Agora Portals students adopt an elephant

EVERY day dozens of elephants, these majestic and affectionate giants, are murdered by poachers for their tusks. Among them are mothers of newborn babies or toddlers, who are then left to die as they are of no value to the killers. Sadly, the Agora Portals cannot bring the mothers back to life but we can help the little ones.

Since 2011, a long-term project has been included in Year 5 (Primary) Science lessons. We support the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust by sponsoring an orphaned baby elephant every year in each Year 5 class. That makes three elephants a year. In fact it is a round dozen of elephants that Agora Portals International School students have sponsored in the last four years.

Children in each class vote to choose their elephant (sometimes after a heated debate) and collect the money necessary to sponsor it for one year (40 euros).

They receive an adoption certificate, a thank you letter and a laminated photo of their elephant to use as a bookmark.

During the school year we regularly receive, via email, monthly updates which each class uses to keep an Elephant Diary. This is a collective creation, designed and written entirely by the children, and it contains general information about elephants, our chosen elephant’s profile, the story of its rescue and its progress month by month.

Last year Agora Portals International School also organised a March for Elephants to join the international initiative to protest against the illegal ivory trade which decimates the elephant population in Africa.

Our students lovingly designed their banners and posters and we had a march in the school grounds to support the marches in fifteen world capitals and major cities.

The aim of this heart-warming project is to make our students aware of our responsibility for the planet which we share with so many amazing living things. The children’s enthusiastic response is well worth all the extra work that the project entails.

Our dream now is to be able to go to Kenya one day and meet our elephant babies. Who knows...?