













# Planting Ceremony 2010



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# Terahara Elementary School



Japan



Toride-shi, Ibaraki



12 Feb 2010

Although two kaki trees were planted at Toride Daini Junior High School on 20th February 2004, one of them almost died. Mr and Mrs Tokuura, then PTA members, took a great care of the tree for 5 years at home and wonderfully revived the tree. It was their wish to plant this tree at an elementary school, which led to the planting at neighboring Terahara Elementary School.

At the tree planting ceremony on 12th February, pupils from two 5th grade classes planted the tree with other participants. Mr and Mrs Tokuura and Mr Toru Nukui, the PTA president of Toride Daini Junior High School at that time and who initiated the planting,

also attended the ceremony. Children first watched the Kaki Tree Project DVD

at the assembly room and then moved to the schoolyard to plant the kaki tree, which looked still thin even though it had become much better. Each child put soil over the tree. At the end, there was a group photo shoot.

Everyone including Mr and Mrs Tokuura will watch over the tree so that the tree can firmly take root in Terahara Primary School.



# The Kasan Observatory



*Japan*



*Kyoto-shi, Kyoto*



*16 Feb 2010*





# Fylingdales church of England Primary School

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Huddersfield



24 Feb 2010



Mr Jonathan Adamson, who initiated the planting at Edgerton Cemetery on 26th March 2006, applied for another planting. Mr Adamson has been promoting the project in the area where he lives since the first planting in 2006 and has sent a number of letters introducing the Kaki Tree Project to more than a dozen neighboring schools and churches. Two places among those have expressed their keen interest in the project and the planting finally took place at Fylingdales Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. The school is located in northern England.

The planting related events took place for two days, on 24th and 27th of February. The tree planting ceremony on the 24th of February was held at the primary school and an original story based on a Japanese old story of Benkei and Yoshitsune was told. In the story, Benkei and Yoshitsune became friends again in the end because of a kaki tree. Then the kaki tree was planted as a

# Mytham Primary School



UK



Bolton



22 Mar 2010

An artist who attended the tree planting ceremony on 11th of September 2006 at the Puerto Rico Museum of Contemporary Art wrote about the kaki tree in a letter to his sister, who lives in Bolton, England, and then this lady had proposed to the Bolton Interfaith Council to plant the kaki tree in Bolton.

The Bolton Interfaith Council is an organization which promotes peace, mutual understanding and harmony between the people of different faith groups in Bolton. The Bolton Interfaith Council had chosen Mytham Primary School as the planting site because the school is located in the center of the community and its pupils have learned about the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. The Council also helped with preparation for tree planting.

On the day of the tree planting ceremony, a related event was held at Bolton Town Hall in the morning during which the mayor delivered a message, the Kaki Furoshiki presentation took place and children sang and recited their poems. In the afternoon, people moved to Mytham Primary School and the kaki tree was planted in the schoolyard. It was a wonderful tree planting ceremony because the town of Bolton regards objectives such as "Peace" and "Mutual Understanding" as important and their strong awareness of those values was felt throughout the ceremony. The ceremony was also covered hugely by the local newspaper.

## School plants a tree of peace from Japan

### Cutting is taken from plant which survived A-bomb

CHILDREN in Bolton have become the guardians of an important symbol of world peace.

For pupils at Mytham Road Primary School in Little Lever have been presented with a Kaki tree.

The tree was one of just a few natural things to survive when the Japanese city of Nagasaki was destroyed by an atomic bomb in the final days of the Second World War.

A tree doctor rescued a green shoot after the devastation and produced saplings from it. Every year since then, 10 new saplings have been grown from

by Rhianne Pope

presented artwork and poetry inspired by the tree at the presentation.

Headteacher Angela Eastwood said that the presentation was a great accolade for Bolton.

"We are honoured to be involved in this project," she said.

"Today has been a very special day for Mytham."

A time capsule containing passages and photos of the children will also be buried next week.

It will be opened in 10 years time, when today's pupils will be invited to return and talk to a



# Arbaleno Station Park



Italy



Cazzago, BS



23 Mar 2010

A series of tree planting ceremonies were held in 8 locations in March 2010 in the Province of Brescia, Italy, and this was one of them.

Although the planting itself will take place in the Park Station Arcobaleno, the tree planting ceremony was held at Maria Rosaria Cassarino Junior High School to plant the tree temporarily in a bigger pot before the actual planting takes place in May.

About 120 pupil representatives participated in the ceremony held in the morning of 23 March. Prior to the planting, they watched a video showing the tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It was made by pupils who learned about the atomic bomb and the bombed kaki tree. Then a recorder and guitar performance and singing took place. Poems inspired by the bombed kaki tree were very moving. The kaki tree collage painting using the "Fruit" and "Leaves" pasted on the walls and windows was very creative and demonstrated

that pupils of Maria Rosaria Cassarino Junior High School had learned well about the seedlings of the bombed kaki tree and had expanded on the subject. They are planning to develop peace education programs through other channels such as listening to the elderly talk about their experience during the war at the elderly center adjacent to the Park Station Arcobaleno where the tree will be planted in the ground. It was the event that showed the pupils' eagerness to learn.





# 1 Grado Trenzano Secondary School

 Italy

 Trenzano, BS

 24 Mar 2010

A series of tree planting ceremonies were held in 8 locations in March 2010 in the Province of Brescia, Italy, and this was one of them.

In the morning of 24 March, under the sunny sky, the tree planting ceremony was held at the Istituto Comprensivo Statale di Trenzano and was a very big event. On the stage, guests such as Trenzano mayor, the school principal and the Kaki Tree Project Executive Committee members were seated and they enjoyed watching performances by all students of the school. The event began as they released the balloons with messages of peace into the sky, then a brass band, karate and dance performances and poetry reading took place. Especially the dance performance of the students in Renaissance costume was impressive as it conveyed their culture. Since a lot of immigrants settled in the area, there were also performances of folk dances of Eastern Europe. There were messages of peace, drawings and manga displayed all over the school which showed the whole school commitment to the tree planting ceremony. For a while the kaki tree will be nurtured in the pot as it is, it will then be moved to the flower garden of peace which is planned to be built later at the main entrance of the school.

An executive committee member who joined the ceremony from Japan brought her son and it was very lovely to see the 4-year-old boy enter the ceremony site bringing the kaki tree, and the participants were all delighted.





# Don Angelo Colombo Foundation



Italy



Travagliato, BS



24 Mar 2010

A series of tree planting ceremonies were held in 8 locations in March 2010 in the Province of Brescia, Italy, and this was one of them.

Fondazione Don Angelo Colombo, the senior care home in Travagliato, had applied for the project and in the morning of 24 March, the tree planting ceremony was held in the garden of the care home. About 250 children from neighboring kindergarten, primary and middle schools participated in the ceremony, and children and the elderly were enjoying each other's company. At the ceremony, kindergarten children sang a song waving their bandannas, middle school students recited poems by Bob Dylan and gave a bucket drum and xylophone performance, and primary school pupils played recorders. Then the elderly shared their war experience and the children eagerly listened to them. At the end, everybody joined in the planting of the kaki tree.



Information materials on Hiroshima and Nagasaki that were on display inside the facility and children's posters, drawings and poems which were made prior to the ceremony when they had learned about the project were especially fantastic. Their quantity and high quality were truly amazing. Although many elderly people in the care home are with dementia, they seemed to be very happy as they could spend time with children because it is not usual for them to see so many children and that also made us happy. The elderly casually participated in the ceremony and dedicated flowers to the kaki tree as well. It was a heart-warming ceremony.



# Martiri di Piazza Loggia Primary School

 Italy

 Collebeato, BS

 24 Mar 2010

A series of tree planting ceremonies were held in 8 locations in March 2010 in the Province of Brescia, Italy, and this was one of them.

In the afternoon of 24 March, the tree planting ceremony was held at Martiri di Piazza Loggia Primary School. The school is located at the foot of the mountain in the town of Collebeato. The kaki tree was planted in just about the center of the schoolyard, which was rich in nature, and a beautiful silver plate was attached. They showed hospitality with their handmade items and decorated other trees in

the schoolyard with origami. A painting which depicted "life and death" of a big kaki tree was displayed in the schoolyard and children came out of the school building one after another and lined up around the painting. There were about 200 of them. PTA also participated in the ceremony and the parents were warmly watching over their children. Children in the upper grades recited poems and those in the early grades sang a song. It was a peaceful tree planting ceremony and their clear voice echoed forever in the mountain town.





# "Enrico Fermi" High School



Italy



Salo, BS



25 Mar 2010

A series of tree planting ceremonies were held in 8 locations in the Province of Brescia, Italy and this is one of them.

The tree was planted at "E. Fermi" Salo municipal high school, which is surrounded by beautiful nature and looks down Lake Garda.

When Mr Massimo Sgarbi, English teacher of the school, participated in "the Peace Procession," he met Mr Francesco Foletti from Cansorzio Travolo Della Pace Franciacorta – Monte Orfano, which supports the kaki tree planting in the Province of Brescia, and was informed of the project.

As the executive committee members arrived at the school, students warmly welcomed them. After speeches by the school principal, Tatsuo Miyajima and the mayor of Salo, the tree planting ceremony was solemnly held in the courtyard looking down Lake Garda.

A moment of silence was offered to the kaki tree and a speech delivered by the student representative voiced a determination to end the atomic bombing after Nagasaki and spread the awareness of peace to the world. The courtyard of the high school with 700 students can be seen from anywhere in the school, so the kaki tree is able to speak to students about peace everyday.





# Vallio Terme Nursery School



Italy



Vallio Terme, BS



25 Mar 2010



A series of tree planting ceremonies were held in 8 locations in the Province of Brescia, Italy and this is one of them.

In the afternoon of the 25th, we were welcomed by local children of Vallio Terme, a small mountain town. The venue was prepared with persimmon colored balloons, a welcome board written in Japanese and handmade persimmon fruits and provided a relaxed atmosphere of the town. Group singing by the nursery school children and singing of the English song "Imagine" by primary school children brought everyone there together, and the children cheerfully put soil over roots of the seedling of the bombed kaki tree at the end of the ceremony. All the adults including the mayor warmly watched over them for the entire time.

After the tree planting ceremony, a gathering



was held. With information materials on the atomic bomb victims in Japan and other related subjects on display, the venue offered an opportunity to contemplate peace. The nursery school children took Japanese children's hands, who came all the way from Japan, and they showed them around the nursery school. As children showed us their superb communication skills by making friends easily without language but with a smile, we all felt a step towards peace.



# Oldofredi Park



Italy



Bienno, BS



26 Mar 2010

A series of tree planting ceremonies were held in 8 locations in the Province of Brescia, Italy and this is one of them.

Bienno is a small medieval town, it is a two-hour drive from the city of Brescia passed Lake Iseo. Italy's first UNESCO World Heritage site, Parco nazionale delle incisioni rupestri di Naquane, is situated near the town and the town itself is renowned for its iron goods and fresh water. Town's population has been slowly increasing in recent years due to immigrants.

Oldofredi Park is located in the town center and equipped with plenty of play equipment – a local recreation area where anybody can enjoy. It is the perfect place to plant the kaki tree.

As we were waiting for the tree planting ceremony in the empty park, children started coming one after another. Soon the park was filled with children and was full of life. Even before our visit, they had engaged in various activities to understand the project such as learning and understanding Japanese culture, making a welcome board written in Hiragana and making drawings of peace and war. At the tree planting ceremony, primary school pupils together sang "Tree of Peace." A secondary school student delivered a good speech as the student's classmates looked on.

The most impressive thing was local adults',



including the mayor's, understanding of the project. School supervisor Mr Vittorio encouraged children to become people who create peace together with adults.

Later an olive tree, a symbol of peace, will also be planted in the park and we hope these three trees – the older kaki tree, the seedling of the bombed kaki tree and the olive tree – equally prosper. The children's drawings entrusted to the executive committee members have arrived in Japan safely.

# Nautical Scout Centre



Italy



Pisogne, BS



26 Mar 2010

A series of tree planting ceremonies were held in 8 locations in the Province of Brescia, Italy and this is one of them.

The last tree planting ceremony in the Province of Brescia was held at Centro Nautico Scout near Lake Iseo. This is the place where boy scout activities are conducted and about 2,000 boy scout members per year come here from all over Europe to camp from Spring to Autumn. Being near a lake, children can experience kayaking and yacht sailing, which help them grow.

Drawings of peace and war were on exhibit at the venue and they demonstrated their active engagement for the project even before the tree planting. The tree was planted on the right hand side of the campsite entrance and it is easily seen. A sculpture work on the

theme of "Peace" by a local artist was also installed next to the kaki tree.

Although it was raining that day, time passed peacefully during the tree planting ceremony as we were being embraced by nature's greatness. The ceremony started with the national flag raising, then they sang together and listened to children play the recorders. Among the participants, the mayor of a neighboring city as well as Japanese consul-general in Milan were present. Local community members worked together and their effort to raise awareness for peace was embodied in the ceremony.

We hope that this campsite will be a platform to contemplate peace and our future through the seedling of the bombed kaki tree.

