World-famous climate activist!

Greta Thunberg was born in Stockholm, Sweden, on January 3, 2003. At eight years old, she began learning about climate change, and quickly became frustrated with how little was being done to stop it. Her anger grew and grew, until in August 2018, she decided to act.

Instead of going to school, 15-year-old Greta made a large sign that read ‘SCHOOL STRIKE FOR CLIMATE’ and sat alone with it outside the Swedish Parliament. She stayed there for almost three weeks, demanding urgent climate action from the politicians that passed her.

The protest attracted international attention, and by the time Greta returned to school, she had inspired hundreds of thousands of other students from around the world. Together, they began ‘Fridays for Future’ strikes – skipping school on Fridays to protest for action on climate change.

In the following years, Greta gave speeches to politicians at globally important climate events, appeared in documentaries, articles, and books. She was even nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2019, 2020 and 2021!

Did you know?

- Before she began campaigning publicly, Greta convinced her family to become vegan and give up flying to help the planet!
- Greta is known for speaking frankly and honestly. She’s not afraid to stand up to grown-ups – including world leaders!
- In 2019, Greta became the youngest person ever to win Time magazine’s ‘Person of the Year’ award.

Greta has Asperger’s Syndrome, so her brain sometimes works in a different way to others. She describes autism as her ‘superpower’, as it helps her stay focused on her passion.

FUN FACT!
In March 2019, Greta inspired the first Global Strike for Climate. Over 1.6 million people from 125 countries took part!