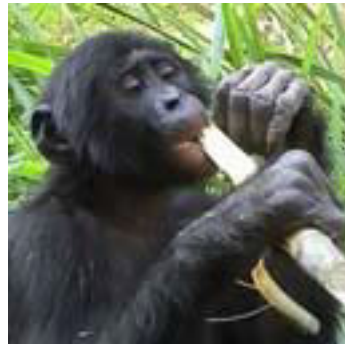




July 2013 Publicity Photo for Eco Officers Awards

We had worked well on our recycling and had a compost bin well populated with worms to eat our fruit waste. The rainbow was created as a symbol of our good work in this aspect of our Eco Award. Louise and Ryan attended an awards ceremony and came back with stories that inspired us and we realised we could do **A LOT MORE** and make links beyond Ellesmere Port...

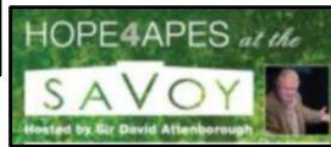


Great Apes Film Initiative

...We submitted a bid and were one of 10 schools in Cheshire to receive a visit from the pedal powered cinema. Denis Agaba came to our school from Uganda and told us about the plight of the Great Apes. There are five kinds of great apes: orangutans, chimpanzees, gorillas, bonobos and gibbons.

GAFI TOUR 2013

THE CHESHIRE SCHOOLS TOUR WAS LED BY DENIS AGABA, CHIEF PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE GREAT APES FILM INITIATIVE (GAFI) IN UGANDA. SPEARHEADING THE GAFI PEDAL POWER CINEMA EDUCATION PROGRAMME SINCE 2010, HE HAS REACHED OVER 120,000 LOCAL PEOPLE.



LAUNCHED AT THE SAVOY HOTEL LONDON AT THE HOPE4APES EVENT, THE TOUR WAS INTENDED TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE URGENT NEED FOR CONSERVATION OF THE GREAT APES IN VULNERABLE PLACES, WHILST DEVELOPING LINKS BETWEEN SCHOOLS IN THE UK AND UGANDA. THE TOUR WAS INTRODUCED AT THE SAVOY BY A HOST OF LEADING FILM AND MEDIA PROFESSIONALS AND RENOWNED CONSERVATIONISTS, INCLUDING: SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH, IAN REDMOND, VIRGINIA MCKENNA, CHARLOTTE UHLENBROEK AND BRIAN MAY...



PEDAL POWERED CINEMA IN ACTION AT THE SAVOY

DENIS, ALONG WITH EMMA TYRELL A GAFI VOLUNTEER, BROUGHT A PEDAL POWERED CINEMA KIT TO EACH CHESHIRE SCHOOL AND LED ASSEMBLIES AND WORKSHOPS SHOWING A SERIES OF FILMS POWERED BY THE PEDALLING OF THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!



CROWTON PRIMARY



IN THE PRESS..



CHRISTLETON PRIMARY, CHESTER



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



WESTMINSTER PRIMARY

Do you remember.....



Muganza School in Kisoro, Uganda.

When Denis got back to Uganda he set up a pen pal link for us. We were pleased when our first pictures arrived so we could see what the school looked like. The school is much larger than ours and has 1031 pupils.



October 2013

We donated more than £100 to the GAFI and we also joined in with 'Go Orange for Orangutans'. From our colourful dressing up day we were able to visit Chester Zoo and present a cheque for £100. We had a special tour of the orangutans and treated ourselves to lunch at the zoo.



Photos of us at Chester Zoo reached Uganda!

We loved seeing our post reach the children in Muganza School and we looked forward to receiving our first replies.



Spoon Collection March 2014

We started to collect spoons to help Uri Geller create his Spoon Gorilla and were featured in the Chester Chronicle for our good work. Children in lots of countries were doing the same thing as it turned out that 40000 spoons were needed.



GAFI is working with the British Ironworks & URI GELLER





May 2014

Ms Finch was delighted to receive a VIP ticket to the unveiling of the statue in the presence of HRH Prince Michael of Kent and Uri Geller!



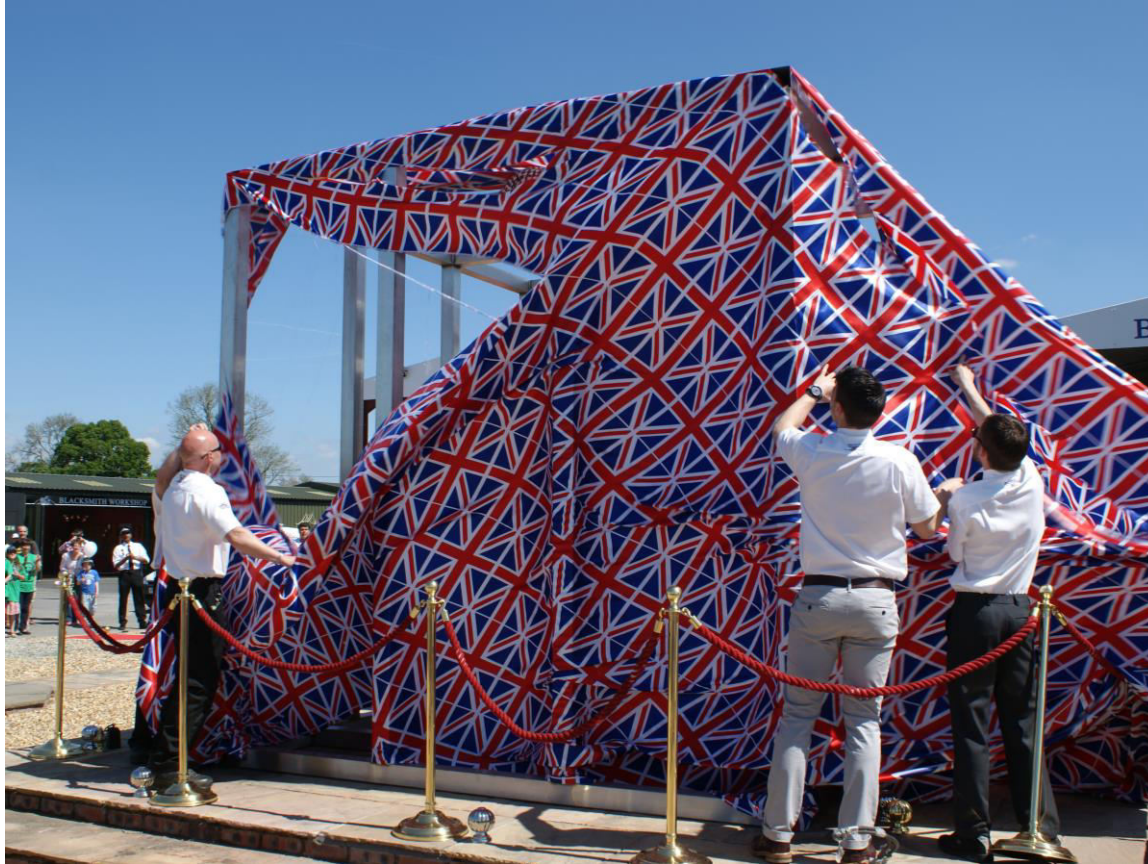
At the British Ironworks Centre

The statue under wraps



The important visitors are arriving

By helicopter!



The unveiling begins

When the visitors have walked up the red carpet the time comes to reveal the statue.



The gorilla is revealed

A huge round of applause greets the sight of the statue. It was awesome.







Uri Geller and a close up of the mouth



Spoon bending

Uri Geller takes a spoon from a member of the audience and right before our eyes he bends it.



Tongs too

A woman asks Uri to bend some tongs so that she can auction them and raise money for charity. He bends them and then autographs them.



The Spoon Gorilla

When the crowd has cleared it is good to get a full picture of the whole gorilla.



Souvenir Snap

Ms Finch couldn't resist having her photo taken with the gorilla.



Christmas Cards across the miles

During our writing open afternoon in November 2014 we wrote cards for all the pupils at Muganza school. It was lovely to see photos of the children receiving their cards.



Parents and Governors helped too

We are only a small school so it was good to have lots of help to make sure all 1031 cards got written. in time. The good work that was started by the School Council was then completed by parents, governors and families.



The Cards reached Uganda in time for Christmas

Denis let the school know there was a parcel coming for them and he picked it up from the nearest town where it had been delivered by Royal Mail. The children gathered with their families to see what had been sent. Photos of us dressed up for Children in Need made Denis smile!



Joy

Our Christmas decoration is now safely with our link school and we hope they enjoy putting this on display each year and remembering the year we sent our first cards to them to show our friendship.

What next?

- Ms Finch asks the governors and PTA to help her fund the school's own Spoon Gorilla as our first piece towards a Sculpture Park for our school.
- Keep writing and sharing gifts with our friends in Uganda.
- Send our twin school a plaque to celebrate our partnership.
- Maybe someone from our school will visit Muganza in the future...