

Roots & Shoots has had a productive and inspiring start to the new year. We have now finalized our recycling project across all classrooms, with recycling monitors assigned to each form group. These students will collect recycling each week and take it to our recycling point at the front of the school, helping to embed sustainable habits into everyday school life.

We began the term by reflecting on the impacts of climate change that students are personally experiencing. Discussions explored the key country contributors to climate change compared with those who are most vulnerable, alongside local issues such as water availability across Dar es Salaam. Students also considered their own carbon footprints and identified small, meaningful changes they could make in their daily lives.

We were honoured to be invited to the Jane Goodall memorial at the National Museum. It was an emotional and deeply moving experience. We heard from her grandchildren and from people who worked closely with her at Gombe on her chimpanzee research and the Roots & Shoots programme. The event was incredibly inspiring, with a strong focus on hope and the power of small actions to create change. It reminded us of Wangari Maathai's words: *"We are doing the best we can."*

Looking ahead, we are also planning to launch a whole-school sustainability Instagram account to showcase the amazing work our students are doing. Watch this space!

