went to Seodemoon jail. Her thought that Korea should be free stayed in her mind. She loved Korea's nature, people, and wanted others to enjoy its beauty and be free.

After a year, on the same date March 1st, Yoo Gwansoon and other people shouted "Korea is free". The Japanese government was angry, and killed Yoo Gwansoon. Yoo Gwansoon was only 16 years old. Other people were angry about it and people fought harder than ever.

In 1945, World War II was over and Japan lost. Korea became independent. During World war II, Japan cut down many trees in Korea. It means they destroyed Korea's environment. Yoo Gwansoon did the independence movement, and helped stop Japan from ruining Korea's nature.

David Attenborough

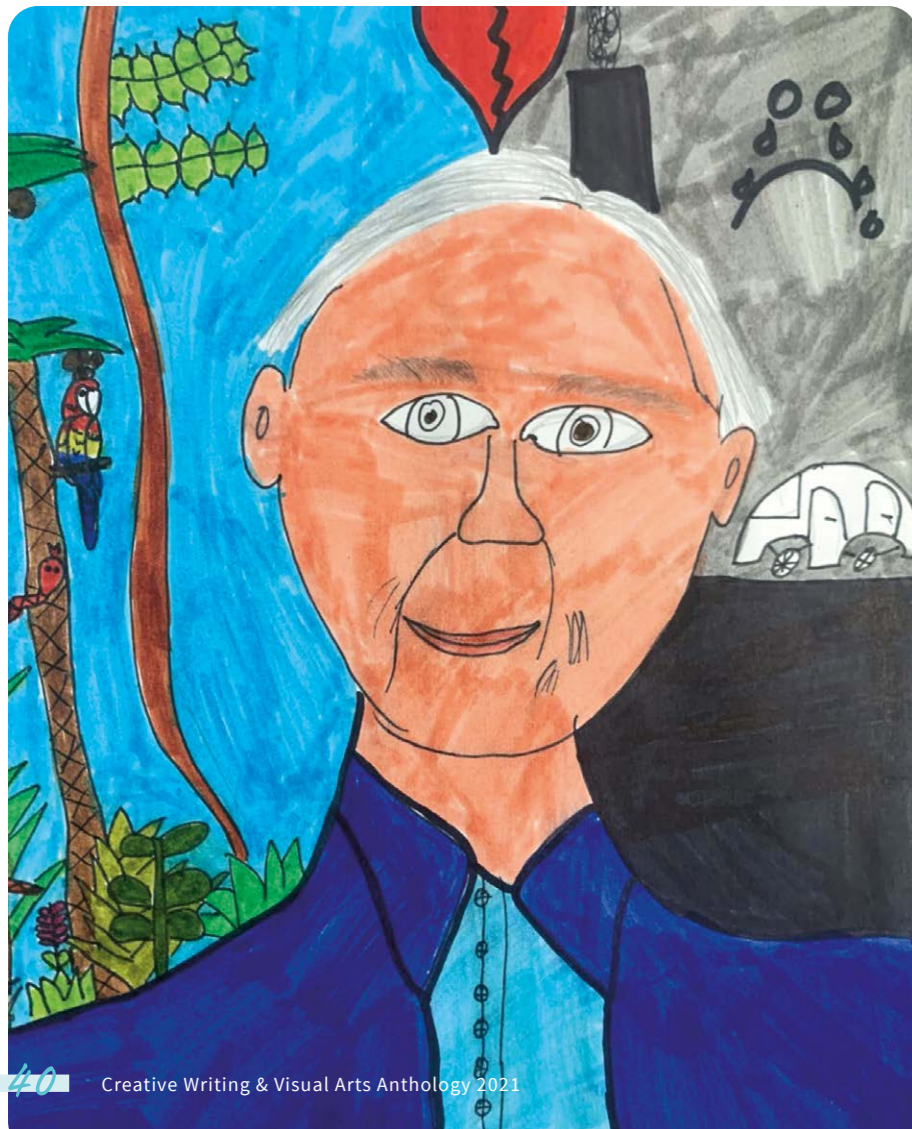
Karl, 10, British International School of Charlotte

Long ago, in 1926, a boy was born. The boy's name was David. David was fascinated with the nature around him and wherever he could, he would go to the woods and search for fossils. His dream was to become a natural scientist.

Unfortunately, this dream was postponed by being called up to join the Royal Navy. After his time there ended, David noticed that many animals in the world were becoming extinct that the wilderness was shrinking. He knew how important these animals were to our eco-system. He had to act, and fast. He started making nature TV shows for the world to see, in hope of letting people see the real beauty of Earth and animals.

Sadly, despite many people watching his documentaries, not many people acknowledged the problems they were causing, and continued mistreating the world. David knew he had to keep trying. With a second attempt at the BBC, he created a hit show called 'Zoo Quest'. After that, he began producing documentaries independently and became famous. Later, he was knighted by the Queen. That little boy who loved nature was now 'Sir David Attenborough'.

People started to listen. Over 500 million people have watched his shows and have been inspired to better look after our beautiful planet. David Attenborough is alive today and still making documentaries at the age of 94; he has changed the way we see the world.



Artwork by Anne Marie, 10, British International School of Charlotte

Ridhima Pandey

Lalrinpuii, 11, The British International School Bratislavaa

Ridhima Pandey -born in 2009, and barely 12-is an Indian activist who campaigns for actions going against climate change. She has experienced tragic environment and has attempted to make the government aware of the many situations in India. She also has a father-Dinesh Pandey-who is also an activist.

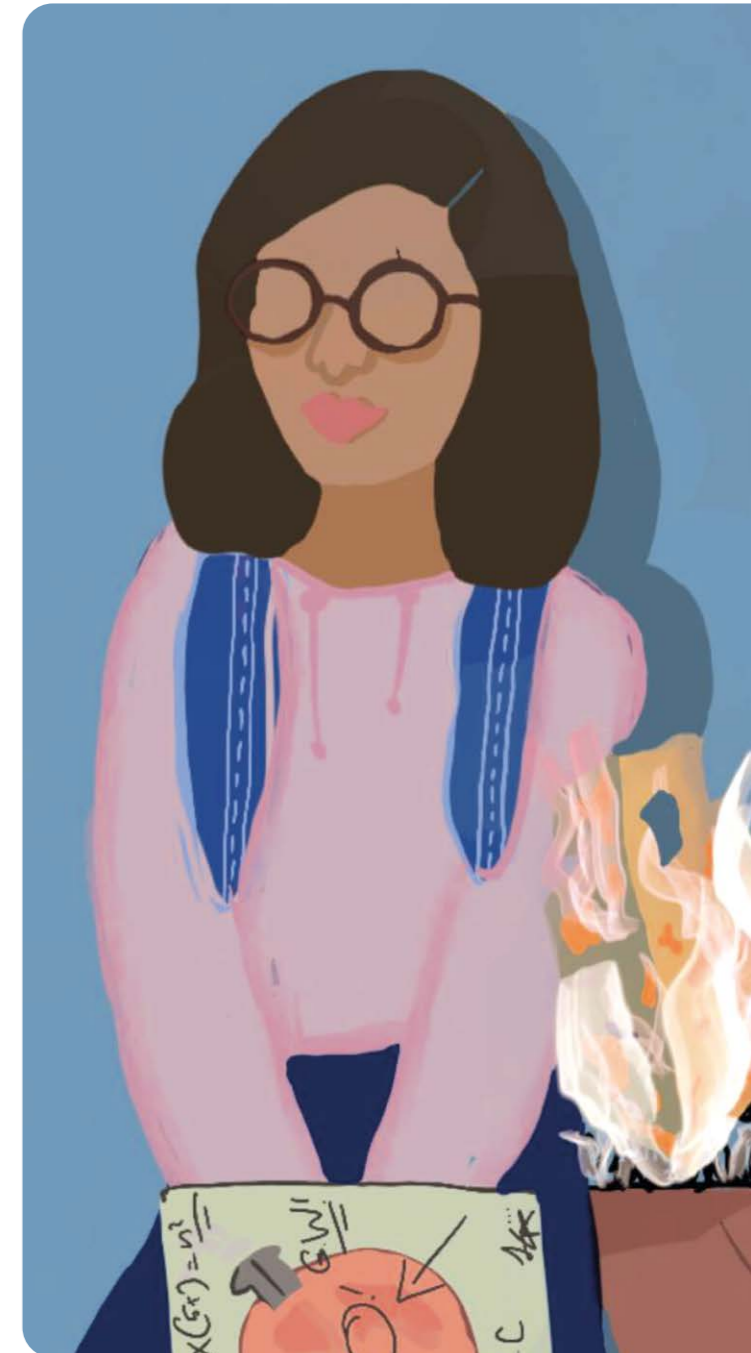
Pandey currently lives in Uttarakhand, a state in the north of India. Her home has been through harsh, severe weather conditions over the past 10 years. Through the years, Pandey has survived many disasters, for example the 2013 landslides and floods which killed over 1,000 citizens within the region. As a result of her experiences, she is trying to make the world more aware of what has been happening.

"I want to save our future. I want to save the future of all children and all people of future generations."

Ridhima Pandey

Pandey is very strong in her opinion about completely banning lactic and has been trying to convince the government to improve a number of environmental issues, for the state of the river Ganga. She is also one of the 16 children-including Greta Thunberg-who filed a complaint, about the lack of action the governments were taking.

The world has yet to discover Pandey, but even though she is only 12, she has already gotten the humble award of being an activist and has been listed as one of the BBC's 100 women of 2020. Surely more awards for her activism will follow.



Jennifer Adler

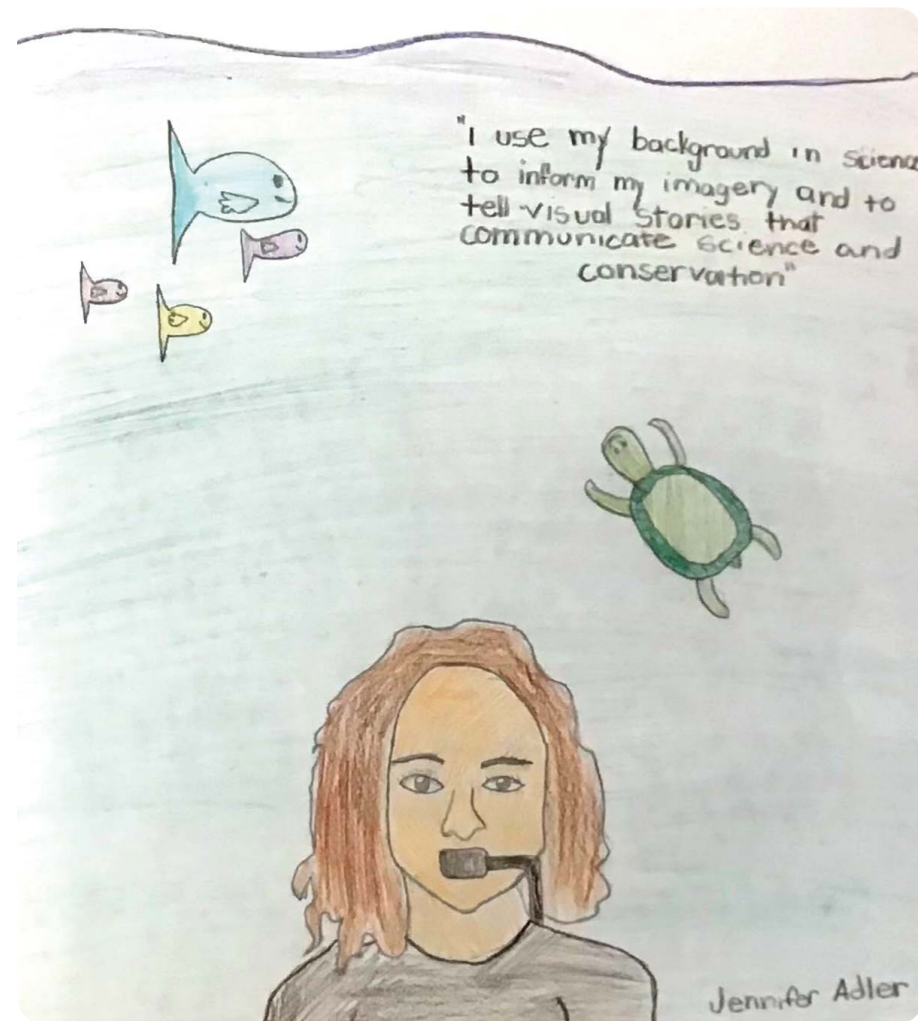
Louisa, 10, North Broward Preparatory School

Once there was a young girl who loved to swim. Her name was Jennifer Adler. She went to college at Brown University to be a marine biologist. Currently, she is helping the people of the world to change their ways to save the earth's ocean animals. She works as a conservation photographer for the ocean.

Jennifer started to realize how our everyday actions are hurting earth's natural habitats, mainly our bodies of water. As years go by, waters turn yellow, animal homes are destroyed because of pollution, and our endangered animal list grows. She is exploring, more than ever before, to dig deeper into this climate change problem. Ever since 2014,

this has been a serious goal for Jenny Adler. She is determined every day to reach this goal and help our planet earth.

Jennifer isn't just ignoring this problem, she is giving speeches, presentations, videos, tv ads, and much more. She is giving her all to help these animals live longer. Jenny is replanting corals for the ocean animals. She is also cleaning up lakes for the fish, turtles, frogs, and more. She is changing people's minds to use more disposable items to prevent animal death. People are slowly starting to agree with Jennifer and go green to save our environment. Jennifer is already making progress.



"I use my background in science to inform my imagery and to tell visual stories that communicate science and conservation"

Jennifer Adler

Steve Backshall the Conservationist

Matyáš, 10, Prague British International School

Once upon a time, there was a small boy named Steve Backshall, who lived in the small village of Bagshot. He lived in a rather tiny house surrounded by brave rescue animals which he loved dearly. His parents both worked for British Airways and so didn't have much time to care for the rescue animals. Therefore, Steve Backshall took care of them.

When he was slightly older, he travelled around the world helping helpless animals which were suffering and realised he loved having adventures.

He then went back to university and got an honorary degree. After that, he settled in Japan for a year exploring all the exotic creatures. Following that he was employed by the National Geographic Channel where he inspired children with his amazing adventures. This led to him making

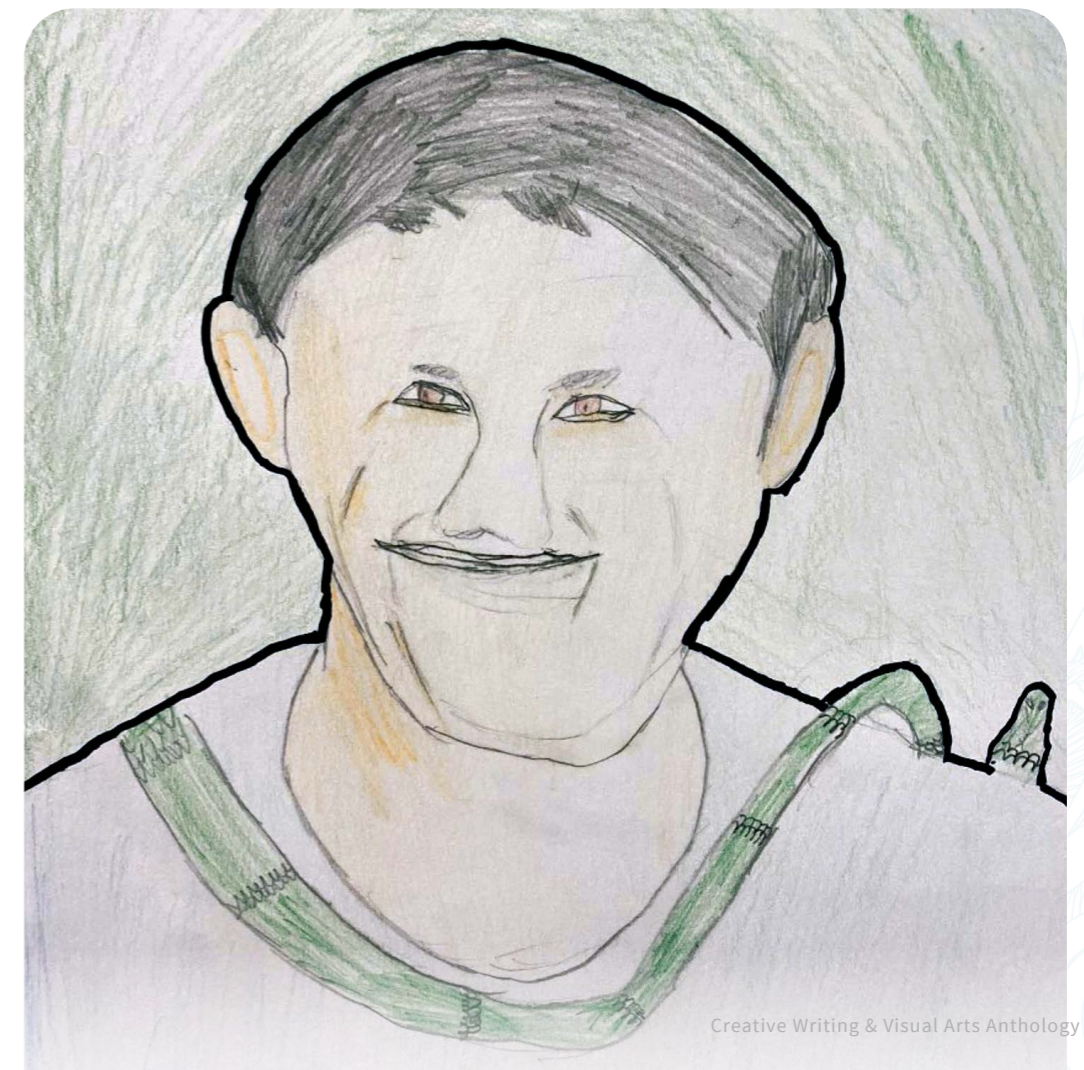
persuasive shows about how global warming and other threats were horribly affecting the world.

Later, he was employed by the BBC and hosted the Really Wild Channel. Soon after that, he wrote books and convinced many people to be against global warming. He also loved studying the big dangerous animals and helping them. He even discovered new types of frogs and the giant rat.

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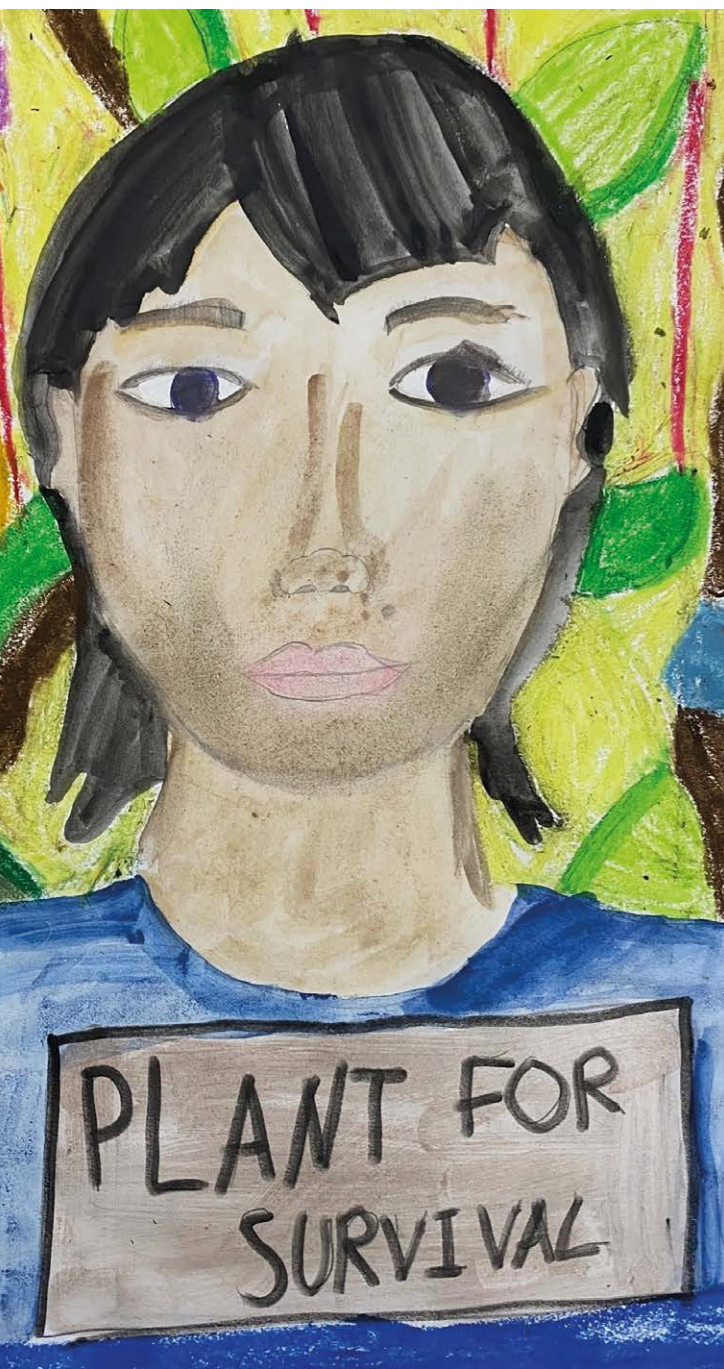
"It's easy to become careless when making rough comparisons but the alternative is a prissy attention to detail that takes the fun out of writing."

Steve Backshall



Howey Ou - Climate Activist

Nina, 10, Nord Anglia International School Shanghai, Pudong



Once upon a time, there lived a girl who was kind, clever and quite young, her name was Ou Hongyi. Her English name Howey. She lived in a small, beautiful city called Guilin, China.

Where she lived was surrounding, beauty with picturesque jade mountains. Flowing rivers and full farms. It was this natural landscape that inspired a strong need within Howey to help the planet.

Although Howey is not as well known for helping the earth as some of the other global activists, she is able to call herself a climate rebel. This is because she is trying to create 'change' in a country where you shouldn't break the rules.

After years of growing annoyed with the lack of actions from Chinese people, Howey decided to do something about it. She planned and organised to strike from her school and protest outside government offices. She actually protested for a week, holding up a handmade signs and posters. Eventually the police came and told her to go back to school!

Now Howey was even more annoyed she questioned: "How can a country like mine, with a population of more than 1.4 billion, not to have a single young person who was brave enough to speak about environmental destruction?"

Cut to today and we find Howey is no longer living with her family in Guilin, she decided to continue fighting for the world and has moved to be closer to other activists so they can work together to make a positive impact.



Yoloxochtl Hábil Argaras - Altruist & Activist

Sandra, 10, San Roberto International School

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Yoloxochtl Hábil Argaras, who talked with her friends about how the world can change and how we can change people's health.

Yoloxochtl studied Medicine. She helps the community by giving eye glasses to everyone in Acapulco who doesn't have money to pay for them. Some parents don't even know that their children can't see well. She also gives talks to girls in schools about preventing abuse of women, also so they know that they can do everything they want. Girls and boys are the same. GIRL POWER!!!

Yoloxochtl is also fighting for the government to purify black water before they throw it to the sea, so think about this, black water is all the sewer system, sewer system is all

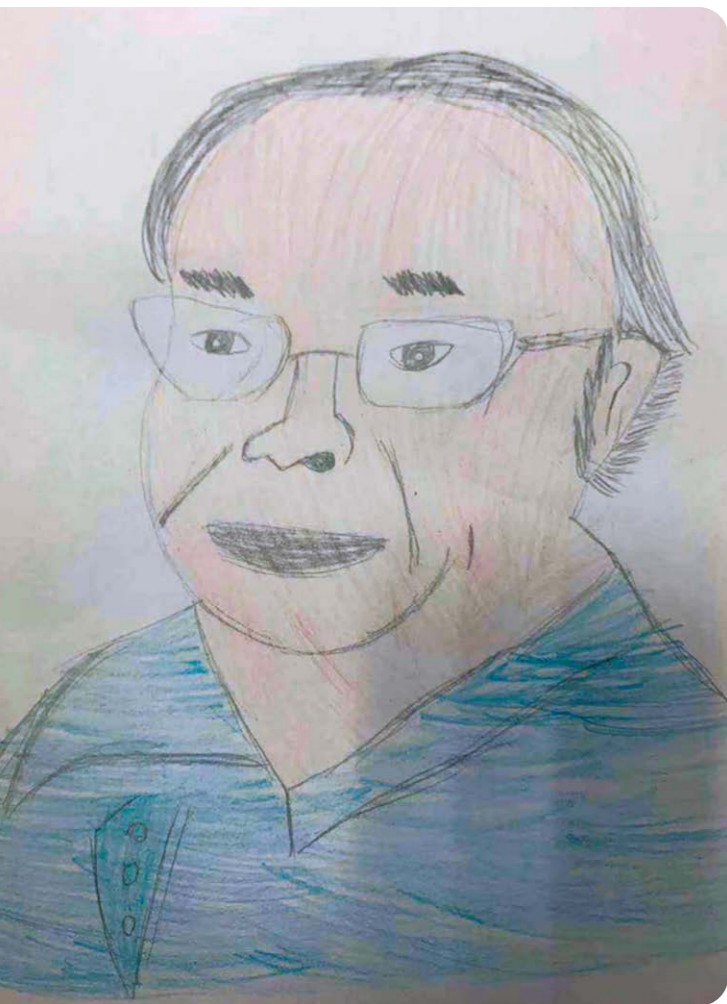
the things that you do in the bathroom like number one and number two. Imagine going to the ocean and by accident you swallow some water. Yuck! You would be swallowing number one and number 2, sand, and ocean water. And also, poor animals, this sewer water pollutes the ocean water where some or, I mean, a lot of animals live but they can die! These are things that do happen, so Yoloxochtl is fighting to purify the sewer systems.

Yoloxochtl created an altruistic center for every child, adults, and every person that needs help in Acapulco, Mexico.

Yoloxochtl founded Acapulco Needs Us!

Biography of Wallace S. Broecker

Santiago, 9, Léman International School – Chengdu



On November 29, 1931, in the US, the “Grandfather of Climate Science,” Wallace S. Broecker, was born. He was the first scientist to warn the public that if we continued to spew carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, we would eventually cause global warming. He was also known as the “Father of Global Warming.”

Not alone did he warn about climate change, he also proposed solutions to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and change the degree to which the atmosphere reflects light. He had a comprehensive understanding of the earth’s climate system. He gained knowledge of the earth’s oceans, atmosphere, icepacks and more from his research. Broecker was also known for his term “The Global Conveyor”. This term was used to explain how the important ocean currents circulate warm and cold water around the globe. He was the first to recognise the Ocean Conveyor Belt. Later, he came forth with the idea that the conveyor could switch on or off suddenly, creating drastic climate shifts. He was mostly focused on oceanography.

His studies of marine chemistry were important because they laid out the map of global ocean circulation and showed their effect on climate. He discovered that the oceans are far more dynamic than was thought before, meaning the oceans could affect the atmosphere and vice-versa.

Broecker was very dedicated and wrote more than 500 research papers and 17 books as well as receiving many awards during his lifetime.

Miranda Wang

Se Jeong, 11, British International School, Hanoi

Between 1993 and 1994, a girl called Miranda Wang was born in Canada. As a child, Miranda Wang was interested in discovering different ways to reuse things. When she went on a school field trip to a waste management facility, she was absolutely shocked by the incredible, vast and horrifying amount of plastic she saw there. Miranda Wang thought carefully about how she can recycle these horrible amounts of plastics. “Plastics are just natural compounds and natural carbons tied together in an unnatural way, and once you disrupt that, you can use those natural building blocks to make anything,” said Wang. “We can make a product from plastic garbage that’s not only useful in new products, but it is biodegradable and can break down.” Now, just the age of 24, Wang is the founder and CEO of Biocollection (which is an organization using chemical technology to recycle plastics). Amazingly, Miranda Wang and her friend Jeanny Yao invented a method (technology) that can break down waste of plastics into reusable chemicals and other things- which could help reduce the large amount of plastic polluting the environment. Also in 2018, she received the UN Environment Programme’s Young Champions of the Earth Award! Today, many people are inspired by her, her speech and her actions that are helping the world to be a better place. Miranda Wang is still working very hard to think of many different ways that people can recycle and reuse plastics to stop the disastrous climate change!



Licypriya In The Springtime Of Life

Sneha, 11, Oakridge International School, Hyderabad, Gachibowli

Since the beginning of humanity, there have been people leaving unforgettable imprints and one such contemporary girl is Licypriya Kangujam. Likewise, sincere and innovative Licypriya Kanjugam is a child environmental activist from India. She was born on 2 October 2011 and is one of the youngest climate activists globally.

A young budding girl, who took the road less travelled by majority and decided to bestow all her efforts to contribute and embrace the miseries of others. In retort, Licypriya set up Child Movement, a body that aims to raise awareness to fortify the planet by tackling climate change and natural disasters. She doesn't go to school to mandatorily protest in Delhi every week to raise her voice in front of the top leaders. Licypriya had taken up this action in one of her own experiences where she lost one of her loved ones in a natural disaster.

Licypriya has created a huge impact by protesting and as a result of her protesting, India has taken up the climate change law. She has requested the government of Rajasthan, Gujarat and many more states to make climate change as a madatory subject in every school across India to educate each and every child about the problem, cause and how we can reduce it to be pollution-free in the future.

She has received countless number of awards naming a few Global Child Prodigy Award and Noble Citizen Award. She is an epitome of inspiration all over the world.



Jane Goodall

Sofya, 10, The International School of Moscow

Jane Goodall is a primatologist most known for her long-term study of wild chimpanzees in Tanzania. She is my climate rebel because she started studying wildlife from a very young age.

Jane was born on the 3rd of April 1934 in London, England. When she was 4, her parents reported her missing. She was discovered hours later in the henhouse where, as she explained, she was watching the hens to see how they laid eggs. (She still treasures her stuffed monkey given to her as a toddler.) Before becoming a climate activist, she worked as a secretary and a film production assistant until she gained passage to Africa. Once there, Goodall began assisting paleontologist and anthropologist Louis Leakey. Her association with Leakey led eventually to her establishment in June 1960 of a camp in the Gombe Stream Game Reserve (now a national park) so that she could observe the behavior

of chimpanzees in the region. In 1964 Jane married a Dutch photographer who had been sent in 1962 to Tanzania to film her work (later they divorced).

What she did for the world.

Jane Goodall studied chimpanzees for 60 years! She discovered that some chimpanzees alter pieces of grass or twigs and then poke them into termite mounds. The termites grab onto the twig and the monkeys pull them out (and in the mouth they go). Also, Jane discovered that they work together to hunt red colobus monkeys.

She is 86 now and is isolating like all of us. I think that Jane Goodall did everything for the world! Even though she is an old lady now, she still tries her best to save the world which we should all do.

Xu Xiu Juan - The Red Crowned Crane Girl

Sophy, 10, The British School of Beijing, Shunyi

Once there was a girl called Xu Xiu Juan. She was born in 1964, in the north east of China. Her family called her Juanzi for short. Juanzi parents were wildlife protection workers and contributed to building Zhalong National Reserve, the world's largest breeding center for red crowned cranes. Juanzi helped her family to look after the red crowned cranes which are is of the most endangered bird species in the world. She worked really hard in feeding and training them. She knew how to teach them dancing and flying. Juanzi became passionate about bird breeding and wild-life protection. In 1985, Juanzi went to college to learn more

knowledge about protecting wildlife. She learned how to hatch the red crowned cranes artificially. Once she had to carry three red crowned cranes for a long journey. She used her own body to warm the eggs, protecting them from being frozen to death. In 1987, one of the baby birds she raised went missing. Juanzi was worried so much so, that she spent hours and hours looking for it. Unfortunately, she drowned in a swamp and sacrificed her life at the age of 23. Juanzi was buried in the wetlands of Yancheng National Rare Bird Reserve, which is a heaven for rare birds. Juanzi became known as the 'Red Crown Crane Girl'.



Isabel and Melati

Thea, 8, Nord Anglia School Jakarta

Once upon a time, there were two sisters who decided to ban plastic bags in their home island. They lived in Bali, island of gods, a green paradise.

When the sisters were 8 and 10 years old, they realised that this paradise was lost, their home island had become an island of garbage, full of plastic.

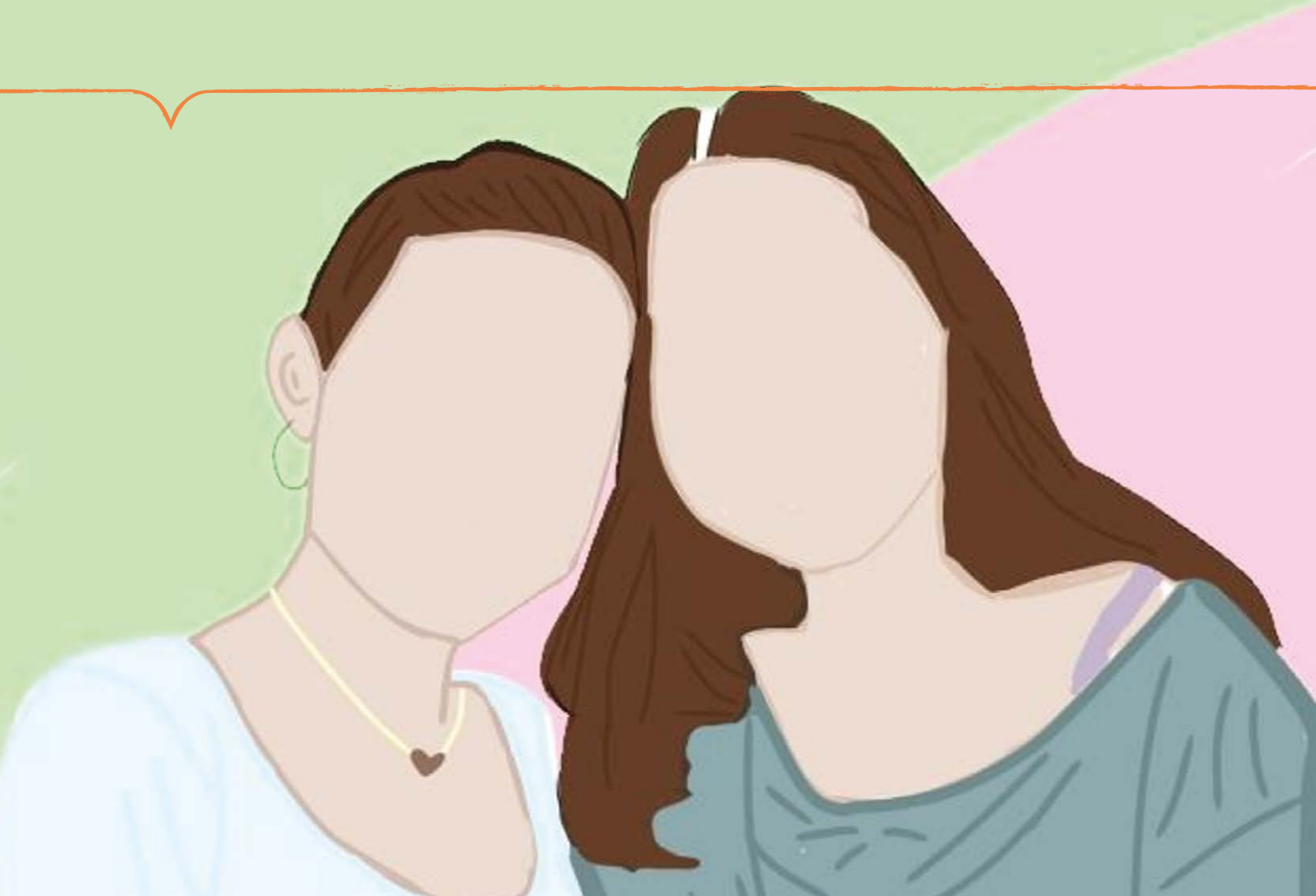
So they decided to do something to change the situation. But how can children be listened to by adults? How can children change the world? Their teacher told them that kids are only 25% of the today population but they are 100% of the future. Realising that, they decided to take actions to be listened to.

They created a "bye bye plastic" movement. They first decided to make a petition and went to the airport to collect as many signatures as possible to free Bali from plastic.

Then, they decided to go on a hunger strike, not eating from the sunrise to the sunset until the Governor of Bali would agree to meet them. They used social media to support them, and it worked. Twenty-four hours later, they were picked up from school to the government's office. The Governor signed a paper saying that Bali would be plastic bag free by 2018!

Bali is now single-use plastic free! In the big cities of the island, the restaurants don't use plastic straws, styrofoam and plastic bags for food delivery. What a big step the two young sisters made to save their paradise island from plastic.





Melati and Isabel Wijsen

Tram Anh, 11, British International School, Ho Chi Minh City

Once upon a time, in Indonesia, lived two sisters. Living through modern days, where the sun was high up, shining brightly while birds hummed to the wind's beat. Their names were Melati and Isabel Wijsen.

Both met the world in 2001 or 2003. They were greeted by two Indonesian parents, who soon enrolled them in school that would change their lives. Not only that, the school was made out of bamboo, but their teaching skills were on point: learning about being leaders one day. Something a textbook isn't able to compare. Until one day, they were taught about significant people. Soon they were sure, 'Yeah! I wanna be significant!' Impatient as they were, they made their moves. Sitting on the sofa that night, they brainstormed all the issues there were. Leaving only the biggest problem: 'Plastic'. Researching, studying. BOOM. The idea was born. Obviously, they weren't alone, students joined. From posters

to advertising to make those realize how damaging plastic is. They tried to ask the government and ask for help, but their first attempt failed. Few weeks passed before the police came, asking for the co-owners. The Government found time to hear the girl's speech. A couple of words hooked him in. Before they knew it, their plans worked; they had convinced the government for help. The country soon was plastic-free, to make this run worthy, they were invited to tell their story in TED 2016.

"No matter how old you are or where you're from, you can always lead by example. Don't wait for permission. Don't wait until your older for someone to make that path for you. Make your own path – and go for it."

Melati Wijsen, 19 – Founder of 'Bye-bye Plastic bags'



Nord Anglia Writer of the Year

11-14 years old





Our Ocean Pal, Boyan Slat

Mohak, 10, Nord Anglia International School Rotterdam

*There once was a teen,
who wanted the dirty oceans clean;
here is the story why.*

*At some point of time,
he went for a dive,
when he saw more plastic than fish.*

*Oh gosh! He was sad.
He understood the situation was bad.
The oceans were as depressed as a dark night*

*First he founded a company to clean the oceans up,
the name was 'The Ocean Cleanup',
which will help oceans breathe fresh air*

*However there wasn't anyone there to help him,
the situation was very grim,
his dreams sunk just like the Titanic*

*However, in March 2013, his dream came true.
His TEDx video became viral out of the blue
Oh this was his opportunity to renew the ocean's life*

*Now he designed a machine,
(System 001) that will have the Great Pacific Garbage Patch clean,
The hope of the team was flying high like a bird*

*OH NO! System 001 just broke,
they will need to find out why it didn't work.
It turned out that the stress tore the machine.*

*Hey look!!! System 001 now has version B,
which actually managed to capture 60 bags of plastic out of the sea
which was a winning goal in the last minute of the game*

*BOOM later on Boyan made sunglasses
composed of ocean plastics;
they are also as blue as water.*

*We all should thank this man.
For his awesome plan.
Boyan Slat is the man who is Mother Nature's Champ!!*

Marina Silva - Amazon Hero

Maria, Victoria and Catalina, 13, The British College of Brazil

Marina Silva is a Brazilian environmental deforestation activist. She was born on February 8, 1958 and raised in the Amazon Rainforest. Marina and her family worked as rubber tappers, extracting rubber from trees. She had no access to education, but her childhood in the Rainforest had a huge impact on her political ambition. At fifteen, she left the Amazon to live in the capital. Her goal was clear: she wanted to preserve the rainforest's natural beauty...

Crushed after seeing the increase in deforestation in the Amazon, Silva decided to get involved in politics. After gaining popularity, Marina was elected as Senator and the Minister of the Environment. Dedicating herself to the environment she faced various obstacles through her political career, such as the lack of support and resources

from her fellow politicians. Marina Silva's political ideology, the Sustainability party, was often seen as a threat to some, even causing her to be blackmailed into stepping back. Fortunately, she was still able to decrease deforestation by 57%, shut down 1500 illegal deforestation sites and section off 500,000 acres of the rainforest to preserve.

From her humble beginnings, she was able to rise to power and remain un-corrupt. Her impeccable morals led her to do the right thing and protect the environment at any cost. Her strong determination towards the conservation of the rainforest will never be forgotten and have earned her the title of a Climate Change Rebel. Your turn: will you become a Climate change rebel?



Hilda Flavia Nakabye

Amelie, 11, Léman International School – Chengdu



Once upon a time, there was a girl who loved the environment. Her name was Hilda. She believed in equality and peace and intended on dedicating herself to force people to act quickly and save the planet. She became a climate and environmental rights activist at the age of 19. After a severe weather change and storm destroyed her family's farm, she decided to bring her country, Uganda, to protest on world issues like Climate Change.

In 2017, she gathered local schools to make posters and carry them over their heads. At her first speech, she demanded powerful leaders from the important countries around the world to take urgent action against climate change from Copenhagen, Denmark. She addressed damaging issues like burning fossil fuels, cutting down rainforests, and farming livestock. All of which increased climate change. She also advocated gender equality and racism. Her goal was to get world leaders around the world to understand and act on environmental issues, gender equality issues and race issues. Nobody took these requests seriously. In one act of racism, a Ugandan climate fighter was called to join the club of white activists who join to form a movement. She was cut out of the image of the group.

Hilda eventually brought people to help the environment with the help of other climate fighters and her supporters. Her speech in 2019 founded 'FridaysforFutureUganda'. She explained that she was missing college classes for this cause: she told everyone about how extreme climate changes had destroyed her family's farm, forcing them to sell it. She also told them she was lucky to survive. She told the entire population that earth was her home, and she was willing to save it. How about them?

15 April, 1997
Uganda

Elon Musk

Avilash, 14, British International School of Houston

Elon Musk is a renowned entrepreneur and engineer who has dedicated much of his career to fighting climate change.

Musk was born in Pretoria, South Africa in 1971. From early age, he nurtured an incredible talent and desire for reading. Many of his friends say he read up to three books per day.

He received a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Physics from the University of Pennsylvania.

But he wasn't done there. Instead of pursuing a PhD at Stanford, he invested his own earnings to a startup, known as "Tesla."

He became Chairman for a few years, but later ascended to CEO, becoming the lead figure in the market of electric vehicles. He emerged as an industrialist, revolutionizing his market with the large-scale production of EVs. He

revolutionized the brand "Tesla," making it the face of sustainable transportation, and marketing the cars to suit the aesthetic needs of consumers.

Finally, he proved that even EVs can be competitive with combustion vehicles, with ever lower prices and increased efficiency. He took the leap from just another prodigy or aspiring professor looking to do research to becoming an entrepreneur leading the discussion on the future of transportation for generations to come.

He has not only stepped up as an individual, but as a leader, taking an open-minded and innovative approach to engineering, working 100-hour weeks proving his commitment to this fight, and investing his energy and time to get the job done. He's not only a risk-taker, but an inspirer for humanity.

Al Gore: Environmentalist, Former Vice President and Climate Change Rebel

Bennett, 12, Nord Anglia International School New York

To be a climate change rebel, you need to be one hundred percent committed to saving the Earth's environment. A climate change rebel defies the norm and even breaks rules to protect the Earth. On the other hand, a climate change advocate stays within norms and speaks for and protects the rights of the environment. Both fight for the same cause, but with different methods.

Al Gore is an environmentalist and a rebel. Gore was the U.S Vice President from 1993 to 2001. While running for President in 2000, he did something rare for a politician. He chose protecting the environment over gaining votes from large companies. Gore lost the election but never stopped fighting and used his political experience and public influence to raise awareness about the environmental crisis.

Gore utilized media and the power of the internet to spread the word. His book on climate change, *An Inconvenient Truth*, was a #1 New York Times bestseller. Later, he made a documentary with the same title. Despite costing little to make, the film earned \$48 million and won an Oscar award. His efforts earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

In the New York Times, Gore said, "This is our generation's life-or-death challenge...At moments of such crisis ... we have to be inspired to believe the battle can be won." For Al Gore, protecting the environment is not simply a strong interest. It is a war, and he is a general, leading us to victory.



The Maverick

Caitlin, 13, British International School, Ho Chi Minh City



Born into a life of privilege, Gina Lopez belonged to one of the wealthiest families in the Philippines. Even as a young girl, Gina actively participated in charity projects at the Catholic school she attended. Whilst a student in America,

Gina discovered the art of meditation and dropped out of university to travel through Africa as a yoga missionary. There, she lived among the poor and worked towards educating underprivileged children. After two decades of relief work, Gina moved back to the Philippines.

Back home, Gina initiated multiple environmental campaigns. She was most passionate towards the safeguarding of water, and credited this to her experience queuing for long hours each day for water during her stay in Africa. Her work led to the rehabilitation of major rivers in the Philippines.

In 2016, she was appointed as environment minister and immediately cracked down on the powerful mining industry. It was a difficult and dangerous job. Gina knew this after the assassination of fellow anti-mines activist Gerry Ortega.

Relentless, she rebelled against her class by going after the mining barons. During her tenure, Gina banned open-pit mining and shut down mining operations that threatened watersheds. She actively supported renewable energy projects in her quest to combat climate change.

Though Gina emerged a victor in her fight against climate change, she lost her battle against cancer in 2019. She leaves an unparalleled environmental advocacy, and a legacy that puts her as the Philippines' foremost ecowarrior.

"We have this life to live. It doesn't last forever. We make a difference for ourselves. We make a difference for others."

Regina Paz (Gina) Lopez (1953-2019)

Sagarika Sriram

Chantille, 13, Nord Anglia International School Dubai

Once upon a time, a benevolent girl in her youth advocated for her beliefs. An avid fighter for the sake of our future, they named her “the Greta Thunberg of West Asia”.

Even from afar, Sagarika felt a pang of agony while watching the earth suffer due to our wicked hands.

Deeply saddened with awareness, she set forth for change. Her activism began at the age of ten when most young minds are focused solely on their education; instead, Sagarika prioritises her home. Her planet. Our planet Earth.

Sagarika launched a recycling project in her community, collecting an astounding 1040 kilograms of paper. She embarked on a web design course leading to her creating her very own website aiming to enlighten the youth about the dangers of environmental damage. She encouraged sustainability as an exchange for points which could be redeemed for homemade items.

Sagarika highlights that anything is a possibility. The sky is the limit if you persevere.

Innumerable individuals believe that we have unlimited resources to tackle environmental issues. Sagarika has been chivalrous, speaking against this popular idea. She sees the enormous pending threat to our biodiversity from increased levels of our carbon footprint.

This climate change rebel received a Certificate of Recognition crediting her efforts during the ‘Week without Waste campaign’. Her website enables much change including the recycling of 100kg of paper.

“We are all change-makers and must not wait for others to take action.”

“I knew that I wanted to make a difference”

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Tessa Khan

Clara, 13, The British International School Shanghai, Puxi

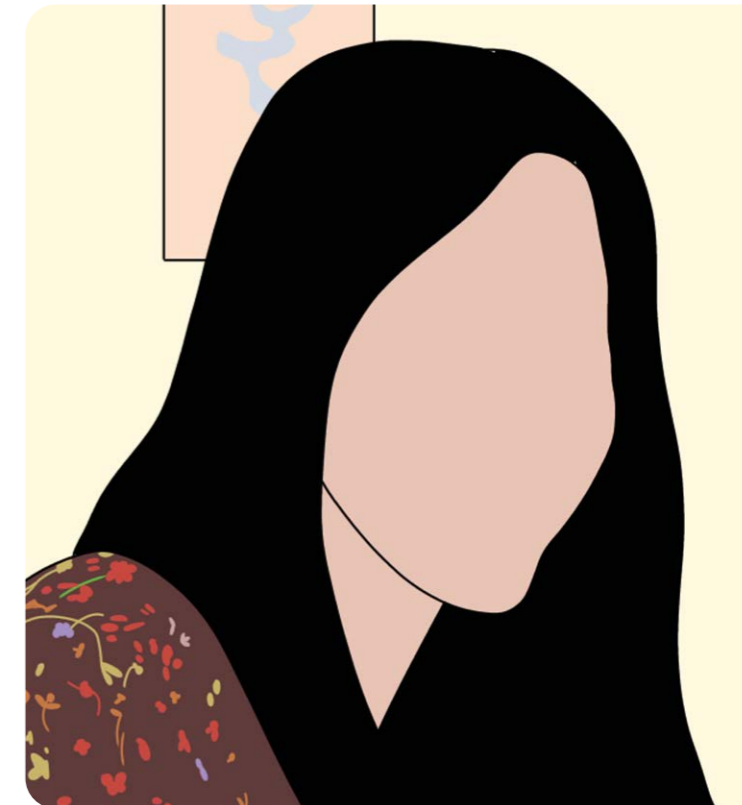
As a climate rebel fighting for a better world, Tessa Khan started as a lawyer in Northern Thailand. She’s very experienced in a wide range of fields from human rights to movement-building. She worked on behalf of a non-profit, dedicating herself to improve discriminatory treatment of others.

In 2015, news of a case halfway across the world piqued the interest of many Thai citizens and became the trending topic among nonprofit organizations. The Urgenda Foundation, along with around 900 Dutch citizens, sued the Netherlands, insisting the country should reduce its greenhouse-gas emissions. They ruled in favor of the case.

This was an eye-opener to Tessa, who realized that the court could be a very powerful and useful tool to combat greenhouse-gas emissions produced by countries across the world.

Hence, she moved to London where she made an even bigger contribution to saving humanity with the time that’s left. She is now co-director of the Climate Litigation Network, a project of the Urgenda Foundation, where she provides legal assistance to people who want to take their government to court in order to prevent climate change from destroying the world even further.

She has also built up connections with various people and organizations who strive to achieve the same goal. This includes the Climate Breakthrough Project.



She says she hopes the cases will draw attention to the actions governments need to take to reduce the use of fossil fuels and to show how ordinary people can fight climate change.

Paula Ycaza

Cristina, 11, Colegio Menor Samborondón

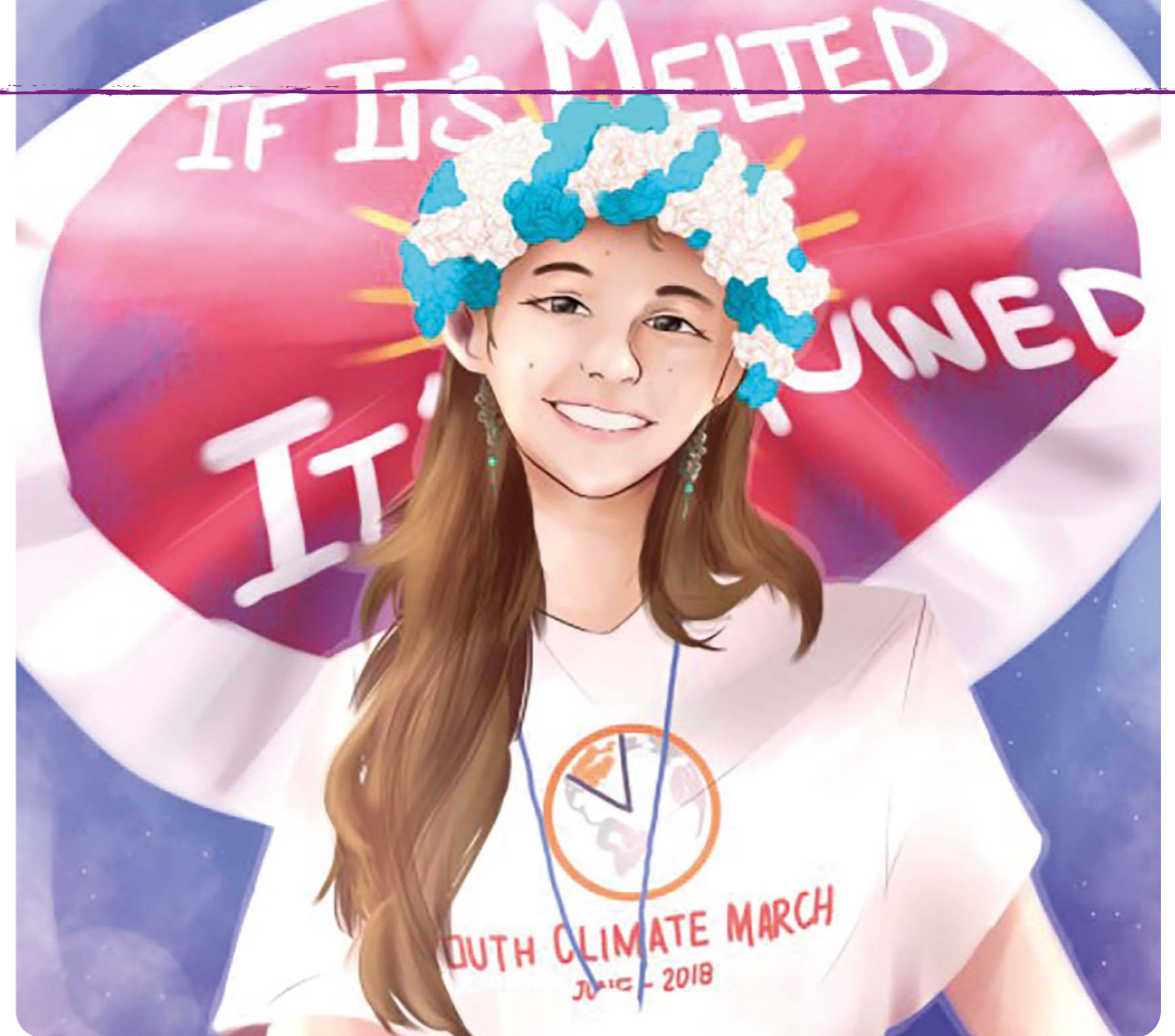


Once upon a time, there was a girl named Paula, who loved the beaches in Ecuador. But let's go to the beginning, Paula is a surfer, and one day in 2015, she noticed all the trash in the ocean and decided to make a change. She called her friend Victoria and said, "Hey Victoria, do you want to help me clean up a beach?" Victoria said yes, and together they had their first beach clean up in Shark Bay, Playas. They collected so much trash that they decided to do it again. They filled sacks, and once even filled over 30 in one day! For her next clean up, she invited others. Since then, many have joined. During this time, they've found 200 shoes, including high heels! She called her brand "Mi Playa Limpia" My Clean Beach. Her job doesn't come without obstacles. It's hard to notice that people continue to make the beaches dirty again. During the clean ups, she has had the opportunity of saving many animals, including a dog, a big manta ray, and more. When she wondered what to do with the trash, she remembered her mom had taught her to recycle growing up. She makes reusable bags out of fishing line, recovered during clean-ups, with the help of weavers. These bags can last a lifetime. "It might be a small change, but I am happy that now more people are helping" this is her fuel to keep up her work.

1980
Ecuador

"Trashformation, something ugly into something beautiful."

Paula Ycaza



Kallen Benson

Yumi and Van Khanh, 13, British Vietnamese International School, Hanoi

Once upon a time but not too long ago, in the USA lives a youthful girl named Kallen Benson. When she planned a trip to the Peoples Climate March last year with her family;

When the ice sheets are melting and sea level keep rising, Kallen knew that she wanted to make a statement at the people's climate march.

Not long after, she finally had a chance encounter with the son of the founder of the non profit mother earth project. She called a meeting with some other teens. They decided to encourage people, raise funds and go to the newsrooms and talk about it. Kallen's job was to encourage children all around the world to create parachutes of their own made of recycle bed sheets.

Kallen and her friends had done an amazing job. They've successfully spread the message around the world and people know them as "the teenagers leading a climate change movement".

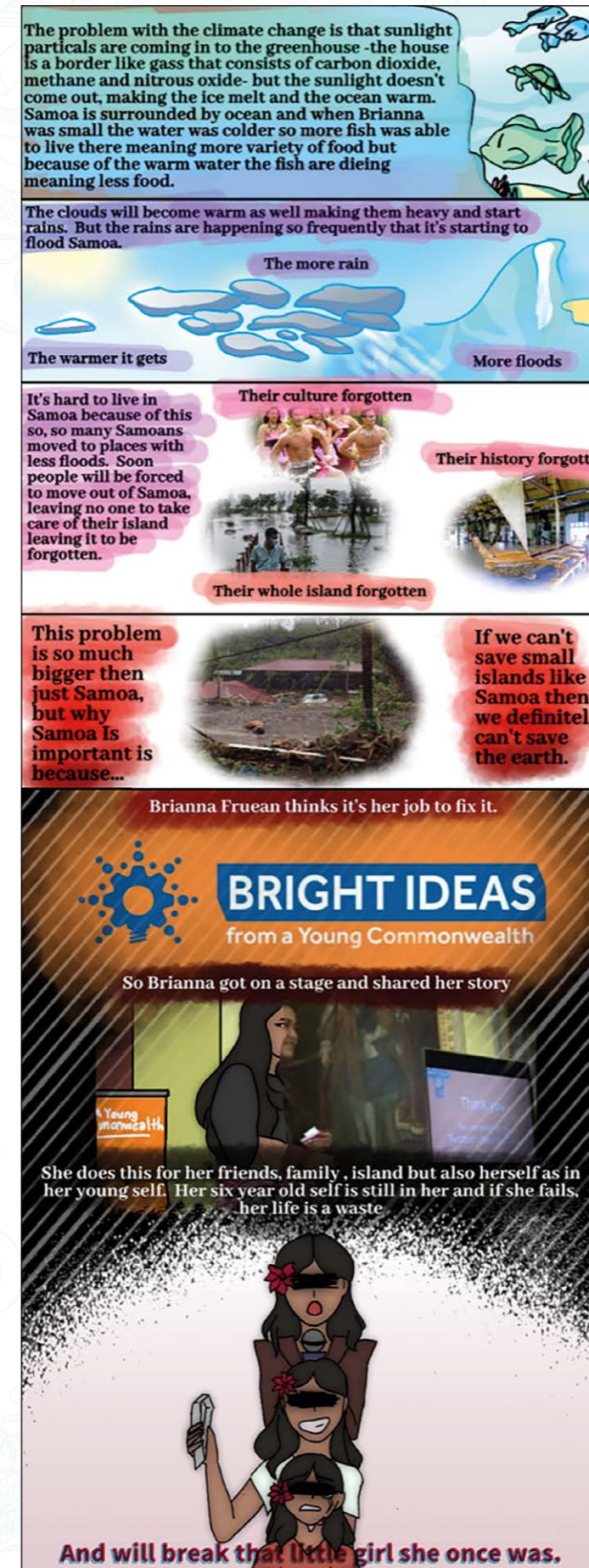
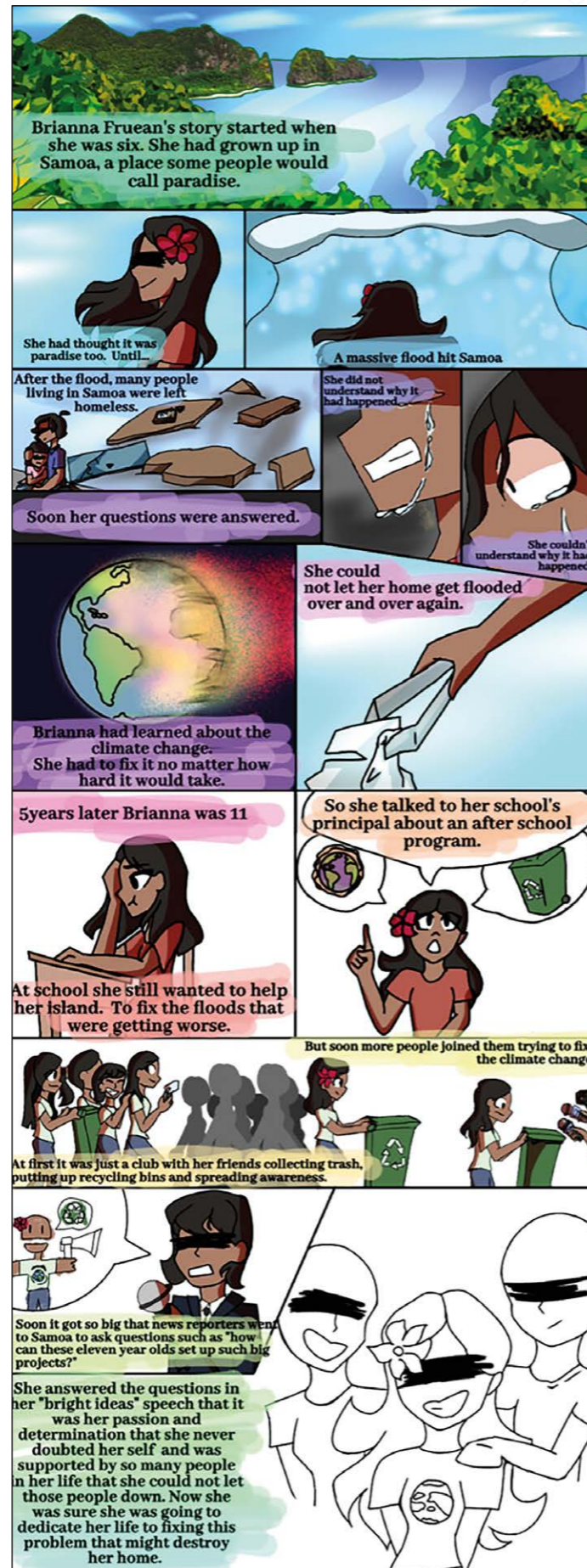
"Ms. Benson, how do you came up with these ideas?" The interviewer asked.

"Well, the original idea was, 'we got to get them on the national mall,' but then we thought 'that shouldn't be our first exhibit; it's a little ambitious'" she replied.

"Then we talked to zero hour and they were like, 'Hey, why don't you bring them out?'" She continued. "I never imagined it would get this far."

Brianna Fruean

Daxiang, 12, Nord Anglia International School Shanghai, Pudong



Ridhima Pandey - Climate Activist

Dravya, 11, Nord Anglia International School Manila



Once upon a time, in the evergreen land of Uttarakhand, a small girl with short, jet black hair, a polite face and a very smart mind would always go and watch her Mom and Dad rescuing animals. One day, she saw that her mom and dad were very worried. She sat next to them as they stared at the TV. Ridhima was confused, all she could see on the screen was KEDARNATH TRAGEDY but as the TV showed scenes of the incident, Ridhima got anxious. She asked her parents what, where, when, why and most importantly how?

Her parents (who are both wild life production workers) had no choice but to answer Ridhima's questions. The

Kedarnath disaster began as a iceberg melted and caused the river to overflow and eventually take over the land. This bought Ridhima to another question, how did the iceberg melt? Her parents explained to her that it was all the result of climate change. After hearing this she made it her mission to bring an end to climate change.

When Ridhima grew up, at the age of 9, in 2013 she filed her first ever complaint against the NGT (National Green Tribunal) about why there are not putting more work into climate change.

Sadly, the NGT dismissed her complaint saying that it was had already been taken care of. Ridhima was frustrated and angry with their response but she was even more scared about her future. Pandey says that "they are breaking children's rights because they are making us face the consequences of their mistakes". Despite this, on 27 September 2019 she gathered her courage and filed a complaint to the UNCRC (United Nations Conventions On The Rights Of The Child) and luckily they accepted her. Pandey and 15 other young petitioners (including Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg) were to give a speech at the Climate Action Summit, about their perspectives of climate change.

Pandey's speech was so promising that it inspired many to be aware of climate change. Ridhima has recently sent a complaint to Narendra Modi (the Prime Minister of India) addressing the problem about air pollution. She has also spoken about banning all plastic wastes. Ridhima also came up with some things that will help decrease climate change, like saving water, try and carry your own bags when you go shopping so you avoid getting plastic bags, try to educate others around you about climate change...

Ridhima has truly become a figure of courage. She also teaches us that you are never too young to get your voice heard.



Titouan Bernicot, founder of the coral gardeners

Finlay, 12, Collège Beau Soleil

My climate change rebel is Titouan Bernicot, founder of the coral gardeners.

Being a rebel doesn't mean breaking rules needlessly or something destructive. Being a rebel can be a constructive thing. While humans have trashed the oceans (dumping plastic in the ocean, burning fossil fuels, overfishing and plenty more) habitats such as coral reefs have been destroyed by being in distress due too extreme weather and warming sea temperatures. So, if you think about it, it is our societies that have been destructive, and it's leading us down a dark path.

My rebel has rebelled against this destruction and has spent his life constructing, by growing coral gardens.

In the heart of the Pacific Ocean lies a stretch of islands called French Polynesia made up of 118 volcanic islands, coral islands, and atolls. Photographer and free diver Titouan Bernicot grew up there surrounded by the ocean on

an island named Ahe in the north of the Tuamotu islands where his parents had a pearl farm. But in 2015 he went surfing and he discovered that the coral under his feet had turned white and a few days later when he came back they had perished, he quotes "I felt suprised, curious and i wanted to understand what's happening". When he found out the place he loved was being destroyed, he started an organisation named the coral Gardeners.

Now him and his team collect small corals that are struggling to grow because there is not enough space and they put them on a raised platform that gets good sun light, nutrients, food and has a good temperature (a bit like a greenhouse for coral).

But coral bleaching is merely a wakeup call for what's really going to happen and it's going to take people like Titouan to rise up and face the issue in the eyes.

Haven Coleman

Jad, 12, The British School of Guangzhou



On the steps of the Denver City Council building, sat a girl bundled in an oversized jacket with her holding a sign. The sign read 'School Strike for Climate'. This is Haven Coleman.

13 years ago, young Haven Coleman was born. In her youth, she was bullied at school and a very shy person. She never liked talking or socializing with other kids, her parents described her as 'an antisocial individual', different from the teen we see today. Her activism started when she was nine when her teacher told the class about the Amazon trade and deforestation leading to animal endangerment. Most importantly the sloth which was Coleman's favourite animal. More of her inspiration comes from Swedish activist Greta Thunberg.

Coleman organised a massive event that took place in March 2019 where students from 50 states skip school on Friday and strike. This act was called the US Youth Climate Strike.

One of the hardest things about strike is people gaining attention about you. And that is especially hard for adults to pay attention because they say so many trial and error strikes that they lost hope in activists and strikes and most possibly, the climate itself.

Even today, during COVID19, she contributes to the Black Lives Matter protests taking place and still strikes against climate change.

Lilly Satidtanarn - Climate Change Activist

Jesse, 11, Nord Anglia School Jakarta

Lilly Satidtanarn is a climate rebel who has been rebelling against plastic bags because she knows that single-use plastic bags are bad for the environment. Lilly comes from Thailand and started fighting plastic bags when she was 8. What a young age to start! She started at the age of 8 because she saw how plastic bags (which are highly toxic in many ways) are damaging the world.

Lilly started being a climate rebel by picking up trash. After that, she began making speeches to big companies to convince them to stop using plastic bags.

When she is not out there rebelling against plastic bags she would instead play with her cute pets (she is very pet friendly, she has two dogs and four cats), or dance because she loves dancing.

Lilly is currently working on six projects. She hopes to convince different retail companies to stop using plastic bags. Lilly hopes she can persuade restaurants as well to stop using plastic packaging. Lilly is currently working on convincing supermarkets to give them up too; she has already convinced a few to reduce their use of plastic bags!

Lilly hopes to continue what she is currently doing and then go to university and get a PhD degree. She wants to continue with her activism and, ultimately, change the world in a positive way.

What Lilly Satidtanarn has done, the activist who is only 13, has shown us that kids like you can make a difference.



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Zsófia Csegény

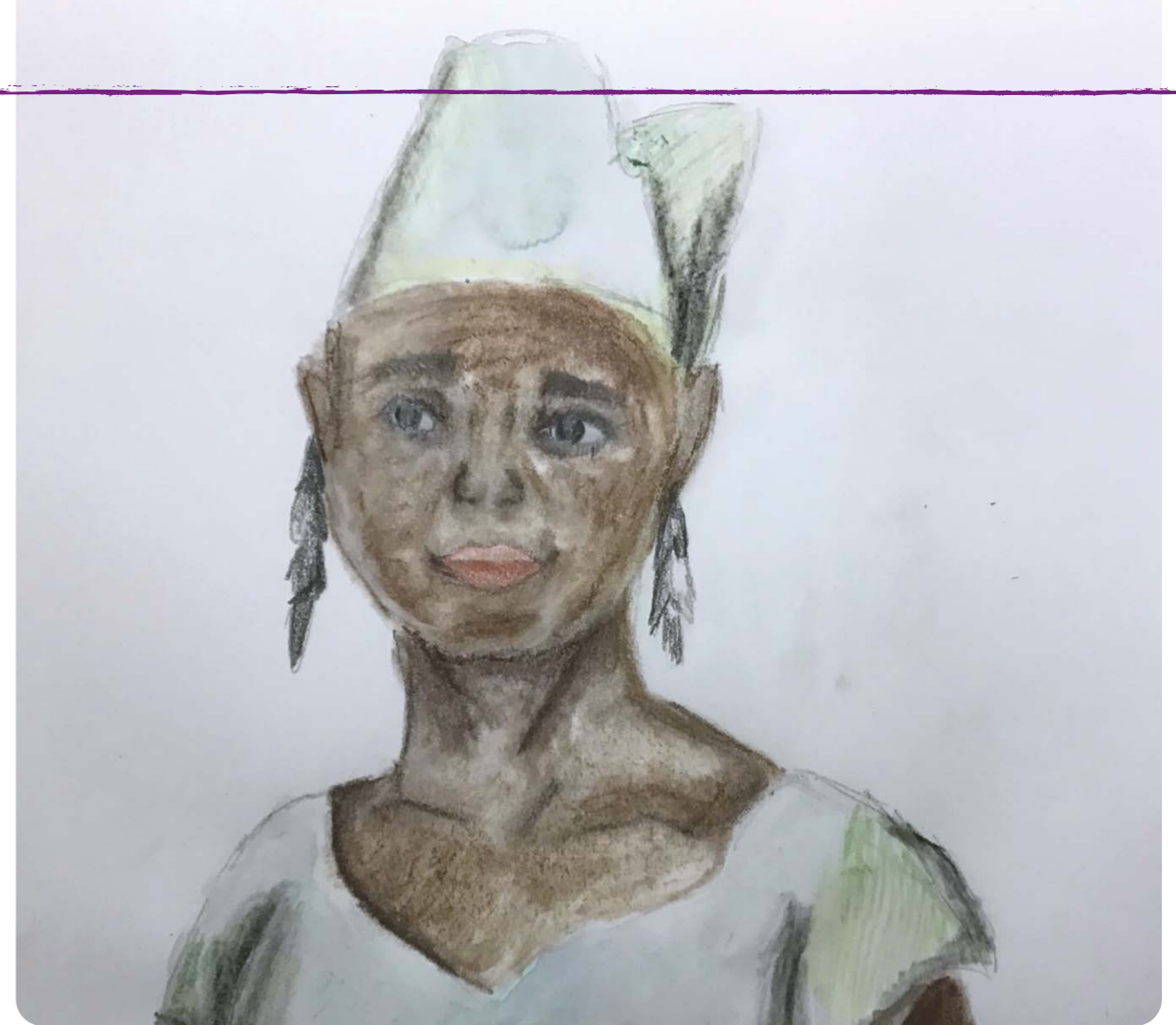
Karolin and Rebecca, 13, The British International School Budapest

Zsófia Csegény, who is a 25-year-old entrepreneur based in Debrecen, was pregnant with her first child. One day she looked at the world around her and saw what it has unfortunately become. Then she decided that she had to do something. Figures show that an approximate 20 million tons of waste are generated on an annual basis in the EU alone, and only 14% is recycled. Zsófia wants to change all that. She wanted her child do grow up in a better world that is sustainable and clean.

Zsófia Csegény is among the first in the world to come up with a biodegradable, animal cruelty-free, certified vegan washing powder called Sansin. She claims that the inspiration behind Sansin lay in her own socio-economic standing. As a young woman and soon-to-be-mother, she wanted to reform how households are run. Aware of the large scale of waste generated during child-rearing and parenthood, the Economics graduate decided to create a product to change the everyday life of millions.

Citing many posts across the media, showing distressed animals choking on discarded bits of plastic as the main source of motivation, Zsófia commissioned a packaging design that's as good for the environment as the product itself. Made of recycled HDPE granules, the bottles are easy to reuse.

Her example will pave the way for our generation to take up the fight and come up with inventive, easy-to-use, lasting solutions.



Isatou Ceesay

Klara, 12, Collège Champittet Pully

The horrible pile of rubbish lying on the tropical soil, she felt despair. The heap continued to grow. It slowly turned into a small mountain. A fine breeze caressed a few dented cans, making them roll a few metres. Until they tapped the bare toes of Isatou's foot.

In 1997, Istaou Ceesay, 25 years old, wandered in the streets of Gambia. This small African country had many poor people. But it was only until Istaou did something that changed the lives of many unemployed women.

She collected scrap metal. She thought about it for a long time, and it finally paid off. Old bicycles were turned into jewellery, food into compost. Soon the "hill" of rubbish had completely faded away. And some creations were even sold to America. Not only did she do this, but she also found

ways to make charcoal, without cutting down trees in the local forest. The women found ways to profit from old coconut husks, dried grass and mango leaves. A cheaper and more environmentally friendly conclusion!

Many people made fun of Istaou and her friends. Some men constantly told her that she would never succeed because she was a young woman. It was this belief that allowed Istaou to go on living. She remembered that her family always worked together to achieve things. In Gambia, many women have not been able to complete their schooling. Because their mothers needed help at home, girls were never able to get a full education. So Istaou helped them learn how to earn money.

She is now known as the queen of recycling.

Ada Spiess

Lamin, 11, The British School Yangon

This story is about Ada. 11th July 2003 Ada Spiess was born in Berlin, Germany. She grew up in Berlin until she turned 13 years old. At age 13 she had moved to Myanmar, Yangon. Growing up she had always been aware of eco terms such as not wasting food, saving water, resources and electricity. But coming to Myanmar it made her more aware of plastic pollution and climate change, therefore she founded the Eco Club in her new school in Yangon, British School Yangon. She aimed to make others more aware of what was happening. The Eco Club aimed at little things like making the school

more environmentally friendly, she influenced many other students young and old to join and help the school. The Eco Club first introduced scrap paper boxes and recycling bins, checking if the lights were off when people were not in the classroom.

She was fierce and she knew this wasn't her limit and wasn't enough. She wanted the government to be aware of what was happening and how fast it was happening. So at age 15 she moved back to Berlin to join the Fridays for Future movement, which was founded by Greta Thunberg. It is a movement started by students and joined by students but now it is a world wide movement. She says what keeps her from stopping is that she believes it's not too late to change our futures to brighter ones.

Now in 2020 she is 17 years old and currently still fighting for climate change and is now a Climate Justice Activist.



Artwork by Rachel, 11, British School Yangon

Greta Thunberg - Activist

Lili, 14, The Village School

Once upon a time, in the small town of Stockholm, Sweden, lived a beautiful girl called Greta Thunberg. Greta saw how destructive the world around her was, and she wanted to make a change.

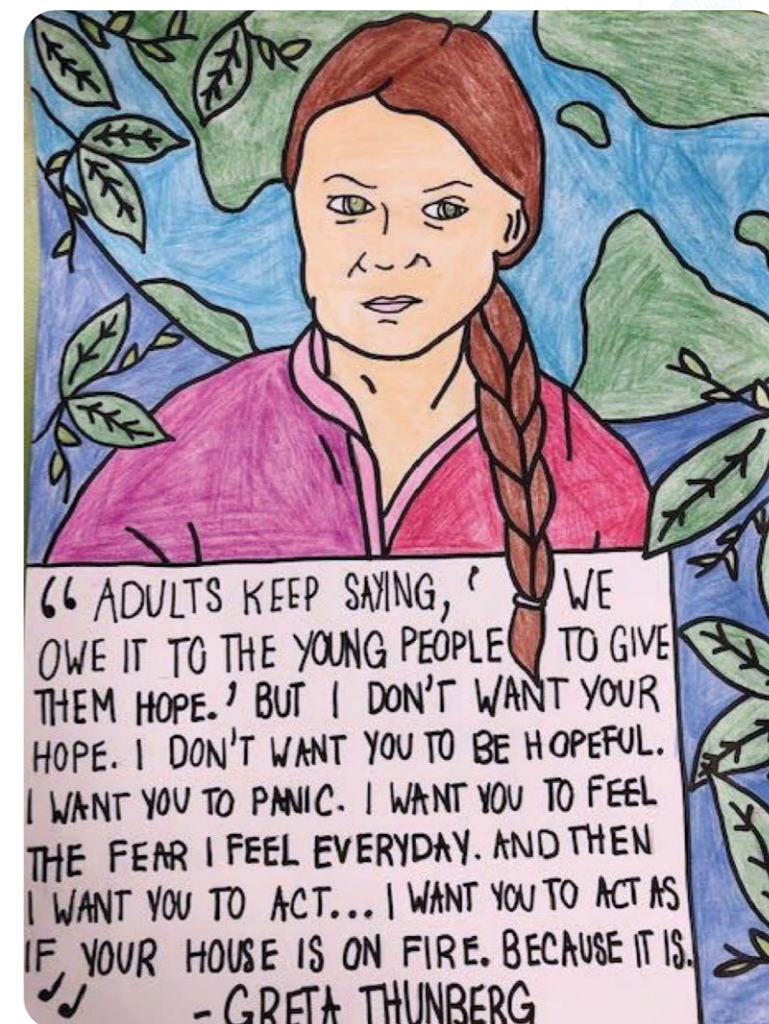
When she was eight years old, she heard about climate change; could not understand why so little was being done about it. She was depressed for four years before she began her school strike. When she started protesting, her parents did not support her activism. Yet she continued to protest regardless of any negative remarks.

Almost every Friday, Greta missed school to sit outside the Swedish parliament. She demanded politicians to bring the

country into line with the Paris climate agreement. With consistency and determination, people started to notice her protests.

Greta inspired her generation to take action against climate change as well as started an international youth movement against it. Millions have taken to the streets demanding action thanks to her. She has given leadership and moral clarity about climate change, and has gradually become a leading voice, inspiring many to join protests around the world. Greta proves you are never too young to make a change. If you believe something should be done, stand up for it.

January 3, 2003



Melati And Isabel Wijesen: The Sisters Waving Bye Bye To Plastic Bags

Livi, 11, British International School, Hanoi



Melati and Isabel are two sisters from the lush island of Bali. As children, they loved swimming in the ocean, allowing the mystical waves to dance around them. One summer morning, they grabbed their towels and sprinted down from the house through the layered rice paddies and into the jungle; the birdsong echoed in the thickets of the trees and the leaves fluttered down to meet the endless carpet that stood before them. They approached the glistening water, feeling the warm, soft sand under their feet. Isabel rolled out her towel and stretched onto her back, letting the sun bathe her in light. Melati, though, skipped into the lapping waves flowing with fish and life and brilliance. Or so they thought. Then Melati's heart dropped into her stomach.

Drifting by was an oily puddle of a hardened clear substance that darkened the water underneath her feet. She stared around her in awe: everywhere she looked, her gaze fell upon the rubbish that had invaded her home and the home of many other animals and humans. She turned her head to her sister who had clearly seen it too; she was sitting up straight and her expression had transformed from pleasantly relaxed to dumbstruck.

They walked back solemnly towards the house.

'Of all the beautiful islands,' Melati whispered to herself. That night the sisters stayed awake for hours – long past their normal bedtime. Their world was changed forever..

Greta Thunberg

Louise, 12, Nord Anglia School Beijing, Fangshan

Greta Thunberg born in 3 January 2003, she is a Swedish environmental activist who has gained international recognition for promoting the view that humanity is facing an existential crisis arising from climate change.

In the August 2018, just at age 15, she was already started spending her study (school) days outside the Swedish parliament to call for stronger action on climate change just by holding up a sign reading Skolstrejk för klimatet (school strike for climate). Soon, the other students engaged in the similar ways in their own communities. Together, they organized a school climate strike movement under the names Friday for Future. After Thunberg addressed the 2018 United Nations Climate Change Conference, student took place every week somewhere in the world. In 2019, they were multiple coordinated multi-city protests already involving over a million student each! Greta Thunberg is also a good example, to avoid flying, she sailed to North America where she attended the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit.

Her sudden rise to the world fame has made her both a leader but also a target for critics. Her influence on the world stage has been described by The Guardian and other newspapers as the "Greta effect". She has received numerous honors and awards including: honorary Fellowship of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society; Time magazine's 100 most influential people and the youngest Time Person of the Year; inclusion in the Forbes list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women (2019) and two consecutive nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize (2019 and 2020). She was a very powerful person, so please try to do some work like her.



Xiye Bastida

Mia (12) and Sonali (13), British International School of Chicago, South Loop



Once, there was a girl who wanted to save the planet. Xiye Bastida was born in Toluca, Mexico as part of the Otomi-Toltec indigenous peoples.

After Hurricane Sandy, she and her family moved to New York City, where she began to recognize the larger effect of climate crises and notice global disconnect to the Earth. Xiye wanted to make change.

She decided to join her high school environmental club. She was influenced by her dad's belief in living in balance with nature and later adopted that philosophy.

But when she got there, she was astounded: the club's view of environmentalism didn't help the planet at all! So, she persisted. Xiye changed her club's mindset: They acted by writing letters to their politicians asking them to ban soft plastic and to recognize climate change! She started speaking out, and eventually they started striking from school.

And then, Greta Thunberg organized the first global climate strike. Xiye and her club got around 600 of their classmates to strike with them for climate change action!

In September 2019, Xiye and her team gathered 300,000 to strike with them in New York City. They walked through the streets, demanding improvements.

Soon after, she attended the UN Climate Summit with Greta Thunberg and other notable climate activists. She spoke on a panel and met other activists like Bill McKibben and Naomi Klein. Xiye's hard work was paying off.

Now, Xiye attends the University of Pennsylvania, where she is working towards a better future.

Sunderlal Bahuguna

Myra, 11, Oakridge International School, Bengaluru

In the 1970s, in the Himalayan foothills of India, there lived a man called Sunderlal Bahuguna, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi. He and his wife, Vimala cared a lot about the environment.

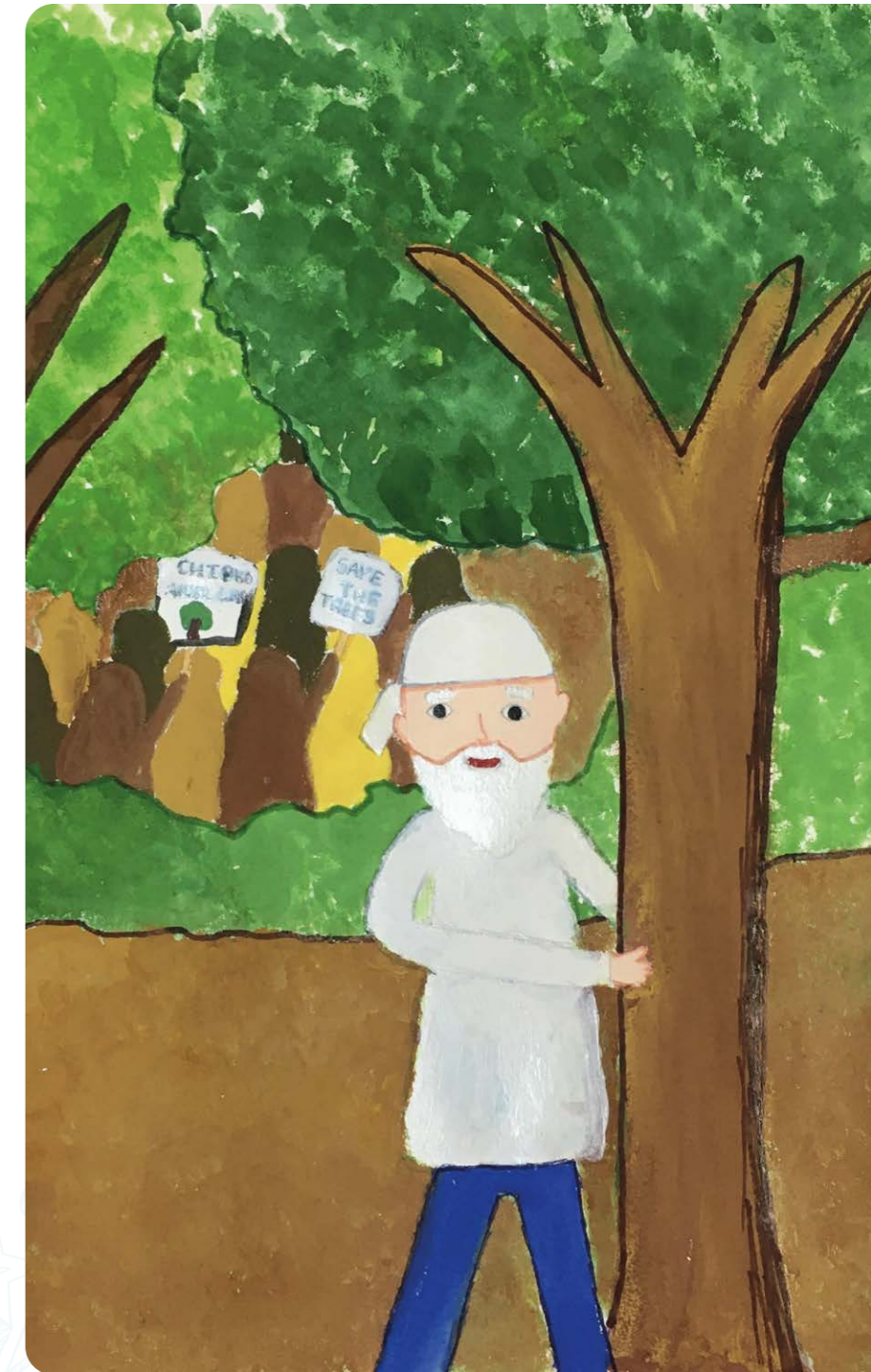
One day, some woodcutters turned up, and hacked away at the precious trees of the Himalayas. That year, there were terrible floods. The number of trees had decreased so much, they couldn't hold back the water. Sunderlal and Vimala were disturbed. "Do something!", Vimala urged.

Sunderlal came up with an idea. He started building an army of others who cared about the environment. He led marches across India, to spread awareness about saving trees. He walked from town to town, gave speeches, fasted, waved posters reading "CHIPKO ANDOLAN" which meant 'HUG THE TREES', and even asked the Government of India to ban the cutting of trees.

Sunderlal and his supporters faced challenges, though. Sunderlal would go up to woodcutters and tell them to stop cutting trees. "We don't care about the trees!", the woodcutters would yell. Sunderlal would wrap his arms around a tree, as others did the same behind him, until the woodcutters were persuaded to leave the trees alone.

At the end of a march from Kashmir to Kohima, he met with the Prime Minister of India at the time, Indira Gandhi, who finally banned the cutting of green trees in India for fifteen years.

He received numerous awards and an Honorary Doctorate for his outstanding work, and he inspires me for his perseverance.



Xiye Bastida

Nikhila, 13, Oakridge International School, Viskahpatnam



a member of indigenous Mexican otomi-toltec nation. She has been one of the major organizers of the Fridays for future youth climate strike movement, leading voice for immigrant visibility in climate activism.

She lead her school in the city's first big student climate strike last March. She believes that the first step for a green environment and green future is **Imagination**.

"My mom and dad always taught me what it was to care of the Earth", Xiye Bastida says.

In 2018 , she was invited to the 9th United Nations world Urban forum to speak about indigenous cosmology. She received ' spirit of UN' award in 2018. For the March 2019 climate strike she mobilized 600 students from her school. Since then she has taken a citywide leadership role in organizing climate strikes and speaking out about climate justice issues in rallies and town halls. Bastida has also launched a youth activism training program to expand the climate justice movement and is a member of Sunrise Movement and Extinction Rebellion.

Whether through education, technology, science or law – young people far and wide are tapping into their skills to speak up for climate action.

Bastida is not the only person speaking up for climate action. The whole of youth speaks up for climate action. Don't hesitate , let us keep doing what we are doing, be persistent and let's together create a change.

"Climate change is here. As its impact intensifies over time , it is children and young people of today who will face the worst effects". Young people from all over the world have begun to fight back on scale never seen before.

MEET Xiye Bastida Americas Greta Thunberg. Xiye Bastida (Born 18 april 2002) is a Mexican-chilean climate activist and

Kollakkayil Devaki Amma - The Climate Rebel

Nivriti, 12, Oakridge International School, Hyderabad, Bachupally

The living legend's love for the environment and her concerns towards the adverse effects of climate change led her to convert the five-acre stretch around her home into a lush green forest.

She is a true-blue climate rebel whose efforts to understand sustainable living and environment conservation began at a young age and is unstoppable even at a ripe age of 86 years.

Devaki Amma's grandfather initiated her into horticulture when she was young. Her inclination further got reinforced when she got married into a household where family members actively engaged in agriculture. She happily helped her family in paddy cultivation until a fatal accident had the doctors saying that she couldn't walk for years on end.

She was back in action after a hiatus of three years when she planted her first sapling in her backyard. Clearly the accident could not put even a slightest dent on her passion for plants and environment. With constant support from her family who encouraged her and helped her with seeds and saplings she turned her backyard into a thriving forest with more than

3000 varieties of trees. Her forest backyard in Kerala, India attracts students, tourists and botanists!

Her efforts have won her several awards from central and state governments. She sets a vivid example of someone who deeply cares for the environment and devotes a large part of her life to nurture and preserve it instead of drawing from it mindlessly.



Amaira's Food Cycle

Ramya, 14, Oakridge International School, Gachibowli

Amaira was like any twelve-year-old village girl. She went to the local government school and spent time with her friends and family after returning home. Over the holidays, Amaira would travel with her father and her brother to the farms to help with the harvests and agriculture.

During one visit, some vegetables being loaded onto the back of a tractor caught Amaira's attention. Usually, crops were carefully separated into packages and loaded onto a truck. Curious, Amaira questioned her father.

"Father, what are those vegetables for?" questioned Amaira, "In the small green tractor."

"Those are the vegetables that grew bad, or became spoiled" answered her father.

"Where do they go?"

"To the landfills so they don't take up our space."

"Won't that be wasting the crops?"

"We don't have enough money to properly dispose them little Amaira. This is our alternative."

"Isn't it bad to waste food? Mummy scolds me if I do."

"Many of us farmers have to dispose of useless crops to sell and make room for profitable ones."

"Why can't we change it?"

"If you want it to change, then you must change it."

And Amaira did just that. At 17, she started her own organization, Amaira's Food Cycle. The crops that grew abnormally, but were still usable, were donated to those who needed the food. Unusable and spoiled crops were composted in proper facilities, and the compost was given back to the farmers. Soon, the organization caught the attention of restaurants, who started participating in the donation and composting of remaining food. Eventually,

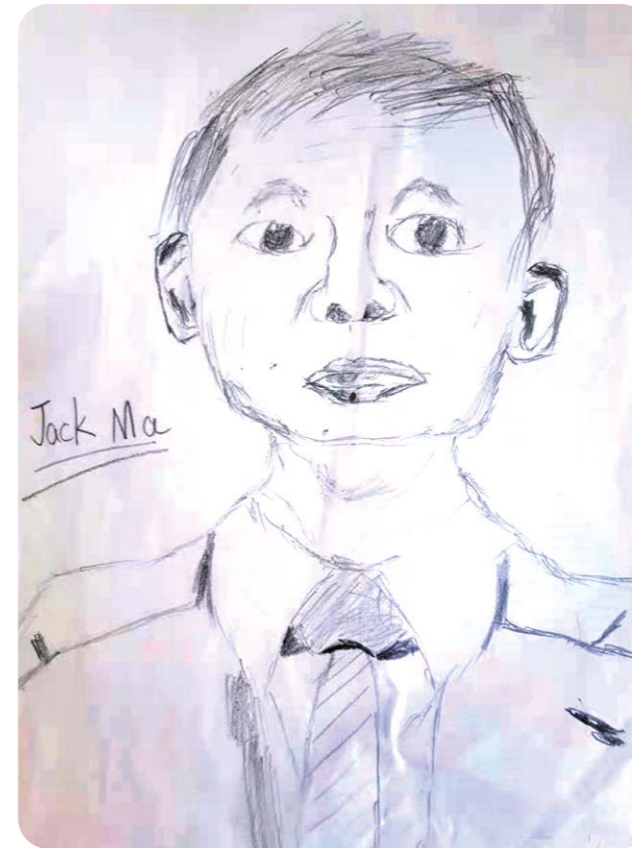
Amaira's organization became widespread across the nation. With the proper disposing of wasted food, not only was the food sustainably used, but it lowered the carbon footprint of local cities.

The wastage of foods on a global scale emits 3.3 gigatons of greenhouse into the atmosphere, being a factor of climate change. With taking actions like Amaira, we can also be climate change heroes, saving the world one small step at a time.



Jack Ma

Xian (Ryan), 13, Nord Anglia School Foshan



Do you know Ant Forest? It's a mobile phone application, and we can use this app to do good environmental deeds. But do you know who launched this app? He is Jack Ma – once Asia's richest man and a successful entrepreneur.

He created Alibaba, and it made him rich overnight. He invested billions of Chinese Yuan to protect the environment. He launched Ant Forest to encourage people to take care of the environment. He is a legend.

Do you know why this app works so effectively? Because everyone has a good heart for doing good deeds, but due to practical conditions, we may find it difficult to do them. For example, white-collar workers in cities may not have time to plant trees locally, even though they are concerned about the natural environment.

Ant Forest solves this issue. The Ant Forest model brings together its users and makes changes, including improving public awareness of green and low-carbon development and improving the local environment. It means you just use a few moments to change the environment. It takes little action to allow its users to experience the fun of planting trees.

So Jack Ma is a very smart person. He even knows what the users are thinking and what will happen in the future. He is just like a seer. He tries to save the world.

The Dream of Little Augustine

Shranaya, 12, Oakridge International School, Mohali

Little Augustine was born in Spunkeydoodle: in a small house, next to a lake. From an early age, she showed inclination to music. Soon, she learnt how to play a guitar at the age of five. Gradually, she started to compose and sing songs. She wrote songs in the home-studio, near the lake, which her dad had constructed for her. It was right behind her house. She never used to sit inside it, but always sat in the lap of nature, beside the lake.

Her compositions were a reflection of her beautiful surroundings. Her songs revealed her passionate love for nature. Nature inspired her.

A few months later, the trees that surrounded her house and the studio, were being felled, because the village didn't have enough wood. Wood was necessary for the people of Spunkeydoodle. Simultaneously, Augustine noticed that

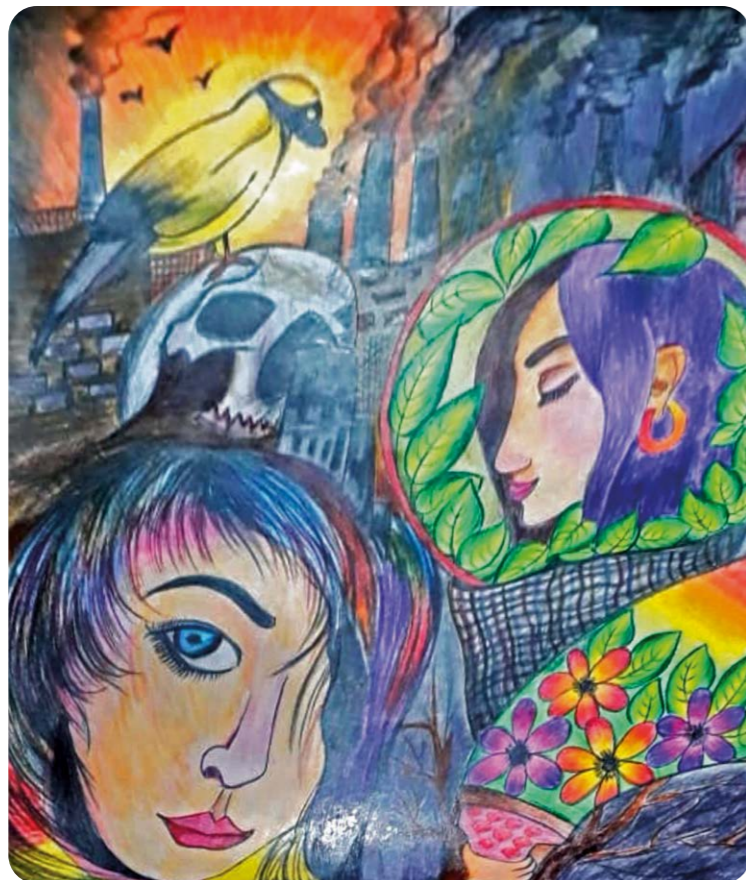
her work didn't reflect the same beauty. Her music wasn't cheerful any longer, it was depressing and heart-breaking.

She tried to stop people, but all her efforts went in vain. It was heart-breaking for her.

In this moment of angst and anxiety, she along with her a few friends headed a rally: Save Our Climate in her village. Nonetheless, she made her voice heard through her blogs: Save Our Climate.

The denial and objection raised by the villagers didn't discourage her. She continued to fight against climate change. Soon, many young people helped her turn her dreams into reality.

Spunkeydoodle was once again a village of rich vegetation.



XIYE

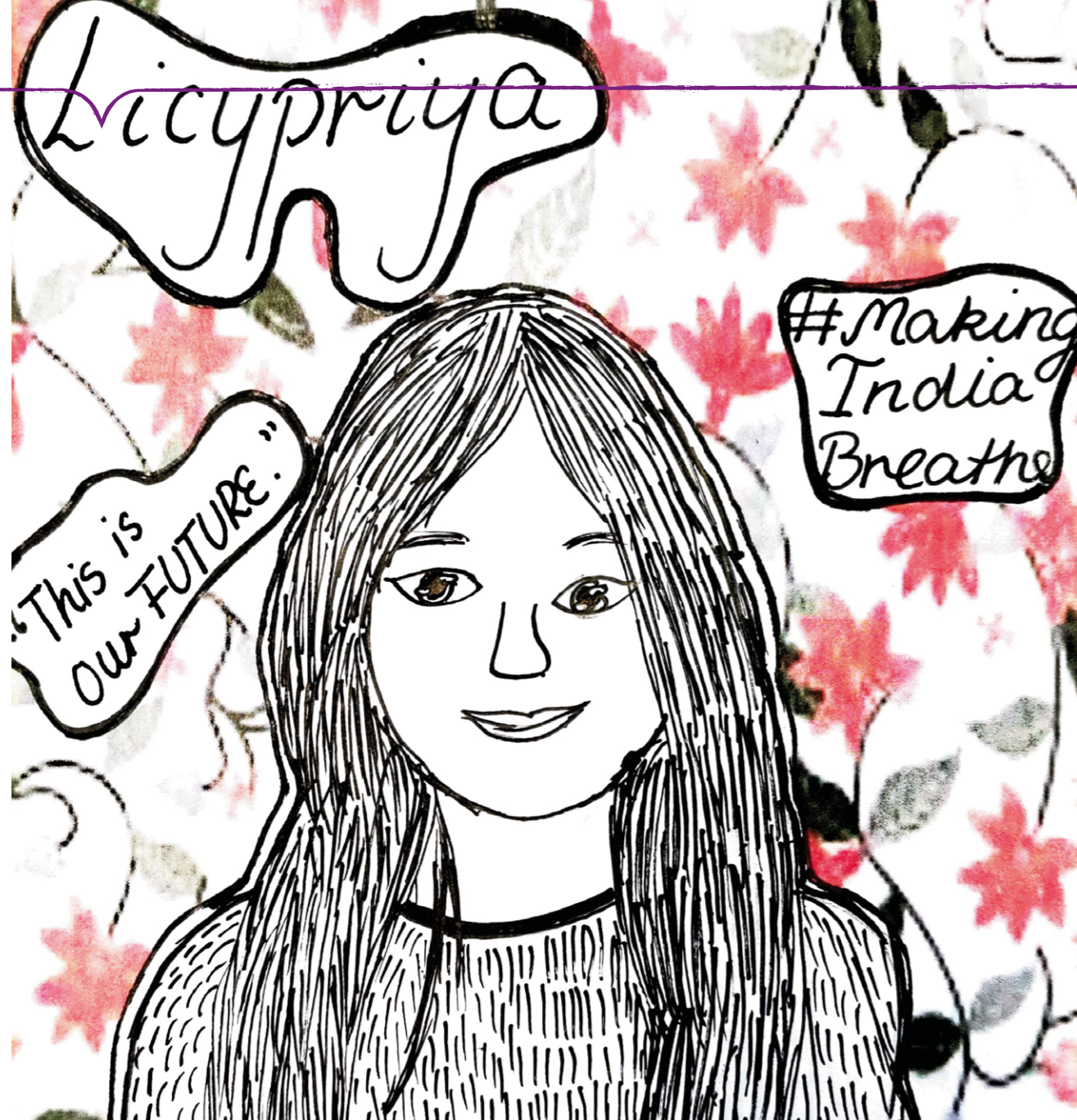
Sofia, 14, San Roberto International School

Have you ever wondered what a climate rebel looks like? Close your eyes and imagine a natural leader who is not afraid to make their voice heard and who cares about our planet. These are the characteristics that describe a climate rebel on the inside as well as on the outside. Considering these attributes, eighteen-year-old Xiye Bastida is the perfect candidate for this position.

Xiye Bastida was born on April 18, 2002, in Toluca, Mexico. She is a leader of the "Fridays for the Future" climate protests in New York. Since taking on this role, she has inspired kids, teens, and adults to join her in more strikes for climate change. From covering her school walls with climate change

posters to posting about this issue on social media, Bastida has done everything in her power to spread awareness about this concerning topic.

To sum up, Xiye Bastida is an inspiration to us all. She has proven that no matter the age, a difference in the world can be made. Xiye is teaching us to take care of our home, a place that has taken care of us since we were created. Little by little, Bastida has opened our eyes and made us realize that Planet Earth has been screaming for help and yet, nobody has listened. This young and powerful woman is shaping the world today to make it a better place tomorrow.



Licypriya Kangujam

Tanushree, 11, La Côte International School Aubonne

Far away, in a distant country named India, there was a little girl named Licypriya. She was ordinary like everybody else, but she fought for change.

Growing up, Licypriya realised that the planet was in danger, because humans weren't taking care of it. This caused climate change and global warming, which makes the planet too hot and harms biodiversity and animals. Licypriya realised that in India, this would happen a lot and it was polluting the skies and making it difficult to breathe.

It was at this moment, Licypriya realised that she should help the planet and protest for India to pass a climate change law for less factories to pollute the air and more recycling to take place. For weeks and weeks, she helped make signs, and protested to pass the climate change law. Then finally, she succeeded, and the law changed.

Licypriya triumphed and knowing that if you work hard, you will always succeed.

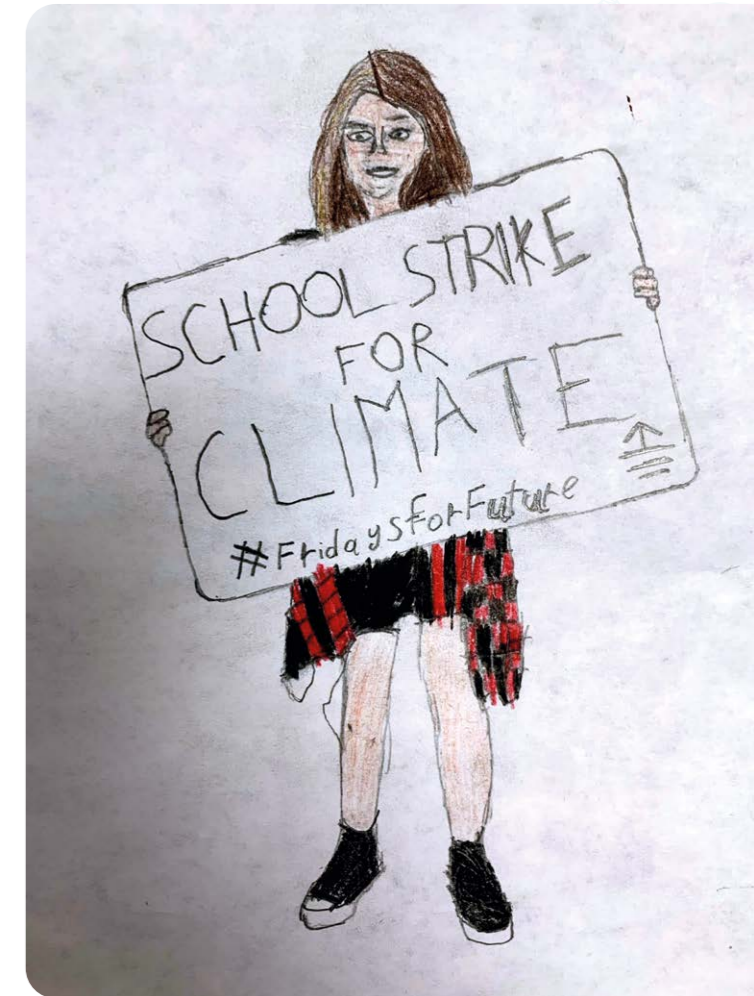
Mary Ellis Stevens

Tessa, 10, British International School of Charlotte

Once there was a girl who cared immensely about the climate. Mary Ellis Stevens' passion for the environment started at school where she had to pick a topic to study in depth and she chose climate change. She read everything she could and decided she wanted to change the way we are harming the planet. Mary is vegetarian to reduce the chemicals going into the air. She doesn't take a car but bikes to school and her protests to save energy. Mary loves the outdoors and the fact that it might be lost empowers her to save the planet. At the age of 11 she played a ukulele in a local park and recorded a determined video of a protest song to the tune of 'Over The Rainbow'.

Mary was inspired by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg and has followed in her footsteps. She even has the nickname "Charlotte's own Greta Thunberg". Every Friday she sits outside the Charlotte-Mecklenburg government center with her climate posters. On March 15th 2019, she struck in Atlanta at the nationwide Youth Climate Strike. She went through training with former vice president Al Gore's Climate Reality Project and spoke at the Charlotte City Council meeting. Mary was joined by her hero Greta Thunberg in Charlotte on Friday November 8th 2019 which thousands of young people attended.

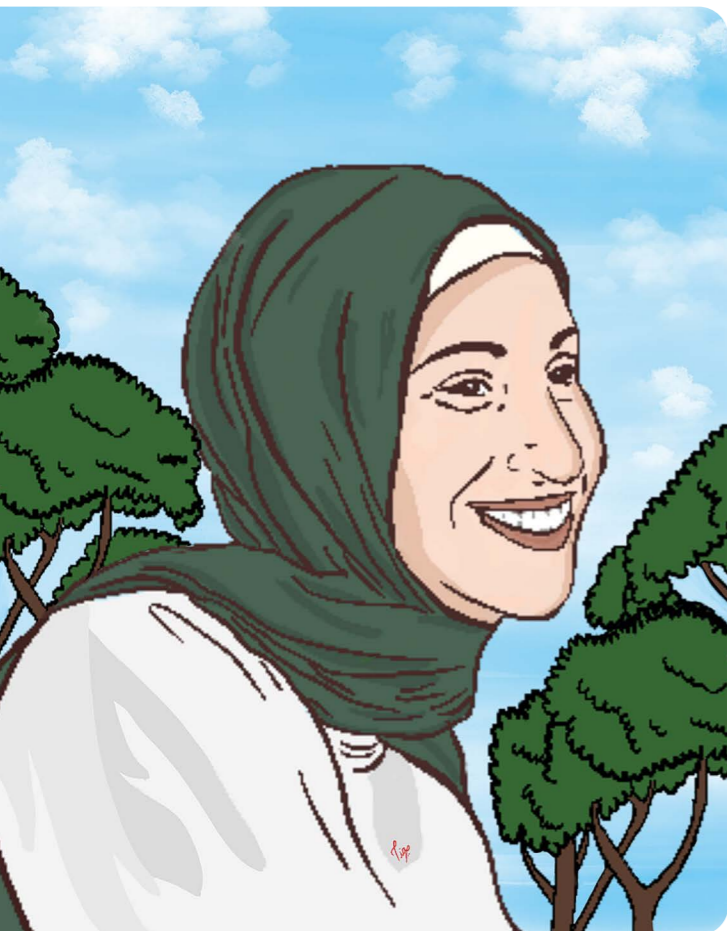
Mary continues to spread her enthusiasm for the environment. She no longer accepts that the world can't change. Even though many people disagree with her, she still strikes every Friday.



Artwork by Armin, 11, British International School of Charlotte

Lina Al-Tarawneh

Tia, 13, The British International School Abu Dhabi



Lina Al-Tarawneh is a 19-year-old from Doha, Qatar who discovered her love for the Mangrove trees in 2015. She did not even know mangroves existed until she went on a visit to Purple Island with her family. This area was full of these trees.

Since then, mangroves have become a huge part of her life. Lina found this a very eye-opening experience because she was used to the sand dunes in Qatar. When she saw the little trees coming out of the sea, she found it extraordinary, but she also noticed bits of plastic and litter around the trees.

Al Tarawneh, then 15, was very concerned by this and felt the urge to act. She began by trying to raise awareness in her community about plastic pollution and the importance of protecting these mangroves. She received a \$15,000 grant from the Ford Motor Company in 2017, which helped her think bigger about making a difference. As companies were giving kayaking tours of the Purple Island Mangroves, she got the idea of using the tours to engage people about the environmental issues. So, Al Tarawneh used the money from the grant to buy kayaks.

Al-Tarawneh and her older sister Dina give weekend kayaking tours to groups under the name “Green Mangroves”. The money earned from the tours is invested back into the project. Despite the challenges of balancing Green Mangroves Project with her university workload while being a full-time student, Al Tarawneh remains determined about the project.

Raslen Jbeli

Yasmina, 12, Compass International School Doha

Raslen Jbeli is a 17-year-old climate change activist from Tunisia. He, unlike others, had learned about the dangers the environment is facing through his own eyes. One night, Raslen was having a family dinner when he heard screaming and yelling coming from outside. When he stepped out his front door, he witnessed a horrifying sight. The forest filled hills near his area were on fire, getting closer and closer like an army of tigers attacking its prey.

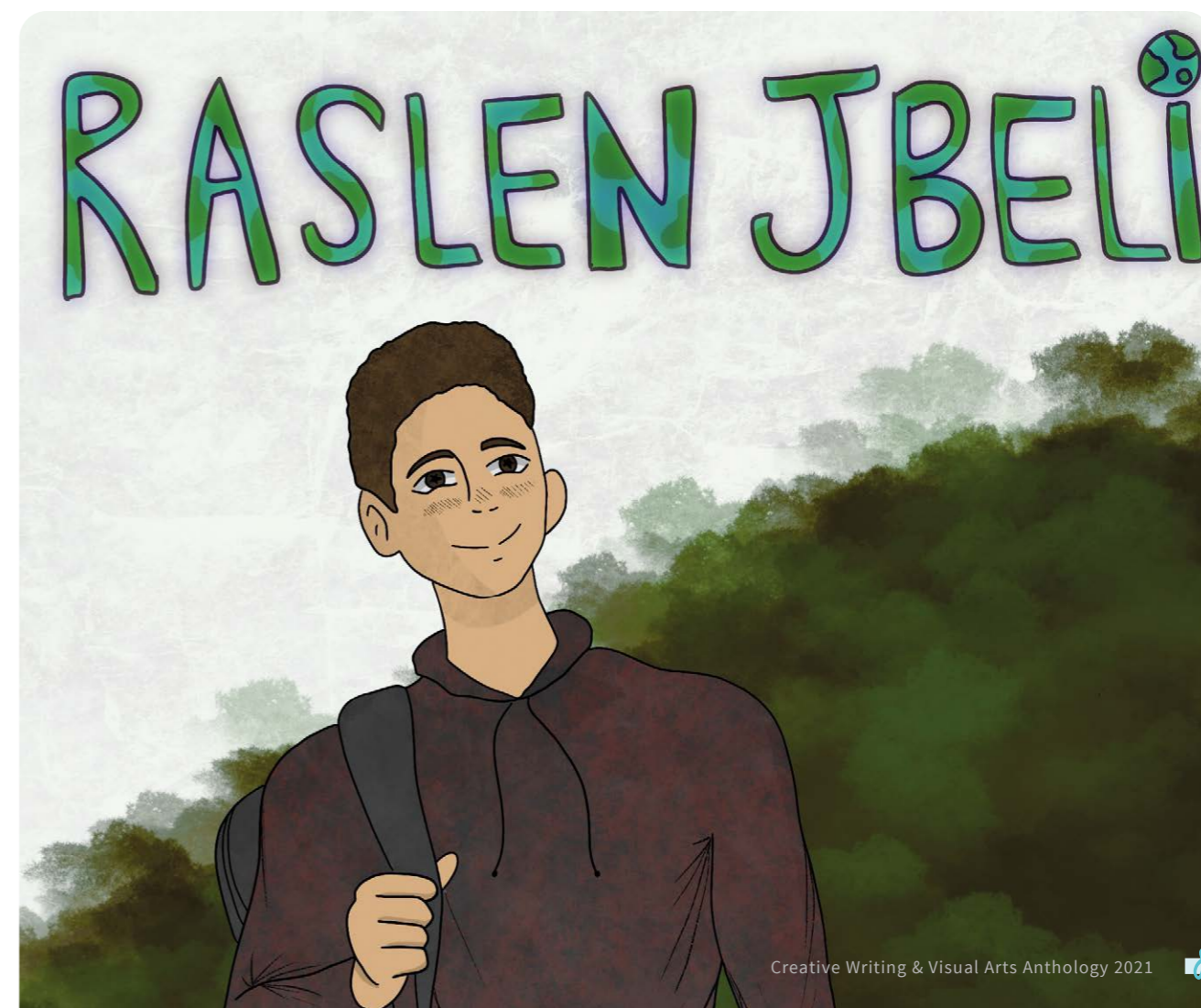
“We had to go outside and call firemen, and just wait and pray for the fire not to reach our home,” Raslen recalled.

Ultimately, the fire had not reached their home, but it had devastating effects on his neighbors, leaving some families to be homeless. After discovering that the number

of wildfires had spiked in his area, thanks to farmers using flames to clear fields, he decided to join a global youth activism movement. The movement was made to respond to climate threats in a faster yet more efficient way.

Jbeli joined with Greta Thunberg, along with other young activists around the world, to argue that children’s rights are being violated since the governments are failing to tackle climate change. Marching in New York, he and his group had drawn 4 million people from around the world to join this movement. His efforts have inspired other people to act against climate change.

Will you?



Alex and Andrew

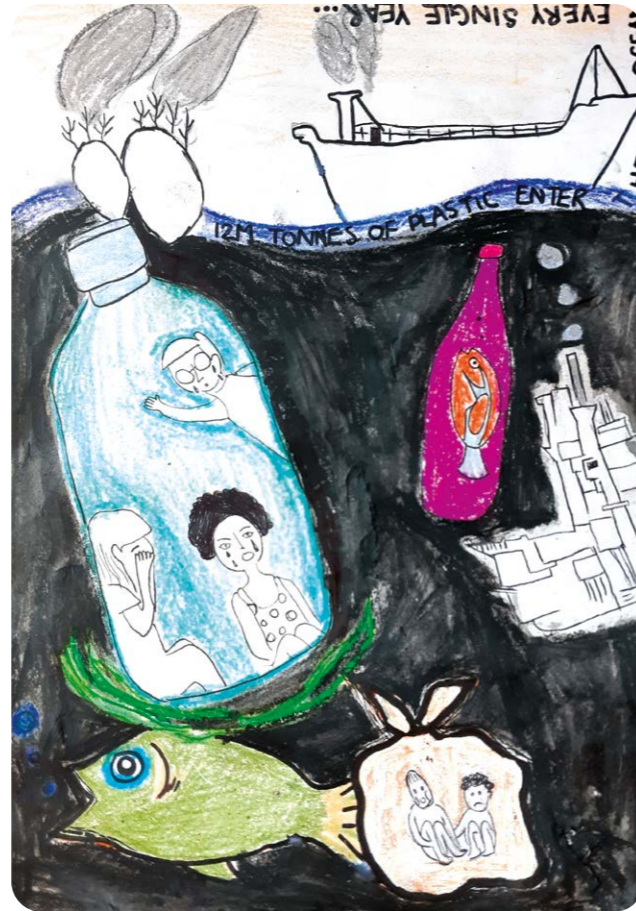
Rose, Eira, Adhee and Ariana, 11,
Regents International School Pattaya

Once there were two young boys who both grew up on the Florida coast.

Alex Schulze and Andrew Cooper enjoyed swimming, diving and fishing and both had a great passion for the ocean which grew into a desire to take care of the ocean.

After graduating from Atlantic University College of Business, Andrew spent the beginning stage of his career working as a surf instructor, fishing charter guide and a Sea Tow captain while Alex spent his time working as a licensed boat captain. They saved up their money; enough to go on a trip to Bali in 2015. There, in the beach, they saw tons and tons of plastic covering the beach. The water- which should have been blue and clear- was a polluted dark green. They decided to take an action.

First they hired fishermen to clean up the ocean. In 1917, Inspired by how fishermen pushed tonnes of plastic, Alex and Andrew started a company, 4ocean, selling products made out of recycled materials. The 4ocean headquarters are based in Boca Raton, Florida. Additional cleanup headquarters are located in Bali, Indonesia and Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Out of all the products the bracelet remains the most well known and 4ocean has made a pledge to pull a pound of trash from the ocean per purchase. They have removed over 4.7 million pounds of trash from the water since 2017. These wastes are sorted by colors, types and conditions. Then they are washed, flaked and pelletized before manufacturing new 4ocean products. This company is building the first economy for ocean plastic and creating a more sustainable future. Their goal is to recover and recycle plastic and mainly to inspire people to reduce their consumption of single-used plastic.





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Climate Insurgent

Neha, 15, Oakridge International School, Hyderabad, Gachibowli



Once, a young girl from Uttarakhand witnessed the devastating effects of climate change in the form of the Kedarnath flood. Witnessing the calamity at the mere age of 6, Ridhima Pandey was in horror of the adverse effects of mother nature. Her parents spreading awareness about climate change alongside media coverage of the environment sparked a fire in Ridhima's heart.

The young rebel left her first impact by filing a petition against the idle government, highlighting her growing concern towards India's environmental degradation. Her pleas were ignored as action towards combating climate change was considered to be 'fulfilled'. Her petition did not go unnoticed; her display of courage was broadcasted across India, influencing others to campaign for climate change.

Ridhima has stepped up with other youth environmental activists, filing a lawsuit to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child against the lack of action towards the climate crisis.

This was an eye opener towards nations across the world; the lack of governmental action has influenced children across the world to fight for climate change.

"My short-term goals are to make as many people aware about climate change as possible and my long-term goals are working for animals and protecting our environment," smiles the young climate activist.

The young twelve-year-old has spread her wings across the world, influencing young children and adults to participate in climate change. Just like Ridhima, any woman, no matter how young they are can impact an entire nation through their actions and motivations.



Saalumarada Thimmakka

Aparajeeta and Karthikeya, 17, Oakridge International School, Hyderabad, Bachupally

Saalumarada Thimmakka, also known as Aalada Marada Timakka or the Mother of Trees, is an environmental activist who has planted about 400 banyan trees along a four-kilometre stretch of highway in Karnataka.

Born in Gubbu Taluk, Tumkur district in Karnataka, Thimmakka had no formal education, as she lived in extreme poverty. She was married to Bikkala Chikkayya. Unfortunately, the couple could not have a child. Thimmakka then started planting banyan trees in lieu of her children. In the first year, they planted 10 saplings for 5 kilometres, 15 saplings were planted in the second year and 20 in the third year. Over the next year, they planted over 384 trees and their asset value has been estimated at around 1.5 million rupees. A few years later Chikkayya

passed away leaving Thimmakka with their grown up "green children". Thimmakka is an inspiration for many people across the globe. She has set an example for the youth of the country and has greatly encouraged women empowerment. Her love for nature and blind faith in her beliefs also enabled her to be the top 100 most inspiring women. Being 109 currently, she still works for the banyan trees only to prove that "Age is just an excuse for laziness". Thimmakka has accomplished goals that an average person cannot even ponder. Thimmakka has received awards which includes Padma Shri in 2019, Indira Priyadarshini VrikshaMitra Awards in 1997, National Citizen's Award in 1995 and many more all of which are well deserved.

What does a climate rebel look like?

Bianca-Steffania, 16, The British International School
Abu Dhabi

Arushi Madan, born on 17th April 1999, is a Regional Environment Ambassador to the Middle East (Tunza Eco generation), President of “Students for the Earth” and anchor of “Green Dream Earth”. In view of her commitment to preserving the earth, she is a recipient of many awards, among which are International Diana Award (UK); a prestigious global award with the certificate signed by the British Prime Minister Mr. David Cameron for her outstanding and selfless contributions to the community and environment and other numerous National awards.

Her parent’s way of educating her made Arushi’s interest in the environment built up and it soon develop into a passion and concern about the environment and its harmful consequences.

She finds different ways of encouraging other people to become more aware of what is happening with our worlds such as giving inspirational presentations, implementing waste management in buildings and visit schools with environmental videos and games, quizzes, and Green Talk sessions.

Green Dream Earth is based in India, have representatives like Arushi across the globe. Students for the Earth is UAE based and is a member of “Earth Charter Youth International Groups”. Both campaigns aim to inspire, mobilise youth, mainly, towards environment conservation, social and humanitarian causes. Students for the Earth also aims to develop youth’s leadership skills.

She encourages us to shed away hesitations and not to wait for others to initiate, have a “Let me” approach rather than “Why me”.



“By doing social, humanitarian and environmental activities selflessly, I learnt that one has to set an example for others to follow and practice before preaching. I realized that small acts can have big impacts if all of us do collectively.”

Arushi Madan



Bing Li

Cindy, 15, Nord Anglia School, Foshan

There are many heroes who have helped to defeat weather-related natural disasters, but in history, it is Bing Li who deserves the most credit.

Bing Li was a famous Chinese water conservancy engineer in the Warring States period. He is most famous for hosting and designing Dujiangyan, which is located in the middle reaches of the Minjiang River in Sichuan Province.

During that time, the flood problem near the Minjiang River got worse. The government ordered Bing Li and his father to fix the problem. Flooding was causing a big problem in the Mingjiang River Basin, so Bing Li built three feats of engineering in the river: Fenshui weir, Feisha weir and the Baopingkou. They separated the water flow, filtered

the sediment, and slowed the flow velocity. Sounds really amazing, just like modern engineering technology! Bing Li used his knowledge of physics as well as his wisdom from his life experiences to build the dam, which is still in use nowadays.

The Dujiang Dam was the crystallization of ancient people’s wisdom. Bing Li used his great knowledge to benefit the people around the Minjiang River and make the land fertile and the water source sufficient and clean. He is great hero in China. In addition, he also built irrigation and shipping projects in the Wenjing, Baimujiang, Luoshui and Mianshui Rivers. The common people cherish his achievements and build temples to commemorate his achievements.

Lélia Wanick Salgado

Clara and Anastasia, 14, Collège Champittet Pully

It all began when a Brazilian woman named Lélia moved into her childhood home with her husband. When they arrived, the couple was devastated and shocked. The infinite forest that was once there was no more than a distant memory. Only a few solitary trees remained and all the wildlife had disappeared. The land was very sick and less than 1% was covered with trees.

It was then that Lélia had a remarkable idea: to restore the forest. In 20 years, with the help of her husband, she planted more than 2.7 million trees. Little by little, the animals came back. Life has resumed its course, more than 230 species have returned to their original habitats. During this unique journey, she wrote several books and made two films about nature.

In order to achieve this prodigious result, she had to recruit partners and raise funds. At the age of 51, she founded Instituto Terra. This organisation raised public awareness and many people joined her small team to help her achieve her goal, which was to replant trees in different areas and bring back endangered wildlife.

To date, Instituto Terra has received numerous awards for its environmental work and has become a very popular association in Brazil. Lélia continues to help endangered species by fighting against deforestation, and she will continue to do so until the end of her life.



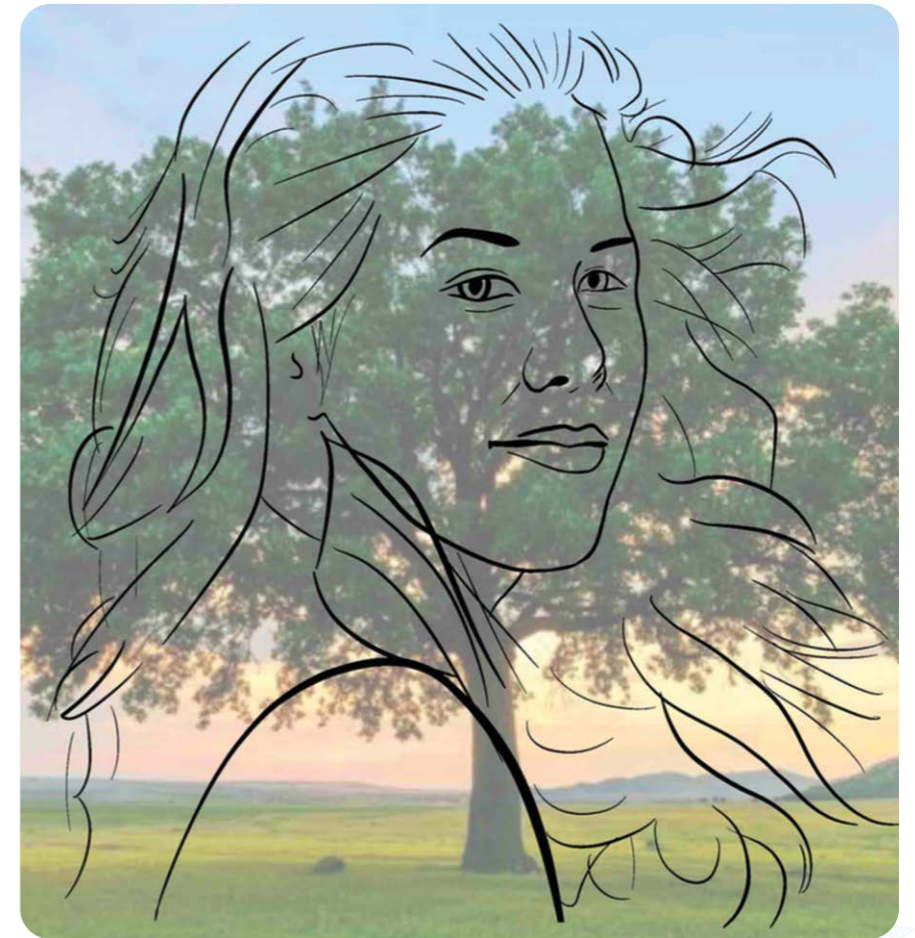
Severn Cullis-Suzuki

Daniela, 15, San Roberto International School

Severn Cullis-Suzuki, born in Vancouver, Canada (November 30, 1979), is a woman that by writing, speaking, and filmmaking, upholds the need to establish a sustainable lifestyle that will amend the Earth. She has also always been an activist for intergenerational justice, founding the Environmental Children's Organization while in Fifth grade.

As a result of this, she went to the 1992 United Nations climate conference in Rio de Janeiro, where she delivered her famed speech. Then as a teenager, she was designated to the Earth Charter Commission, which is a "universal set of guidelines for human conduct with respect to the planet" (Earth Charter, 2020).

Severn has remained an advocate for future generations. She has traveled quite a lot to speak about humanity's dire tendencies and what we can do to regain our deepest values.





Artwork by Sara,
15, International
College Spain

Isra Hirsi - The Girl That Wants To Save The World

Elsa, 14, International College Spain

Once there was a young girl called Isra, she was very smart and loved being in nature as well as playing with her friends.

One day she came back home from school and saw that her parents were watching the news, they looked worried so she asked what was wrong.

Her parents told her that there was a big problem happening where they live. They told her that the place where the water comes from became very very dirty and if the people that lived in that city drank water they could die!

Hearing this made Isra very upset, so upset that she wanted to find out about more problems in the world.

Her parent's started telling her about something called climate change. They said that humans were being very mean and irresponsible and making the world become

hotter and hotter, soon all of the homes of the fluffy, cute polar bears would melt and the world would start on fire.

Isra became really disappointed and started crying, she thought that humans could do better and she couldn't believe that humans were hurting the most loving parent of all, mother nature.

The next day she went on a mission to find as many friends as she could, she wanted to create a group where they would fight against climate change and try to make the world a better place.

More than one hundred thousand friends joined her on this mission and they created a group called 'The Youth Climate Strike' where they would all fight for justice together!

Licipriya Kangujam- A Climate Change Rebel

Fathima, 15, Compass International School Doha

There was once a girl called Licipriya who was born in a serene little village in India called Bashikhong. From a young age, she was always interested in the environment.

Always accompanying her father to climate events that used to take place, she quickly understood that climate change was about to destroy our earth.

One day, while watching TV, she was awe-struck when she saw a marvelous girl called Greta Thunberg and how she was sorrowfully addressing the effects of climate change.

Inspiration struck Licipriya like lightning, and she was so intent on this great cause that she even quit school so she could protest every single week in front of India's Prime Minister's house. She demanded he change the climate laws in the country.

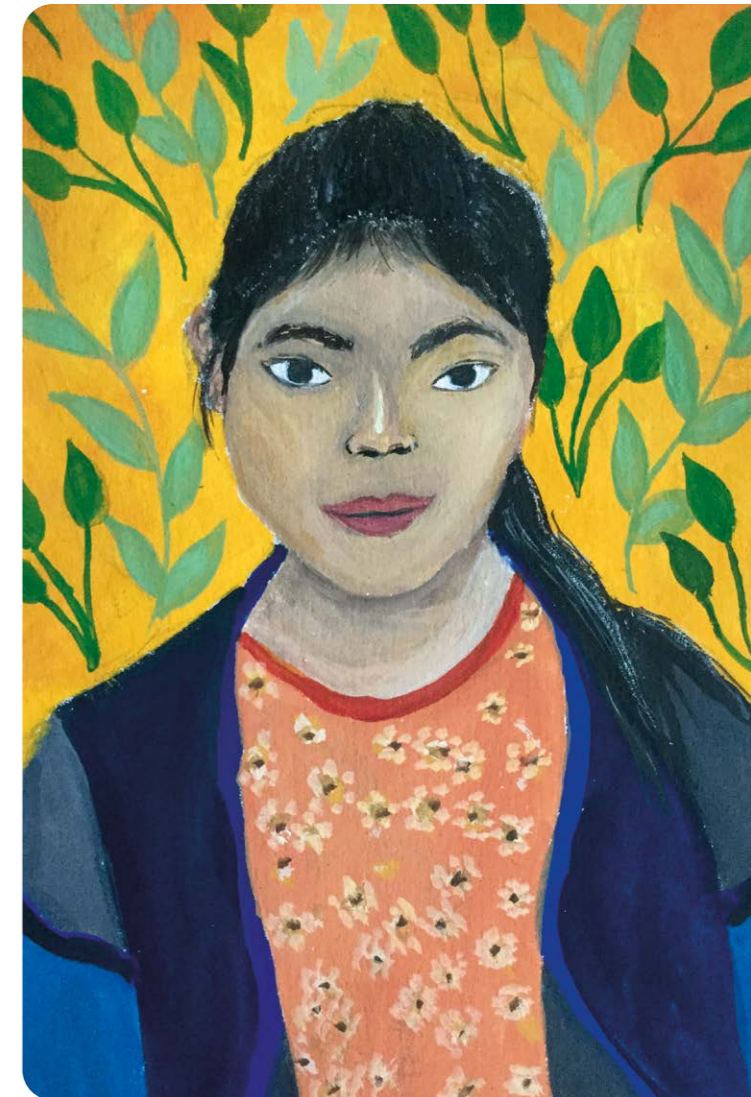
Through her powerful efforts, many other children began to help Licipriya in this great cause because of her confidence. Ever since then, she has travelled to many countries to advise people about global warming.

Licipriya said, "Children are smarter and more concerned than our leaders. We want climate action now without wasting any more time!" For her young age of only nine years, she has the wisdom of an owl.

Today, she continues to protest every week hoping for change making her one of the youngest climate change activists in the entire world.

Licipriya Kangujam is a winner of the 'Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Children Award', one 'World Children Peace Prize' and an 'India Peace Prize'.

Born 2nd October 2011 in Bashikhong, India



Climate Action Rebel: Nish Doshi

Harriet, 14, The British School of Guangzhou

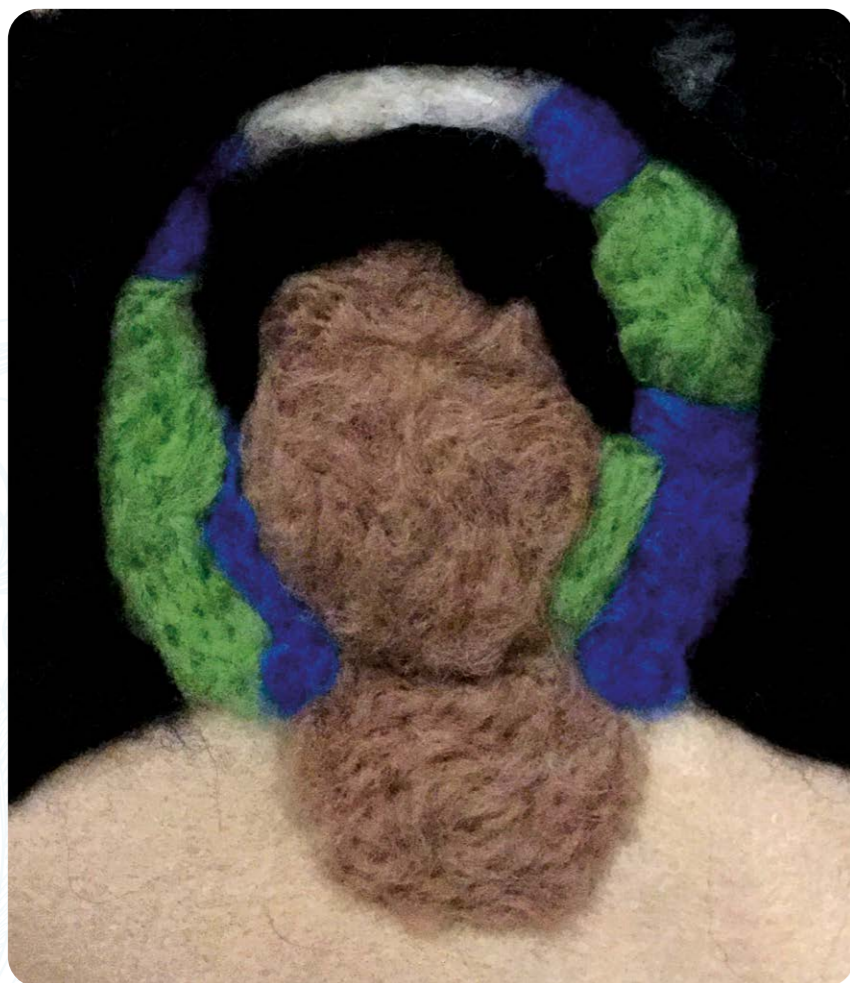
In the busy and bustling streets of Edinburgh, there was a young and kind kid named Nish Doshi ; who since a young age identified as Non-binary using the pronouns They/Them.

Nish had always learned that compassion was a main step of life, along with sharing and empathy. As they grew Nish realised that not everyone followed the rules of life that Nish had been taught from a young, and that not everyone could step into another beings shoes and see their problems This meant that people were mean and hurtful towards things and ideas that were different from their own.

After learning all about the planet and how it was sick, Nish chose to speak their thoughts on climate action but nobody took them seriously because they were young and a bit

different from the others that were putting ideas forward. But that didn't discourage them from trying their hardest to make a difference.

When entering adult hood, Nish decided that they needed to help teach others of their impact on the world , and its health to make sure everyone was heard. They started informing people through lectures and helping others to become more caring and compassionate in their ways. They taught others that it wasn't only the people with power that could make change but them. Right now, there are people saving the world by caring and we can all start caring and become the planets hero.

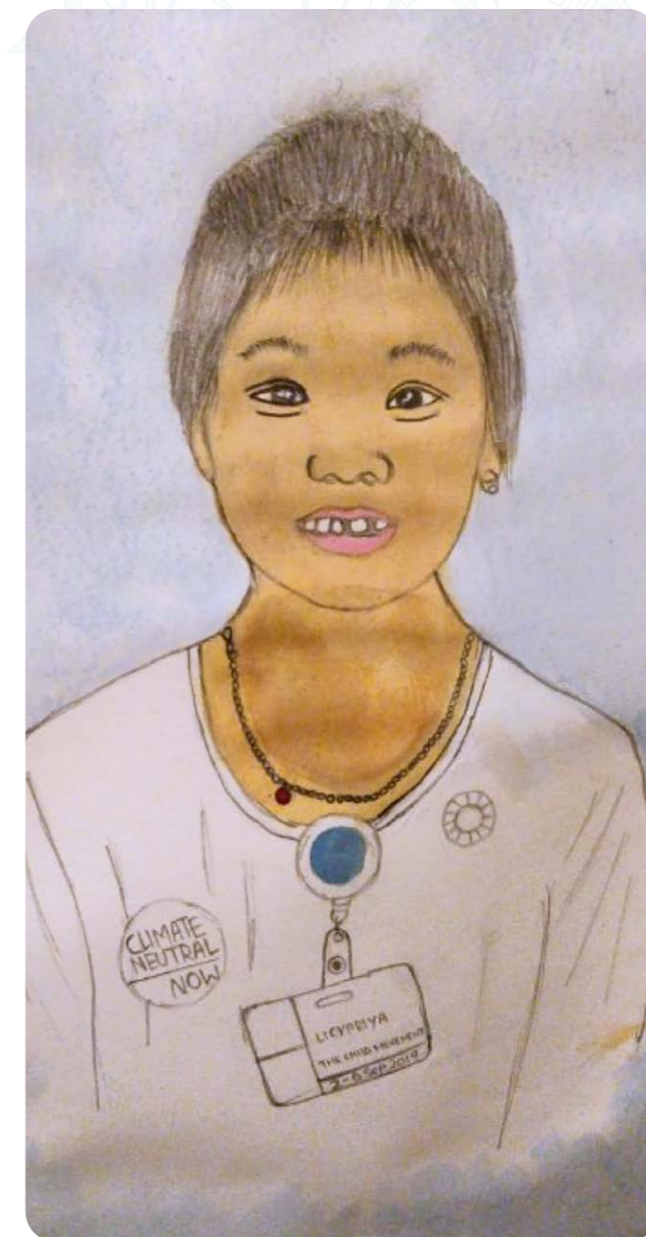


Portrait of
Nish Doshi,
Wool on Felt

Licpriya Kangujam

Jazz, Shruti, Amala and Kriti, 15, Oakridge International School, Visakhapatnam

When we think of a climate change activist, we tend to think of people well over 20 protesting in the streets. But these days, this stereotypical image is being challenged. Over the past few years, it seems like age doesn't speak to the mature thought process that children have. One such child who has helped to change that narrative is Licpriya Kangujam. She is one of the youngest environmental activists globally. She is a rebel in more ways than one. She stands strong today to challenge the world's notion of what exactly plagues the world. She addresses world leaders at the UN conventions to let them know what she believes will make for a better way of life. Taking inspiration from Greta Thunberg, another challenger of today's beliefs, she protested for a week outside of the Indian Parliament House to draw the attention of the higher-ups and get them to see what is happening in their own country. After living for several years in one of the world's highest populated and polluted countries, she decided that she wanted to help her world become a better place for all of us and she believes that by educating the public, we can do much more. She began advocating against climate change from July 2018 and her campaign is to enact the climate law in India as well as all over the world. She and her progressive views have landed her the World Children Peace Prize in 2019. For the past two years, several allegations were thrown at her regarding her awards as well as her campaign. These articles and statements were baseless and were made to turn her into a controversial character. Throughout her life, she faced a lot of obstacles because of her age. She was shut down because people didn't take her seriously as she was very young. But no matter the challenge, she was able to overcome it and use it to her advantage. The story of Licpriya shows us that fighting for what you believe in doesn't have an age limit. She gives us the inspiration we need to take action and change the world for the better. After all, this is merely the starting for our young heroine.



"The delightful smell of Jessica's success"

Jeevanjot, 15, Oakridge International School, Mohali



A girl named, Jessica used to live with her parents in a town. She was interested in social and environmental welfare activities and wanted to become an activist. Whenever she got an opportunity to participate in such events, she would never miss it. She was always appreciated for her work. Excited and elated, she used to share her feelings with her parents, but only to disappoint herself.

To live her dream, she moved out in the streets: making people aware of the ways to protect the climate change. A news reporter, staying in her neighborhood, noticed her work and reported it in the daily newspaper. Thereafter, her work was not limited to the streets of her town.

One day when she returned home, she found a letter in her letter box. On opening the letter, she found that it was an offer to work for the United Nations Environment Protection community. She was thrilled to read that offer for it was her dream to do so. She shared this great news with her parents but they did not support her in this decision. Yet, she caught hold of this opportune moment and moved ahead.

Today, she works for the UNEP, trying to help the world transit to a low- carbon, sustainable future. She has travelled to different cities across the country to work for this noble cause and do her bit.

In an interview she said, "The satisfaction that I gain while working for this cause cannot be expressed in words."



Artwork
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International
School

Greta Thunberg

Sasha, 14, La Côte International School Aubonne

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Greta Thunberg, a Swedish environmental activist who has fought for climate change since 2018. She was eight when she discovered the climate crisis that our world currently faces.

Trying to lower her carbon footprint by going vegan, she also encouraged her family to do the same thing.

Then, in December 2018, she made a speech at the U.N COP24 in Katowice, Poland, which went viral. She said the following:

"You are not mature enough to tell it like is," she said, addressing the Secretary-General. "Even that burden you leave to us children. But I don't care about being popular. I care about climate justice and the living planet."

Later in September 21st, 2019, her speech at the United Nations Climate Action Summit brought headlines.

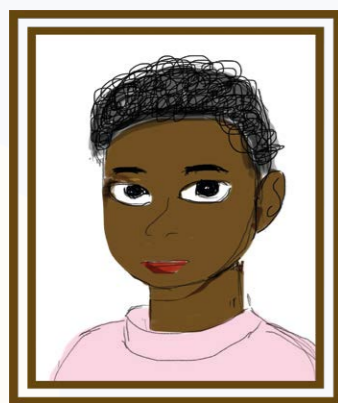
She spoke before leaders, lawmakers and U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, and Thunberg lambasted them with her speech:

"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing," she said. "We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!"

In December 2019, Thunberg was a powerful speaker at the UN Climate Change Conference in Madrid, Spain. She attended another climate demonstration in the city, telling protesters, "The hope is not within the walls of COP25; the hope is out here with you."

Leah Namugerwa - a 15-year-old climate activist

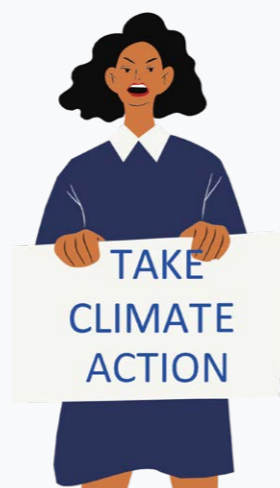
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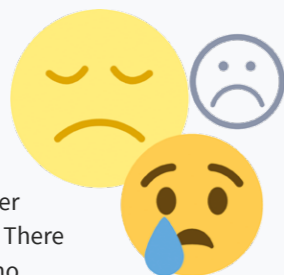
1. There was a girl called Leah Namugerwa in Uganda.

4. At first, she started with skipping school on Fridays and standing on the road side with her message written on her placard.

Then, she gradually gained fellow students and became more active.



2. One day, she noticed her homeland was in danger. There were a lot of mosquitos, no water and the broken ground. And she found out that was all because of climate change!



5. She spearheaded a tree-planting campaign and a request to enforce the country's plastic bag ban...



3. She couldn't let those things happen, so she was asking Adults for help. 'HELP! HELP!'

However, unfortunately, no one listened and helped, so she decided to stand by herself.

6. ... she met foreign ambassadors and Uganda's speaker of congress...



7. ... and she attended councils in foreign countries such as Rwanda, Kenya and Switzerland.

8. Though Uganda unsuccessfully tried to ban plastic bags, it signed an agreement about climate change. Without her, people in Uganda might have not noticed the importance of climate change.



9. Sometimes, adults don't fully understand what the right things to do even though you try to tell them. In this case, you are the ones who take an action.



You don't need to limit yourselves. Even small things eventually can change something like Leah standing on the road side made the government sign the agreement.

10. You have power, you can change the world.





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