



Inside SSI

*A Forum for Educators
of Sustainability*

WELCOME TO INSIDE SSI!

Editor's Column

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Have you ever wondered how much plastic you use? Surprisingly, the answer will be “too much”. Plastic is affordable, light, and makes life easier in many ways. In fact, our production, consumption, and improper disposal of single use plastic waste have led to a global challenge concerning plastic pollution. Every year, up to 13 million tonnes of single use plastics ends up finding its way to our oceans where it endangers marine wildlife and threaten human health as well.

In line with the efforts of Environment Agency Abu Dhabi to tackle plastic pollution issue, the Sustainable Schools Initiative in collaboration with United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) has launched the pilot phase of “Tide Turner Plastic Challenge” last March among 20 schools.

This challenge aims to educate young generation of students about plastic pollution threats and impact on marine life, other water bodies and land. Also it inspires them to think

about solutions to reduce their own consumption of single-use plastics, and encourages friends, families, schools and the community to join the challenge and fight against plastic pollution and be part of an entire generation of young leaders advocating change in the world. As a result, we received 1067 submissions. Moreover, on World Habitat Day, 4th of October, SSI Officially launched the challenge for the academic year 2021-2022 for all Abu Dhabi schools, 50 coordinators and students attended.

Now Its time for all of us to play our role and take responsibility to keep our planet clean, healthy, and free of plastic pollution.

Lear more:

<https://www.ead.gov.ae/en/Media-Centre/News/032021-Tide-Turner-plastic-Challenge>

Sponsor's Welcome

Bp is an integrated energy company, providing innovative solutions to improve people's lives. Headquartered in London and established in the Middle East for over a century, it aims to help the world reach net zero. Bp aims to reach Net Zero by 2050, reaching for ambitious aims to reduce emissions, scale up renewables and invest more in low carbon. We will report back here with progress on our #bpNetZero journey!

As a proud partner of SSI for over 10 years, bp supports nurturing the knowledge and means to address global environmental issues through educating younger generations.

And shares the concerns of our community's stakeholders and believes that actions today can solve long term environmental challenges.

Bp's purpose is reimagining energy for people and our planet, and the company encourages action today, that will lead to a healthier and safer tomorrow.



#bpNetZero

Gems Winchester School Joins SSI Network!

SSI network is gradually expanding, this month we welcome Gems Winchester School!

as part of their learning approach Gems Winchester school has traditional and innovative teaching solutions, highly aligned with SSI's goals. With the newly digitized environmental learning approaches established by SSI team. We are looking forward to instilling environmental learning amongst our current and newly joined school.

We look forward to your participation!



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GEMS Winchester School
ABU DHABI



Green Achiever

Choose sustainability for a peaceful community!

This month we share snippets of St. Joseph's School Eco club members "eco-warriors" who celebrated the International day of peace last month with the theme "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world.

"Students put together graceful message of peace with their peers and society by planting

seedlings along with a message of peace saying, "Thank you for your kind-hearted cooperation and support extended to us".

Creative approach St. Joseph's School for conducting sustainable actions and integrating it with peace!

Share with us your achievements during the new school year

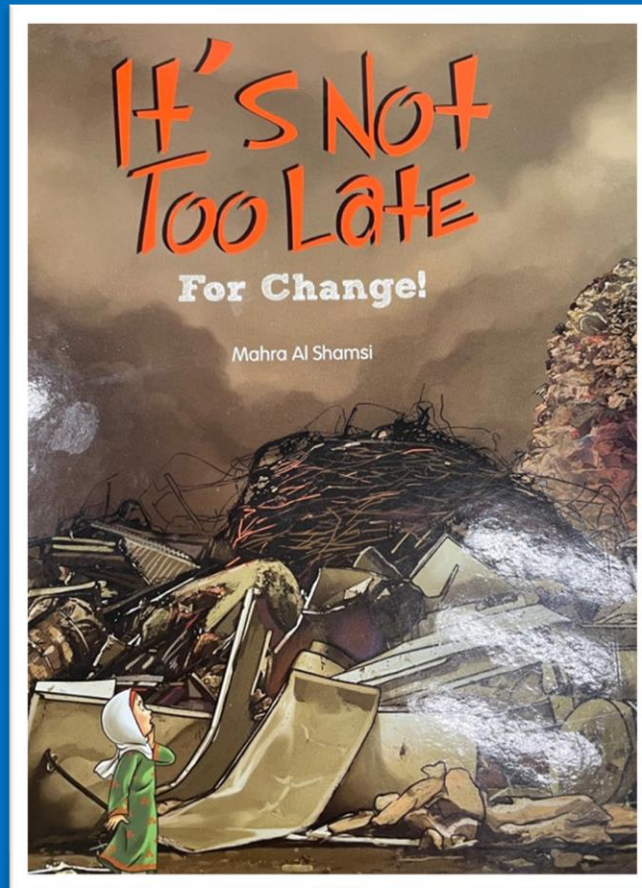
Now that we have completed over one month since the start of the new academic year, let's all step up our game and celebrate all the upcoming environmental events and feel free to send all

reports and images to sustainableschools@ead.gov.ae also send them over through social media @ssi_uae or feel free to tag us!



All Things Sustainable

This month's collection of All Things Sustainable features the latest environmentally themed books to keep everyone entertained as they begin the new semester.



It's Not Too Late for Change!

This is the story of Maha – an 11-year-old Emirati girl. Her dream is to become a hero who protects Planet Earth. One fine morning, her wish comes true with the sudden appearance of a time machine! Take a trip back in time with Maha to 1745, to a world untouched by pollution and global warming. Share her terrifying experience when she visits the future – to a gloomy, grey, garbage – choked Earth in 2098. Save our planet from that frightening tomorrow.

Read this book to find out how. Take the first step today. After all, it's never too late to start something good to ensure a sustainable environment!

Send us an email to sustainable-schools.ead.gov.ae to get your copy!

All Things Sustainable

What is Next?

Environmental
Storytelling
Sessions: Getting
Friendly with the
Environment

Date: 21st of November 2021

The story is full of lessons that will help you discover the right behaviours to preserve the environment and promote shared responsibility to be leaders of change in our society. Interested in joining the challenge? Click on the link to

To register send an email to sustainableschools@ead.gov.ae

Environmental
Storytelling
Sessions: How
You Nearly
Lost Me

Date: 23rd of November 2021

The story of the Arabian oryx and how it was on the verge of extinction (indeed was extinct in the wild) before being reintroduced into the wild Arabian desert from captive populations.

To register send an email to sustainableschools@ead.gov.ae

Environmental occasions

Key dates in
November:

- November 16th UAE International Day for Tolerance
- November 21st World Fisheries Day
- November 30 UAE Commemoration Day

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