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GREEN ASSEMBLY - GREEN TEAM FOR AY 2025 TO 2026

9TH OCTOBER 2025, THURSDAY

On 9th October 2025, The Westminster School, Dubai hosted its annual Green Assembly, an important event dedicated to promoting environmental responsibility and celebrating the school's progress in sustainability. The assembly brought together students, teachers, and members of the Green Team to reflect on the school's eco-initiatives and introduce future action plans aimed at strengthening a culture of environmental stewardship.

The programme was organised and led by the school's Green Leaders and eco-ambassadors — Maira Anjum, Mishal Anjum, Dana Khalid, Anaya Afzal, Sarvagya Gurnani, and Jeff Jim. Together, they guided the audience through a detailed overview of the school's sustainability achievements and goals for the year. The event opened with a celebration of two major accomplishments: the Green Flag Award and the MOE Sustainability Seal, presented under the guidance of Dr. Vijayakumari Sathyan. These awards reflect the school's consistent efforts in implementing sustainable practices and involving students in meaningful eco-actions.

One of the main highlights was the presentation of the Action Plan for AY 2025–2026, delivered by Green Leader Mishal Anjum. The plan outlined the school's strategic direction for the upcoming year, focusing on continuous improvement, student-led initiatives, and practical solutions aligned with Eco-Schools guidelines.

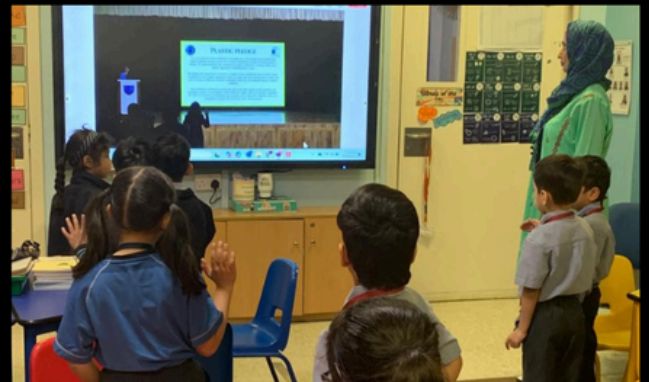
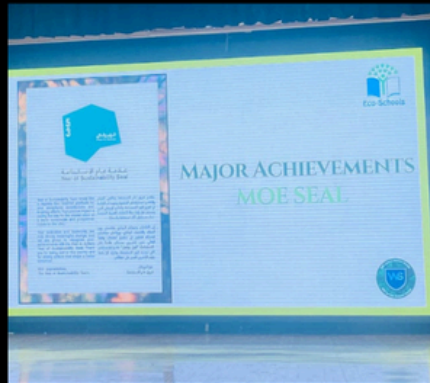
Students also showcased the school's on-going sustainability initiatives, each playing a vital role in reducing the school's environmental footprint. The Simply Bottles Initiative encouraged recycling and responsible plastic use. The Switch-Off Campaign promoted energy conservation through mindful electricity use and reinforced the daily AC switch-off schedule. Water Conservation efforts highlighted the importance of reducing water wastage, while the Paper Recycling Drive encouraged reusing and collecting paper in designated boxes across the school.

The assembly further introduced the updated Green Leadership Structure for AY 2024–2025, presenting the organised student-led eco-committee responsible for planning and monitoring green activities. This structure ensures strong collaboration, leadership, and accountability within the sustainability team.

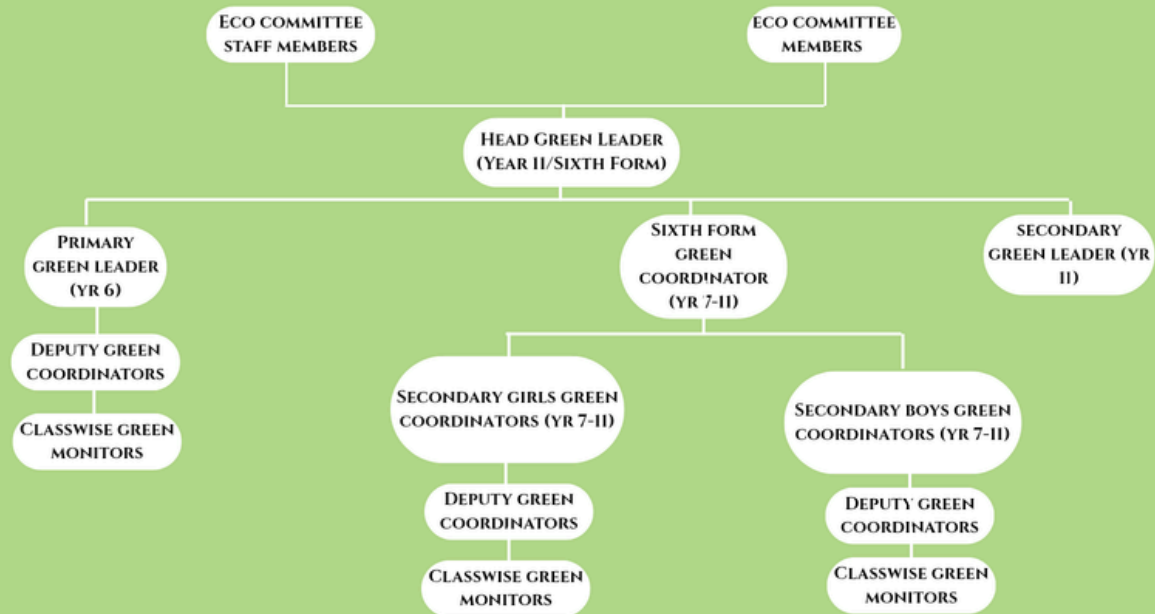
The programme concluded with the Plastic Pledge, led by Secondary Girls Green Leader Maira Anjum, reaffirming the school's commitment to reducing single-use plastics and promoting long-term waste management practices. The pledge served as a reminder of the shared responsibility students hold in creating a cleaner and greener environment.

Overall, the Green Assembly successfully inspired students to participate actively in sustainability initiatives and highlighted The Westminster School's dedication to shaping environmentally conscious future leaders.

GLIMPSES FROM THE GREEN ASSEMBLY



GREEN TEAM HIERARCHY



Our school's Green Team operates through a structured hierarchy designed to manage eco-initiatives across a community of more than 5,000 students. At the top, the Climate Change Lead and Eco Committee Staff Members guide the overall vision, supported by the Head Green Leader from Year 11/Sixth Form. Under their leadership, roles extend across Primary, Secondary, and Sixth Form, with dedicated Green Leaders and Coordinators ensuring that every section of the school is actively engaged.

Each division—Primary, Secondary Girls, Secondary Boys, and Sixth Form—has its own Green Coordinators and Deputy Coordinators who organise, supervise, and streamline environmental activities in their respective year groups. The foundation of the entire structure is formed by the Classwise Green Monitors. They are the smallest yet most crucial unit of the team, responsible for daily practices such as monitoring classroom sustainability habits, encouraging peers, and reporting progress.

This multi-layered hierarchy ensures that environmental actions are not only implemented but also consistently monitored across the whole campus. Because our school is so large, the system allows eco-initiatives to be widely spread, accurately observed, and effectively maintained, creating a coordinated and impactful approach to sustainability.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS OF FOOD LOSS AND WASTE EVENT

30TH SEPTEMBER 2025 , TUESDAY

On the 30th of September 2025, The Westminster School, Dubai, participated in the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste Event held at the Al Khoory Sky Garden Hotel in Dubai. The event brought together representatives from government bodies, international organizations, the hospitality sector, and educational institutions to share ideas and solutions for reducing food loss and promoting sustainability.

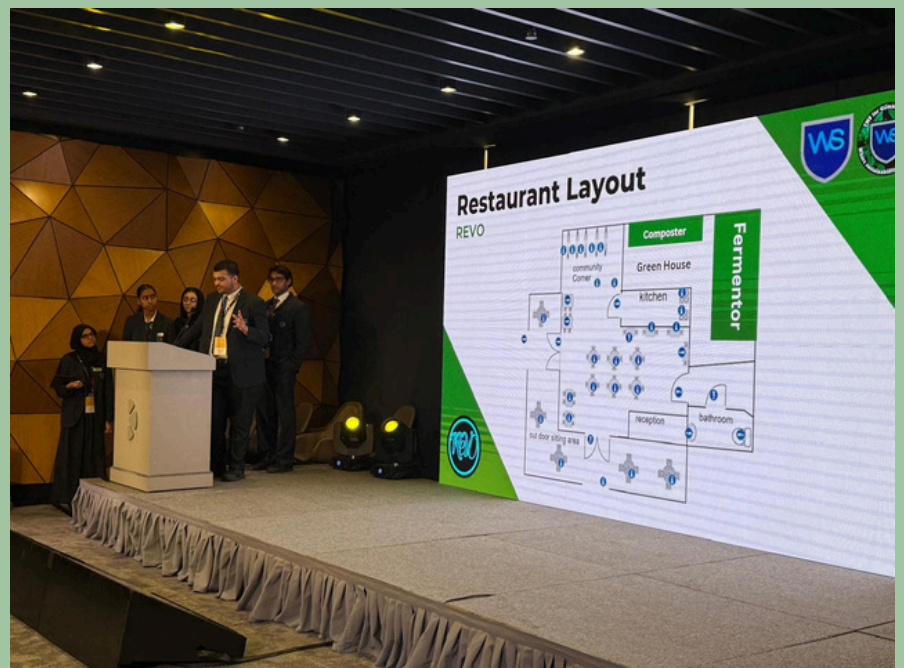
The programme began with an opening address by Dr. Sultan Ali Al Taher from Dubai Municipality, followed by a keynote speech from a representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The sessions highlighted innovative approaches and best practices in minimizing food waste across different sectors.

The Westminster School took the spotlight during the Schools Initiatives segment, showcasing two remarkable student-led projects — REVO and MAEN. Guided by their teacher facilitator, Ms. Ashwini Deshpande, students Ruhma Naveed, Thenuki Wasala, Aaban Rahman, Syed Muzzammil, and Mishal Anjum presented their innovative ideas aimed at transforming food sustainability in practical ways. REVO is a multiple award-winning concept that envisions a restaurant model built on food safety, sustainability, and zero-waste principles. MAEN, on the other hand, integrates artificial intelligence into food businesses to ensure that no edible food or products are wasted, showcasing the role of technology in sustainable food systems. The students captivated the audience with their confident presentations and creative problem-solving approaches. Their ability to connect real-world challenges with practical, technology-driven solutions impressed attendees and sparked meaningful discussions on the future of sustainable food systems.

Representing the education sector in the final panel discussion, The Westminster School's Green Leader, Mishal Anjum, shared insights on the school's sustainability initiatives. The discussion highlighted how The Westminster School plays a vital role in promoting sustainable practices among young people and inspiring the next generation to take active responsibility for building a safer, greener future.



GLIMPSES FROM THE EVENT



YOUTH GREEN TITAN COMPETITION

30TH OCTOBER 2025, THURSDAY

On 30 October 2025, students from The Westminster School - Dubai participated in the Youth Green Titans event hosted by the University of Stirling in Ras Al Khaimah. The competition brought together senior students from schools across the country to present solutions that address environmental challenges and support the national goals of sustainability and community development. It was a full day of creativity, teamwork, and meaningful learning. The Westminster School - Dubai was represented by three teams, each made up of dedicated students who had worked for weeks to prepare their projects. These entries reflected the three categories of the competition, which included working models, scaled models, and digital applications. All teams were required to explain the purpose of their idea, show its practical use, and demonstrate how it supports a greener future for the community. Students presented their work to a panel of university lecturers, environmental specialists, and industry professionals. They also prepared visual displays and short oral presentations to help the judges understand the relevance of their projects. Throughout the event, the Westminster teams received positive comments from judges and visitors. Many people who stopped at their booths admired the clarity of their ideas and the effort the students had put into making their projects both useful and easy to understand. The competition also offered an important learning opportunity, as students were able to explore how their classroom knowledge can be applied to real problems. They interacted with other schools, exchanged ideas, and gained confidence in presenting their work to an audience. The Youth Green Titans event was not only a competition but also a valuable growth experience for every participant. It encouraged responsible thinking and showed students how their ideas can create a lasting impact on the environment. The three teams from The Westminster School - Dubai returned with a sense of pride, new knowledge, and a deeper understanding of their role in supporting a sustainable future.



GLIMPSES FROM THE EVENT



SIMPLY BOTTLES INITIATIVE

At the beginning of the new academic year, The Westminster School, Dubai strengthened its commitment to sustainability through the launch of the Simply Bottles Initiative, a recycling campaign encouraging students to collect clean plastic bottles from home and bring them to school. Led by the Green Team, eco-ambassadors, and Green Coordinators, the initiative aims to reduce plastic waste while building lifelong habits of environmental responsibility.

From the start, the campaign received an enthusiastic response. Green Coordinators made regular classroom announcements, motivating students daily and ensuring recycling remained a consistent part of school life. This active communication kept engagement high and helped embed sustainable habits across all year groups.

A major highlight of the initiative has been the strong involvement of parents. Families supported their children by helping them collect bottles at home, turning recycling into a shared household effort. This collaboration significantly increased the amount of plastic collected while extending the school's sustainability message into the wider community.

Throughout the term, students contributed impressive quantities of plastic bottles, often engaging in friendly competition between classes to increase their impact. These efforts not only helped reduce waste but also strengthened teamwork, awareness, and student leadership within the school's eco-programme.

Overall, the Simply Bottles Initiative has become one of the year's most successful environmental actions. It has inspired students to take meaningful steps toward protecting the planet and highlighted the power of collective action. As the campaign continues, The Westminster School remains dedicated to nurturing environmentally conscious students and promoting a greener, more sustainable future.



GREEN PODCAST SEASON 3

Our school's Green Sustainability Podcast is thrilled to announce the launch of our third season! With the success of Seasons 1 and 2 behind us, we are excited to take our podcast to the next level. Preparations for Season 3 are already underway, and we're delighted to share that our very first guest for the new season is confirmed. Shootings will begin soon, and this season promises to bring even more insightful discussions on eco-friendly practices, climate action, and the positive changes we can make together. Stay tuned as we continue to inspire and empower students, teachers, and the entire community to take meaningful steps toward a more sustainable future. Season 3 is coming soon—get ready for another impactful journey!

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GREEN PODCAST SEASON 3




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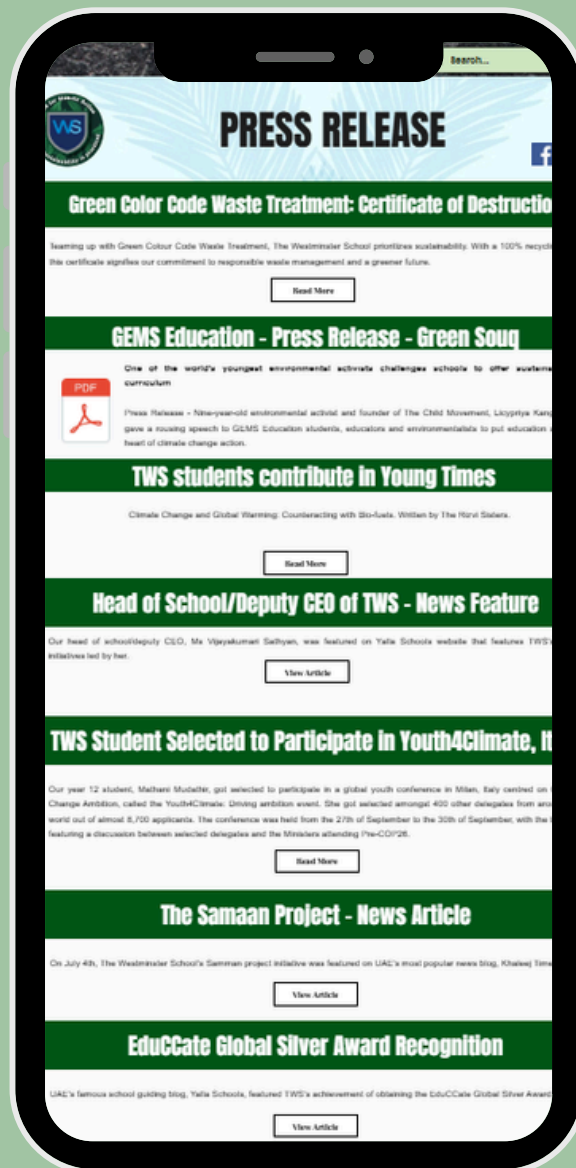
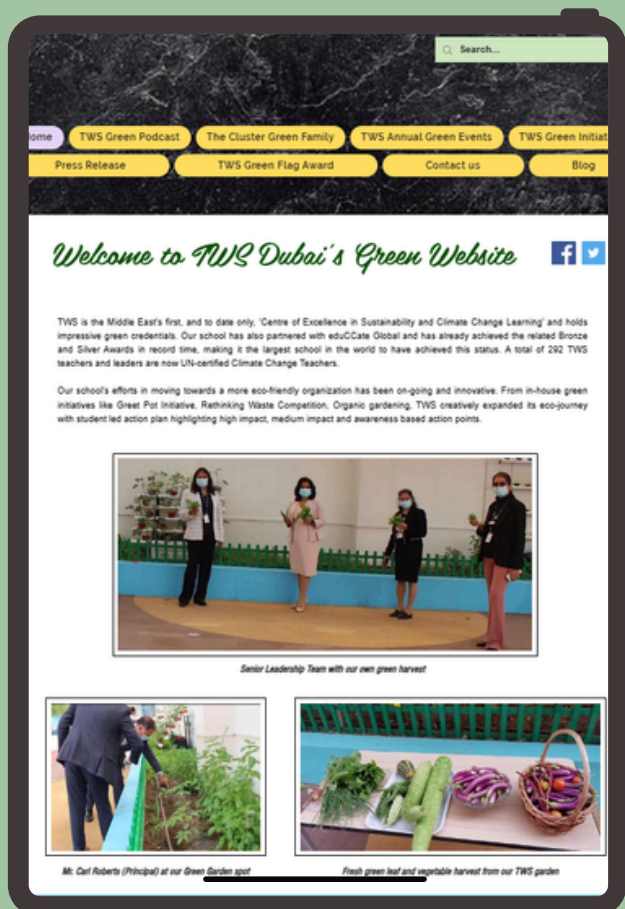
"Over the past year, I've been privileged to witness The Westminister School Dubai's students show incredible passion and dedication to sustainability, through initiatives like the Green Podcast and the seedball-making event.

My heartfelt thanks to Dr. Vijayakumari Sathyan, Head of School and Deputy CEO, for her guidance, and to Ms. Marshanil Sinha Roy, our Climate Change Lead, for making these initiatives possible.

I'm proud of the team's hard work and consistency and look forward to continuing our efforts, with the hope of achieving the Green Flag Award again." - Mishal.

**MISHAL ANJUM - GREEN LEADER
SEC. BOYS AND SIXTH FORM.**

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