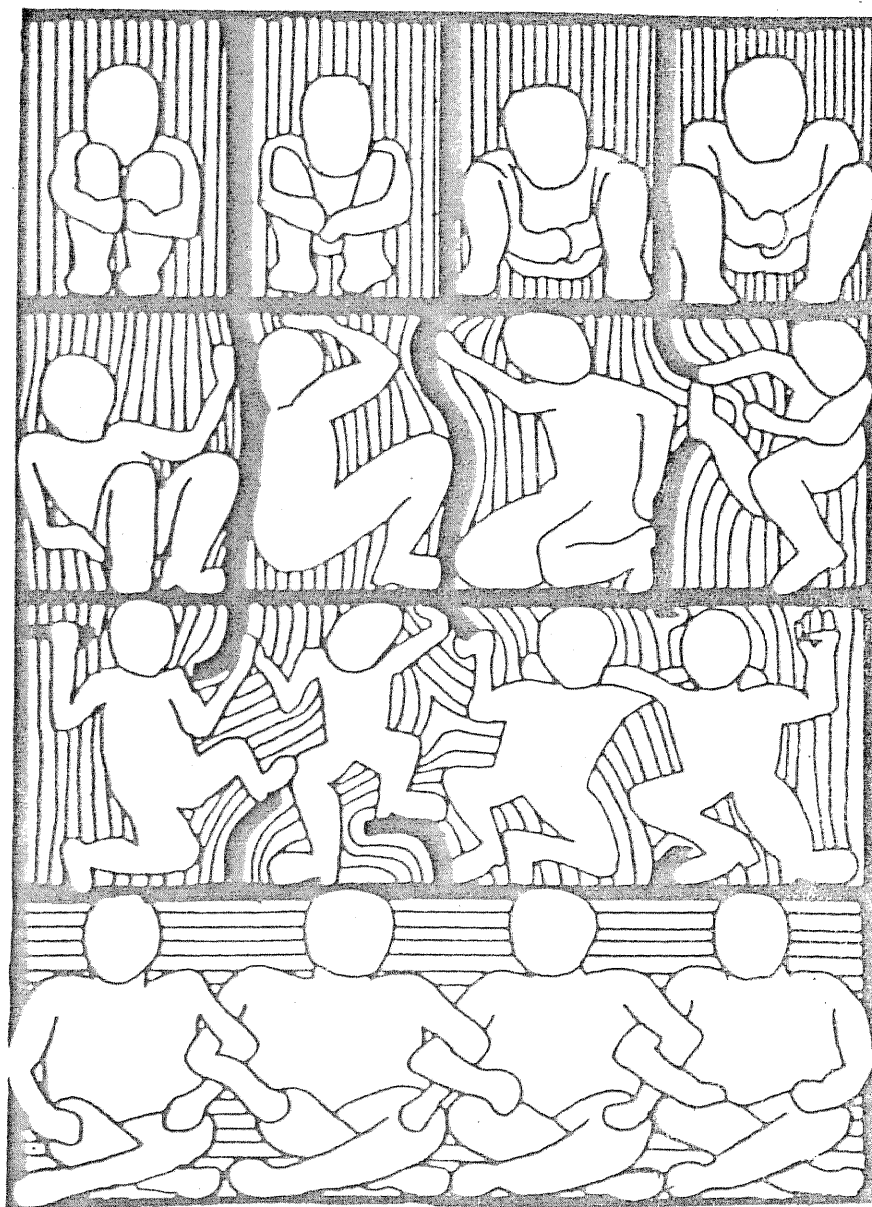


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We also appeared in posters to the "big students" not to tread on them.

My students began to see more. They began to notice and pick up coke-cans and other garbage even though it wasn't they who had dropped it - this time.

In March, as the first crocus came into bloom and the daffodils were showing buds, we added the final footage to a 20-minute video about our activity.



The idea behind the project is flourishing too. We have secured the use of a small plot of land where another class have prepared a raised bed. We have got the okay for planting creepers to cover the school walls - ivy on the north and east sides and wild vine, a blaze of red and gold in the autumn, on the sunnier sides.

A little gardening is a far cry from answering deep ecological concerns, but our positive and decorative efforts have succeeded in establishing environmental education as part of our unwritten curriculum; and have attracted the interest of parents and passers-by.

It afforded us the frame-work into which to fit questions and some serious thinking about the future of the earth - our future - which occupied us in the winter months. It has shown the students that they can do a little to help and that this is taken seriously. How different from the no-future slogan or the capitulation before the size of the task which permeates the older grades.

I'm glad I was crazy enough to write to our Head that summer's day.

Carol Weitz.
Hamburg.

A book tip
Basho On Love and Barley: Haiko of Basho,
translated by Lucien Stryk. Penguin Classics
ISBN 0-14-044459-9

GREENNET

"Hello, Eco Info, can I help you?"
"Oh hello, I wonder if I could speak to Arthur Mowe please?"
"He's on the other line, can you hold?"
"Yes"
(5 minutes later)
"Halo"
"Halo, I'm waiting to speak to Arthur Mowe"
"Oh yes, sorry to keep you, I'll try his number again"
(30 seconds later)
"Halo, I'm sorry but he seems to be out of the office at the moment, that was his assistant on the line, can I get him to call you back?"
"Yes, alright, he has my number, tell him May Beelayt of Green Teacher rang"
"Certainly, thank you, bye"
"Bye"
(Next day)
"Halo, Eco Info, can I help?"
"Halo, yes, I rang yesterday to speak to Arthur Mowe, he was going to ring me back"
"Who shall I say is calling?"
"May Beelayt, of Green Teacher"
"Hold one minute please"

(4 minutes later)
"Halo May, Arthur here, what can I do for you?"
"Halo Arthur, at last! I need some figures on tree loss in the UK since 1984, species by species, do you have that?"
"Yes I think so, let me get the file"
(3 minutes later)
"Halo May, yes here is is, there's an awful lot of it, would it be better if I send you photocopies of the relevant pages?"
"Oh yes, would you? That would be really helpful!"
"No problem at all, I'll put them in the post today. I'm up your way soon, we must get together for lunch"
"That would be nice Arthur, give me a ring the day before you come"
"OK I'll do that, bye for now then"
"Bye for now"
(2 days later, GPO permitting, parcel arrives)

Total time elapsed: 3 days
Total time on line: 18 minutes
Plus parcel post charges, wasted time, irritation.

Command: INPUT

Attn. Arthur Mowe. Eco Info.

Text:

HALLO ARTHUR -
I NEED ALL DATA ON TREE LOSS
IN UK SINCE 1984 INCL. TOTALS BY
SPECIES ON YEARLY BASIS. WE MUST
GET TOGETHER FOR DINNER SOMETIME.

REGARDS MAY BEELAYT. Green Teacher.

SEND

Command: Input

Attn. May Beelayt. Green Teacher.

Text:

HALLO MAY. NICE TO HEAR FROM YOU
HERE'S THE STUFF YOU WANTED ON
TREE LOSS SINCE 84 HOW IT'S
ADEQUATE. I'M IN YOUR NECK OF
THE WOODS NEXT WEDNESDAY AND FREE
FROM 1PM. CONFIRM.

REGARDS ARTHUR

Data on UK tree loss follows:-

SEND

Time elapsed: dependent on how often Arthur scans GreenNet, could be minutes. Time spent on line a few seconds.

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