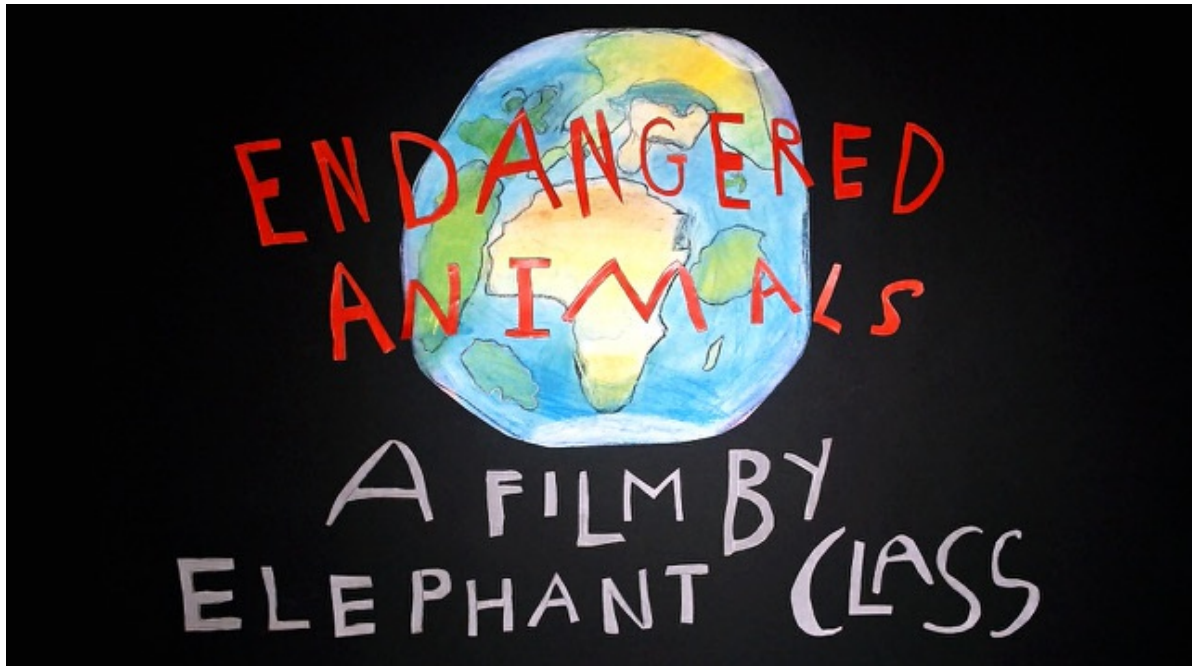


ENDANGERED ANIMALS 2022



The Arts Society Blackheath's Young Arts has been working with Year 3 children at Baring Road Primary School to make a short animated film on endangered species from around the world. We chose six species to be the subjects in our film. They were the Asian pangolin, the Red handfish, The North Atlantic puffin, the Gila monster, the lemur tree frog, and the okapi. Work was progressing well but sadly, with only a week or so before completion, we were locked down.

Classes at Baring Road School are named after well-known endangered species from around the world. Elephant class was divided into six groups. Each group was allocated one species and set about making a plan known as a "story board". Animation requires a great amount of art work. Just to make 30 seconds of film required 200 pictures.

From late November 2019 until the end of January 2020, the children, with supervision, worked together on weekly drawing sessions until each section was

completed and ready to film. With the help of a professional animator, over the following six weeks, the children filmed each section, one by one, a process requiring much patience.

The next and final step was to record the children talking about each species and to make up the all-important sound track. The film is now completed. It will be premiered at the January 2023 meeting when Rose Dailey, the former Young Arts Committee member who oversaw the project, will talk us through the process.

It has been a rich and rewarding project for the pupils. Making this film has introduced them to different skills and disciplines which they can develop and expand.

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