



Newsletter - February 2024

This month at School

Wasteless Wonderland - TWS Green Event



TWS Podcast



Field trip - FS 1 & 2



GEMS Family First





WASTELESS WONDERLAND

TRANSFORMING WASTE INTO DELIGHT

1 WHAT IS IT?

- Celebrate sustainable practices with farm-to-table delights, zero-waste cooking demos, and circular economy showcases.
- Engage in student-led initiatives and explore a green market bazaar.
- Embrace a future of reduced food waste and a circular economy.



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WHAT TO FOCUS ON?

- Reduce food waste
- Promote circular economy

3 TEAM FORMATION

- Each school can register up to only 1 team comprising of 5 students (from Year 9 to 13/ Grade 8 to 12)
Team can choose from any of the below sub-topics:
Urban Farming Initiatives/ Zero Waste Restaurants/
Virtual Farmers' Market

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HOW TO PROCEED ?

- Formulate an innovative idea to reduce food waste and promote circular economy which would also include a sustainable business plan.
- Idea should be original.
- Project to be submitted in the form of a working model / prototype/ video presentation demonstrating the working model (video submission applicable for schools outside the U.A.E)



EVALUATION 5

- International schools will be required to submit the video presentation of the project 7 days prior to the day of main event.
- Teams physically present on the day of main event will get 15 minutes: 10 minutes for presenting the project and 5 minutes for the Q&A session with the judges.
- Rubrics will be shared with all participating teams.

TWS Green Event

Another milestone achieved in the history of TWS green journey with the final culmination of Wasteless Wonderland, 2024, on 22nd February with 8 schools from the various Emirates of the U.A.E and 4 schools from across the globe (the United States of America, Thailand, Kingdom of Bahrain and Pakistan) gearing up with their prototype of the sustainable business solution to reduce food waste and promote food security.

The teams were judged by Dr. Amona Yousif (Senior Food Health Inspection Officer, Dubai Municipality), Ms. Fatima Hersi (Chairperson, Secondary Girls Parent Council), Mr. Carl Roberts (Executive Principal/CEO), Ms. Grace Aluoka (Assistant Principal Secondary Boys), Mrs. Mini Mathew (Assistant Principal Secondary Girls) and Ms. Chanda Pant (Assistant Principal Primary) for 5 award categories - The Best Pitch, Best Sustainable Solution, Best Community Development Project, Best Food Waste Management Strategy, and Wasteless Wonderland Award. They were left completely enthralled by the innovative business ideas from all the teams.

TWS Green Event





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THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

28
YEARS

GREEN
INITIATIVE

TODAY'S VOICE, TOMORROW'S VISION



A guide for the school's future.



TODAY'S VOICE, TOMORROW'S VISION

This podcast serves as a platform for students, teachers, and community members to discuss practical tips, advice, and ideas for living a more sustainable lifestyle. Through engaging conversations, we explore various topics such as reducing plastic use, eco-friendly shopping, sustainable fashion, gardening, climate activism, environmental justice, and the role of youth in shaping a greener future.



OUR MISSION AND VISION

Education and Awareness: The podcast will provide valuable educational content on sustainability and environmental issues. It will raise awareness among students, teachers, and community members about practical tips, advice, and ideas for living a more sustainable lifestyle.

Positive School Image: As TWS will be the first GEMS school to host a podcast focused on environmental change, this demonstrates the school's commitment to sustainability and its dedication to fostering eco-consciousness among its students. This can enhance the school's reputation and attract like minded people to join the community.

TODAY'S VOICE, TOMORROW'S VISION



PODCAST LOGO

TWS Podcast

'Today's Voice, Tomorrow's Vision'

Ms. Alka Sathyan

Ms. Alka Sathyan, TWS Alumni currently pursuing her Masters of Engineering in Energy Systems at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. As a former Research Fellow at Dubai Future Labs, Ms. Sathyan shares her insights into the powerful intersection of innovation and sustainability. In her insightful conversation, she speaks about how forward-thinking ideas can shape a more eco-conscious future.



TWS Podcast

'Today's Voice, Tomorrow's Vision'

Mr. Omar Shihab

Mr. Omar Shihab, the visionary behind BOCA, the Middle East's premier sustainable restaurant.

He discussed insights on balancing sustainability and profitability in the food and beverage sector, along with valuable advice for businesses aspiring to be more environmentally conscious. As a regular speaker on sustainability in hospitality, Mr. Shihab shares key messages and hopes for a positive impact.



TWS Podcast

'Today's Voice, Tomorrow's Vision'

Mr. Omar Ghanem

In this episode of "Today's Voice, Tomorrow's Vision" as we chat with Omar Ghanem TWS Alumni, a business marketing graduate and entrepreneur. Hear about the role of sustainability in U-Light's business model, Omar's venture into the gaming industry with GAM3S.GG, and how he stays innovative in a tech-driven world. Gain valuable advice for aspiring entrepreneurs and insights from Omar's unique journey at the intersection of business and sustainability.



TWS Podcast

'Today's Voice, Tomorrow's Vision'

Dr. Amona Yousif

Explore the nexus of food security, sustainability, and safety in this episode of "Today's Voice, Tomorrow's Vision" with Dr. Amona Yousif. As an Awareness and Applied Nutrition Officer at Dubai Municipality, Dr. Yousif sheds light on campaigns promoting food safety while addressing the role consumers play in building sustainable food systems and reducing waste.



TWS Podcast

'Today's Voice, Tomorrow's Vision'

Dr. Yasmin Neilsen

Dr. Yasmin Nielsen, an Associate Professor and Director of the engineering doctorate in construction at Heriot-Watt University. With over 25 years of experience, Dr. Nielsen discusses how engineers can champion sustainability in construction. Join us for insights on awareness, mindfulness, and the crucial role of engineers in building a sustainable future.



TWS Podcast

'Today's Voice, Tomorrow's Vision'

Mr. Carl Roberts

Mr. Carl Roberts, Executive Principal / CEO of TWS, shares insights on how education shapes innovation and sustainability. With a background in Physics and a Masters from University College London, Mr. Roberts discusses the personal impact of education and its transformative role in building a sustainable future.



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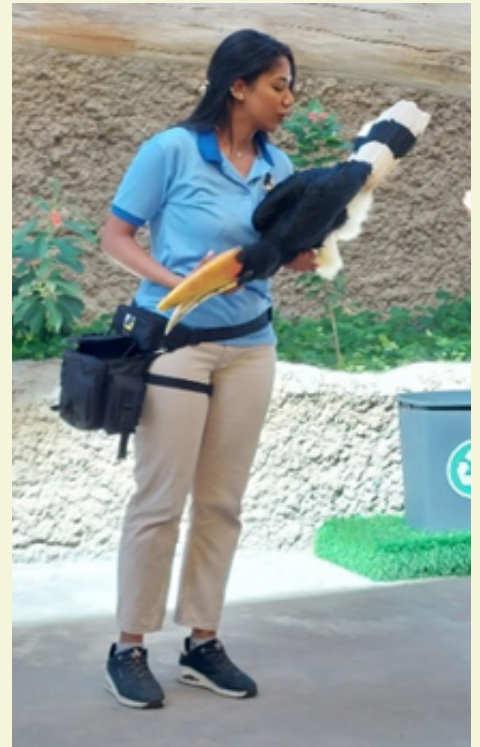
Students of FS 1 and 2 had the opportunity to go on a real safari during their field trip to the "Dubai Safari Park". Going on a safari is the only opportunity for youngsters to track wild creatures and admire their beauty and power. They were able to walk around the beautiful green trees, enjoy the cold temperature, and spot uncommon wildlife. During their safari, they had the opportunity to get up close and personal with exotic animals while sitting safely in a closed safari van. The guides' experience ensured that they learned an endless amount of information about the creatures and their habitat. Students of FS2 could relate their classroom learning of Animals and their habitats to the real life.



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GEMS FAMILY FIRST



On February 8th, GEMS Education hosted the Official Launch of the Family First movement at GWA Dubai. Two of our alumni families, with a two-generation association with the school, were chosen to attend this exclusive event. It marked a significant moment for the introduction of a global initiative focused on promoting positive change through the core family values of love and care.

Drawing from the suggested ideas, TWS actively nurtures and promotes a 'family-first' ethos, honoring and cherishing the family network with a focus on the values of love and care. Furthermore, we've established a committee consisting of representatives from the pastoral team, teachers, students, and parents' council. We are currently in the process of finalizing student and parent representatives.

The activities planned for February were centered around highlighting Family First initiatives, such as The Parent-Child Healthy Food Plate Competition and Primary Pulse - A Musical Concert. Additionally, there was an integration of Family First principles within Home Economics lessons. Information on Family First initiatives was shared through emails, school websites, and newsletters.



**Thank
You!!!**