

GARBAGE FREE INDIA

In an effort to eradicate single use plastic and enable communities to accept/adopt/accelerate the process of waste responsibility, we have partnered with Garbage Free India (They are one of the partners for the Dettol NDTV BANEGA SWACHCH INDIA Campaign. A workshop was conducted in which students were sensitized to this campaign in terms of waste segregation and disposal. A “Waste bank” was given to us with posters in which students could collect papers and dry items on one side and single use plastic, bottles wrappers, toothpaste tubes, etc on the other side--the idea being to collect reusable items and dispose them in the proper manner. A team of students was made to oversee this project and it should be in full implementation by the first week of November as part of their SEVA syllabus. This project is to be implemented by both THE INDIAN SCHOOL and THE FOUNDATION SCHOOL.

AB BANENGEY CHANGEMAKER CAMPAIGN

This Campaign is open to students of Class 9-12 and is called the #Iam4ABC Campaign – wherein we have participated as a TRENDSETTER Schools. Participating in this Campaign requires students to make a short video every month on activities (doable activities) that have created an impact on society and therefore enables us to call ourselves TRENDSETTERS. The first video, we highlighted our efforts on SPOTFIXING. Our second video, we highlighted our DEFENCE COLONY CLEANLINESS DRIVE with our Citizenship Anthem as the background score. We have received much appreciation for these efforts/ videos and we are hopeful that we will be able to gain a lot of recognition through this campaign. An event is planned for either January or March next year. Ekta Chitkara is overseeing this Project and students are participating in this under the SEVA Curriculum.

SALES AT SCHOOL PTM”s IN SUPPORT OF DCCW/Shramdaan

Foldable cloth bags, cushion covers, runners and dupattas were made by the girls enrolled at the Vocational Training Program at DCCW. The Citizenship Program had come forward to sell these products in an effort to promote their work and to support the campaign of our Honorable Prime Minister for the SAY NO TO PLASTIC campaign. We received immense appreciation from DCCW as we managed to raise Rs 26,000 for them through the sales of their items. In addition to these items, plants, compost, diyas and candles made by our school were also up for sale.

Over the last 6 weeks, boxes have been placed in school to collect empty 2 liter Plastic Bottles, glass bottles, glass jars and students/teachers of both the schools have been contributing to the collection for DCCW. These items will be recycled and decorated as candles and planters by the specially-abled children of the Bal Chetna Program.

VERTICAL GARDEN BY TFS

In partnership with WOMEN FOR INDIA, students of TFS collected approximately 50 sturdy 2 Litre plastic bottles to start a vertical garden. These bottles were cut in a special way and a team from WOMEN FOR INDIA, came to school to install the vertical garden at Kota Niwas. Students filled the bottles with compost and plants such as money plants, syngonium, and jade. The wall at Kota Niwas is now adorned by this beautiful landscape.

DIWALI ACTIVITIES AT SADIQ NAGAR MCD SCHOOL BY TIS/TFS

Students of TIS decided to make Diwali a little special for the class 4/5 students of the nearby SDMC Sadiq Nagar school – they took 50 big diyas, colors and brushes for a diya painting activity with them. Students had a great time blending colors and making vibrant designs with their new friends, and at the end of the activity, the diyas were given to the SDMC students to take home.

Students of TFS put up a great show in the form of a Nukkad Natak promoting a clean/green/noiseless Diwali. They put up an impactful show highlighting the ill effects of burning crackers giving rise to pollution and how it affects animals and the elderly. After this, everyone of the students took a pledge not to burn crackers and celebrate Diwali with sweets, and diyas. TFS also gave a set of hand made diyas to students of Class 1-3.

PLOGGING AT AMAR COLONY ON GANDHI JAYANTI

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, The Citizenship Program in partnership with Women for India, jointly organized an activity called PLOGGING (jogging and picking up plastic as we walk). This was organized in the central market area of Amar Colony. Approx 25 students of TIS/TFS each participated in the events along with teachers. Students combed the area and picked up single use plastic to be recycled.

IMPLEMENTATION OF WASTE SEGREGATION PLAN IN SCHOOL PREMISES

According to a notification from DOE, schools have to devise a plan to reduce waste in their premises and a system for the proper disposal of wet/dry/recyclable waste. With this in mind, a team of students was asked to come up with a system for waste segregation in classrooms, floors and the ground. The following codes were implemented:-

DUSTBIN CODE:-

ZERO – pencil shavings and paper – in all classrooms

ONE – paper plates/cups/spoons, foil,

TWO – leftover food, tea bags, vegetable/fruit peel

THREE – hazardous waste, chemical, sanitary napkins, bulbs, tubelights, blades, pens

FOUR – recycle bank , tetra packs, single use plastic, paper, straws, straw

Posters were designed and put up all over the school and ground. Several meetings were held with the Housekeeping staff sensitizing them on the proper method of disposing garbage, and students were familiarized with the posters and codes for dustbins. It may take a few weeks for this to be implemented completely but the process has started. We have also ordered a wet compost pit in the ground for at least a portion of the wet waste to be recycled into compost. We have placed an order with Mr Rao from Women for India for installing a mobile composting pit.

TIS AND TFS WILL JOINTLY BE OVERSEEING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN

PROJECT KANCHA

Ms Vidushi had proposed a plan to help us stage a drama with a social message with approx 20-30 children. The topic would be "OUR SLUM SUPERHERO". Rehearsals and scripting would start in the coming week and senior students would be interning with Ms Vidushi as part of the SEVA curriculum.

** The Citizenship Website will be updated with the latest photos and report by next week - some changes are in process

** A new blog is being introduced on the Citizenship Website - a platform where children, teachers, parents can share their views/tips on all issues related to Citizenship for eg., nutrition & food, current affairs, parenting, hobbies for children, caring for yourself and any interesting events happening in the city etc.,

We would welcome any input from all of you regarding this or if you could share any article/poem/short story that has left an impact on you.

The idea behind this is to increase the number and frequency of visitors to our Citizenship Website and increase awareness.

We are also looking for an apt title for this blog.