



GREEN GRATITUDE - PRIMARY

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LEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

"I am thrilled and feel blessed to be involved with the EduCCate Global Sustainability climate change. I am nature lover, believe in Go green. The importance of climate change cannot be underestimated and it's imperative that our children understand these issues and have the knowledge to make positive decisions that can bring about adaptations. I have been working closely with our Head of the school to bring climate change awareness and ensuring students are equipped to face future challenges for a long time. My work with the CC and with my colleagues will now allow me to take this to a greater height and ensure the best learning opportunities for my students."



Jyothis Paraddi
EduCCate Lead Teacher

FROM THE LEAD TEACHER'S DESK

Its a pleasure to present the very first newsletter on the great initiative on Climate change. At The Westminster School, the journey of this initiative started in 2019 under the leadership of our Head of School Ms.Vijayakumari Sathyan. Our school is a proud achiever to receive the first 'EduCCate Global' silver award in the middle-east and we are striving towards the Gold Medal' by promoting a sustainable environment. Considerable ingenuity in curriculum mapping, display board, stand-alone lessons, various activities, is created to implement Climate Change initiative in our school.



Nayeem Unnisa
EduCCate Lead Teacher

UNCC WORLD NEWS - SEP

September 28, 2020

Warming Temperatures Are Driving Arctic Greening

As Arctic summers warm, northern landscapes change. A new study finds as the region has experienced warmer air and soil temperatures, the tundra has become greener. This affects local people and wildlife and may thaw permafrost, releasing greenhouse gases.

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

THE VISION

To empower all (young) people by giving them the tools to be able to take positive action towards creating their own sustainable, Earth friendly future.

THE MISSION

To enable (young) people to lower their carbon footprint (CF) by completing a series of easy to follow challenges. These challenges provide them with a framework that they can adapt in order to make comfortable transitions from any lifestyle choices that are potentially harmful to the planet. Every single thing we change makes a difference.

PLEDGE FOR THE PLANET

I pledge my dedication to the Planet, to do my utmost, to continue carrying out all the things I have learnt and adopted in.



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INTERVIEW WITH THE PRINCIPAL

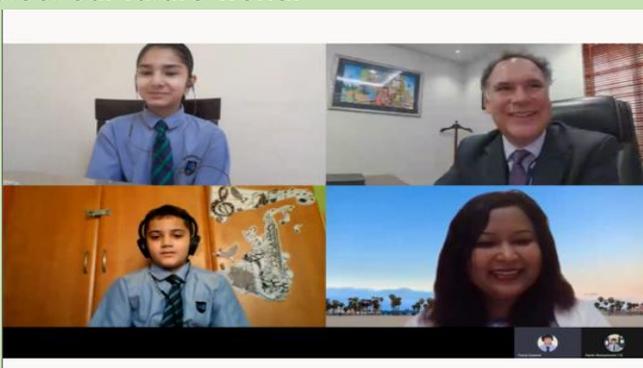
The Primary Green Ambassadors along with the Lead Teacher Ms. Nayeem had the privilege to have a dialogue with our Principal Mr. Carl Roberts to know his outlook about climate change, the measures he takes to reduce the carbon footprint in his personal life as well as at school and his message to the TWS community.

He was overwhelmed that the 'Go Green' teams and student ambassadors are doing an amazing job in implementing the Climate Change initiative under the leadership of our HOS Ms. Vijayakumari Satyan. He expressed his feelings of being delighted that our school is a proud achiever to receive the first 'EduCCate Global silver award in the middle-east and appreciate the efforts of every individual who is striving towards the -Gold Medal'. He also mentioned that our school has also managed to achieve the silver award quicker than any school in the world which makes him honoured.

Later, he shared his personal perspectives about the climate change. He takes climate change very seriously both in his personal and professional life while he feels some people don't believe that it effect the world. He gave few examples about extreme weather in different parts of the world due to climate change and the impacts of global warming. He quoted that, "If we don't do something about climate change and global warming now? Then there is not going to be a future planet for our children to live on and it's going to affect, you students more than me, since I'm going to pass away much sooner than you are. But, you will, you will be affected by global warming, climate change, if we don't do something about it soon, so I take it very seriously".

Furthermore, he spoke about the measures he takes to reduce the carbon footprint. Recycling things as much possible is his everyday practice and suggested the younger generation to follow the same. He also shared that he never go for plastics nor use plastic bags even during shopping. He tries to carry his own bags for shopping or use paper/disposable bags. He quoted that, "When we go out to shops we take our own plastic bags or paper bags with us so that we recycle all our bags and we don't take any new plastic bags from the shops". He also insisted that people should try to walk to close by places rather than take their cars out and turn off electrical appliances when not in use to reduce carbon footprint. He concluded, by giving strategies about how power can be saved by doing minor settings in the AC temperature and urged everyone to use less electricity, less fuel and less plastic.

At the end, Mr. Carl expressed his message to the primary - "So my message to all of the primary school is to do something yourself and do it today, encourage your family to do something as well because if we don't do something today it is going to be too late and if we don't do something about climate change you will not have a planet to live on safely in the future. Climate Change is happening and people are already dying because of global warming and climate change. Let's do something about it today, let's encourage other people to do something about it as well, let's please protect our future world."



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PRIMARY GO GREEN TEAMS



PRIMARY DISPLAY BOARDS

Throughout primary, the display boards replicated the research done by the students about Climate Change and they also reflected various case studies from different countries. Let's take a glimpse -



PRIMARY GREEN AMBASSADORS



HARIB MUHAMMAD



HIMNISH KAUSHIK



FIONA DAVID



ANAYA AFZAL

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TWS TEAM

Congratulations! To the TWS team for been a proud achiever to receive the first 'EduCCate Global silver award in the middle-east. TWS is now striving towards the Gold Award and it is admirable that the SLT and the entire teaching community of TWS have successfully completed all the 5 EduCCate Global courses within the given time frame. To integrate Climate Change into the curriculum the subject leaders have done a commendable job during the summer break. Then, to add-on the Climate Change Lead teachers have led their hands in implementing the stand-alone lessons of EduCCate Global. If all the above efforts satisfy the requirements, it will be a colossal accomplishment towards the 'Gold Award'.



UNCCATE GLOBAL - TWS ACTION PLAN

Harib and Fiona, primary green ambassadors along with secondary green ambassadors and the Lead teachers, participated in the Climate Change-Green Ambassador's virtual meeting on ZOOM with Ms. Melanie on 24th September, where the green ambassadors of TWS shared the action plan for the school.



TWS Action Plan

- To promote sustainable fashion.
- Eradication of plastics.
- Reduce paper usage.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION

Integration of Climate Change topics was a part of all the lessons in the core subjects throughout the month. Apart from this 'Introduction to Climate Change' as a stand-alone topic was also executed in all the classes of primary during the Smart period on 24th September, 2020. The impact of these lessons was very prominent and positive among the student community. Few evidences of the accomplishment of the Climate Change topics conducted.



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