


Planting Ceremony 2011



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Giosue Carducci Middle School

 Italy

 L'Aquila, AQ

 2 Apr 2011

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Ms. Tiziana Volta, coordinator of the World March in Brescia initiated the tree planting at a new school in Castenedolo and Giosue Carducci Junior High School in L'Aquila.



The tree planting ceremony was held from 11:00am on 2 April 2011 at Giosue Carducci Junior High School and attended by school officials, local organizations and representatives of forest groups and many others.

A big earthquake struck the L'Aquila region of Abruzzo in 2009. After the earthquake, the first grade students started to do a mural painting to pass on stories of the disaster.

At the workshop held at the tree planting ceremony, they drew a kaki tree bearing huge fruit on the big white wall. Messages of peace passed along by the kaki tree will be added on the mural in the coming years.



“Breda” Middle School



Italy



San Giovanni, MI



27 Apr 2011

A SCUOLA ALLA MEDIA CERIMONIA DI PACE PER L'ARRIVO DEL «KAKI TREE»

Sopravvissuto alla bomba atomica il simbolo di Nagasaki approda a Sesto

— SESTO SAN GIOVANNI —

LO HANNO disegnato, cantato e lo hanno pure fatto protagonista di una poesia. Infine, lo hanno piantato nel giardino della scuola. Se ne prenderanno cura fino a giugno, poi a settembre il testimone passerà ai bimbi che oggi sono in quinta elementare e che domani saranno in prima media. Ieri mattina, gli studenti della scuola Breda hanno messo a dimora il loro Kaki Tree. «L'albero discende da quello sopravvissuto alla bomba atomica di Nagasaki — spiega la professoressa Rosi Braga — ed è stato riportato alla vita grazie alle cure del dottor Masayuki Ebinuma, agronomo e medico delle piante». Vent'anni fa l'associazione fondata dall'esperto decise di riprodurre alcuni esemplari e di distribuirli alle scuole di tutto il mondo. Prima di approdare a Sesto, il Kaki Tree ha fatto un lungo viaggio: «È stato sottoposto a controlli sanitari in Giappone e in Ita-

lia ed è stato in dogana due settimane — racconta la docente —. A gennaio è arrivato da noi e oggi (ieri, ndr) lo abbiamo finalmente messo in giardino». Grande lavoro da parte di tutti, a rimboccarsi le maniche sono stati gli studenti.

«**ABBIAMO** scavato, setacciato il terreno sassoso e abbiamo aggiunto del terriccio buono da giardino. Ma sotto il sole si fa troppa fatica», confessano i ragazzi. Ieri mattina a coprire la fossa con le palate di terra c'erano anche l'esperta del verde Geraldina Strino e l'assessore all'Ambiente Lella Brambilla. Orto didattico da una parte, educazione alla pace dall'altra, gli alunni di Breda, Galli e Anna Frank hanno appeso delle foglie di kaki disegnate, su cui erano stati applicati messaggi di speranza di Gino Strada, Einstein, Gandhi, De André, Rodari e John Lennon. «Ora è solo uno sticco con le radici, ma domani sarà un albero con una folta chioma

— commenta il preside Domenico Brisci —. La scuola è come un condominio, dove elementari e medie vivono in comunità. Affidiamo ai bambini della Galli la cura dell'albero». Con un diploma che li dichiara «Amici del Kaki» e che attesta il passaggio di consegne.

Laura Lana

MESSAGGI I bambini hanno appeso ai rami parole di pace (Spf)



Bettolle Park



Italy



Buffalola, BS



8 May 2011

Don Milani Cooperative Association was established in Coccaglio around 1973-1974 for housing development and in recent years actively undertakes construction of parks in residential area and plants seeds in green space besides its main housing development projects.

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Nostell Priory and Parkland



UK



West Yorkshire



11 May 2011



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Maximilian Kolbe Church

 Italy

 Caionvico, BS

 17 May 2011



Mr. Molinari Bortolo of Ecological Fire Group Sella applied for the planting that took place in the garden of the Maximilian Kolbe Church. Since 2011 marks the 70th anniversary of Father Kolbe's death and also the 35th anniversary of the Fire Group Sella's foundation, they wished to plant the kaki tree "of peace." The church's name derives from Father Kolbe, a Franciscan friar who once lived in Nagasaki for some years. At the age of 47, he died in place of a sergeant in the concentration camp of Auschwitz. He was later canonized. Brescia Ecological Fire Group Sella, to which Mr. Molinari Bortolo belongs, watches, protects and restores the hill area, conducts activities to conserve nature and has been promoting the peace procession called "Green of Valley" for 6 years.

The tree planting ceremony on 17 May was organized by the Fire Group. Many children from nearby kindergarten and primary school attended the ceremony. Kindergarten children paraded

and entered the church garden holding a long pole to which a sheet of white paper with a kaki tree drawing attached just like a flag. Children who had already gathered showed their works and messages to Japanese people affected by the earthquake disaster in March.

The ceremony was full of performances of children. After lower graders played the national anthems of Japan and Italy by pianica, they also beautifully played "La Primavera" by Vivaldi and "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven. All the upper graders recited a poem. There were also a cello performance and a singing. At the end of the singing, they threw a lot of white origami cranes high in the air.

After Mr. Ebinuma made a speech, the tree was planted. The planting site was in front of the statue of Maria, which stands on the left side from the entrance. Several children on behalf of others carefully put soil over the tree. They put something that looked like a big white dove next to the kaki tree and a nice stone plate with the inscription "Kaki Tree of Peace from Nagasaki" was also placed. All the participants joined in their group photos at the end.



Comprehensive Institute of Bagnolo Mella

 Italy

 Bagnolo Mella, BS

 18 May 2011

Prior to the tree planting ceremony on 18 May 2011, children paraded in the morning carrying a big flag. Before the parade, they were informed about the Kaki Tree Project by Mr. Foletti Francesco of Consorzio Tavolo Della Pace Franciacorta-Monte Orfano and heard Mr. Ebinuma's speech. The parade started from the big lawn in the park, took the long path in the park, passed through the town and arrived at the school. At the entrance of school building, a large kaki tree drawing was displayed and many small origami cranes, which were made by all the participants at the workshop on the day before, 17 May, were put in a basket. Everybody had lunch at the school and then the parade resumed. From here, the parade was led by police and approached the town center. A child mayor and Mr. Ebinuma joined the parade and walked in the front of the big flag that was written PACE. Children who were around the big flag and other children in the back held small PACE flags. They cheerfully arrived at the school, the planting site, despite the temperature exceeding 30 degrees Celsius.

At the school, there was a violin and clarinet performance and many people including the mayor were waiting there. They gave a big welcome when the children arrived. A representative's speech was followed by



another musical performance, principal's speech, performance of the national anthem of Japan, mayor's speech, Mr. Francesco's speech and Mr. Ebinuma's speech. Then children recited poems, performed a dance, a song, another dance, recited Japanese a poem and the child mayor gave a speech. Children tried very hard and their performance were very nice.

Six pupil representatives put soil over the kaki seedling's roots. People involved in the local bread festival also took part in the event and they presented bread they baked to the mayor and Mr. Ebinuma. All the participants sang together the national anthem of Italy and took a group photo around the tree, and the great ceremony was concluded. Even after the ceremony, children asked to take photos and shake hands with Mr. Ebinuma.

State Comprehensive Institute "Leonardo da Vinci"

 Italy

 Castenedolo, BS

 19 May 2011

An international humanitarian association, "World Without Wars," initiated a project called "The World March for Peace and Nonviolence" in the autumn of 2008. Millions of people participated in the World March, which began on 2 October 2009 in New Zealand and ended on 2 January 2010 in Argentina.

Ms. Tiziana Volta, coordinator of the World March in Brescia initiated the tree planting at Istituto Comprensivo Statale "Leonardo da Vinci" in Castenedolo and Giosue Carducci Junior High School in L'Aquila in 2011.

Castenedolo is a comune (township) that is known for Valsella, the company manufactured anti-personnel mines until the mid 1990's. To bring in the kaki tree, Ms.

Volta had worked together with the board of education and cultural assessment and principals in this school district. Already for one year, children have been learning deeply about the seedling of the bombed kaki tree and its historical significance with enthusiasm and proceeded with preparations.

As Mr. Ebinuma walked through the town guided by Ms. Volta and arrived at the planting site, Istituto Comprensivo Statale "Leonardo da Vinci," many people including the mayor, Mr. Francesco had already gathered. On the glass door of the school building, a large picture of kaki tree was pasted and white origami cranes were

scattered on the lawn. A work of kaki tree which was about the height of a man was also displayed in the middle of the schoolyard.



The tree planting ceremony started with a musical performance of flute, clarinet, xylophone, etc. The presenter introduced Mr. Ebinuma and the explanation of the project was given, then speeches by the applicant, Ms. Tiziana Volta, Mr. Francesco, Mr.

Ebinuma and the mayor followed. After that, 8 items such as poetry reading and singing by children from each school were performed.

Children put soil over the kaki tree which already had leaves. There was another musical performance after the planting and the Kaki Furoshiki was presented. Happy faces of children made an impressive tree planting ceremony.

Comezzano Cizzago Primary School

 Italy

 Comezzano Cizzago, BS

 21 May 2011



Mr. Clelia Nodari, teacher of Comezzano Cizzago Primary School, applied for the project because he wanted people to remember the atomic bombing and to send a message how strong life is by planting the tree.

For the tree planting ceremony, a special stage was built in the schoolyard and children gathered around the tennis court. A national flag of Japan was raised in the center of the stage and everyone applauded when Mr. Ebinuma was introduced. After the mayor made a speech, Mr. Ebinuma and another mayor made their speeches, and then children's performances began. Upper graders sang and danced. Some also performed folk dance of the former Yugoslavia and Karate. Each upper grader took part in a performance by going around the site holding a white

T-shirt with one's own message and hanging it on a pole.

At the tree planting ceremony, a few children on behalf of the school put soil over the tree, which was still in a pot. Beside them, other children moved long cloths of green, white and red, the colors of the national flag of Italy, up and down to welcome the kaki tree.

After that the mayor presented the flag of the town to Mr. Ebinuma and Mr. Ebinuma in return presented Kaki Furoshiki (a wrapping cloth).

After the planting some more events were held such as the opening ceremony of Punto Acqua, a water fountain in the park near the school and an award ceremony of a sculpture exhibition in the town center.