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WELCOME TO INSIDE SSI!

Editor's Column

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What is your plan for next year?

Have you ever wondered what are you curious about? Is it flowers, rain, clouds, coral reefs, air, or even flamingos?

This year find something that stimulates curiosity! Curious people have the motivation to continue anything from learning, to developing a skill, to exercise, and research ect. People reach to places where they didn't think they would have ever reached by fulfilling their curiosity. When you find something that you are curious about, and you continue pursuing it, know that you have found your passion and it will allow you to shine and thrive at your field.

At the RewirEd global education summit in Expo2020 H.E Shamma Al Mazrui - Minister

of State for Youth encouraged youth to stay curious and have courage, fight the fear of failure, so they can thrive in a constantly changing world she said "the education we have now assumes that we all as young people need to learn the same things at the same time, in the same place, in the same way. And curiosity is off the subject. That's a very big, missed opportunity". Also, the genius, Albert Einstein said, "I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious." The world needs more curious youth. Climate crises, biodiversity extinction, landfill waste management, safeguarding resources are issues that waits for curious minds to be resolved.

This year stay happy, cheerful, and environmentally conscious!

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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

Volunteering in Al Wathba Wetland Reserve

The Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi welcomes all volunteer students to be part of a learning and guiding visitors experience. Volunteers will get the chance to work with Al Wathba Wetland Reserve Staff!

You can volunteer on the following days from December 2021 – April 2022.

- Friday: 12:00 pm – 5:00pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 8:00am – 12:00pm or 12:00 pm – 5:00pm

Location:

<https://goo.gl/maps/VhzwU6BJ9ccpu2obA>

Register by sending an email at Sustainableschools@ead.gov.ae



Green Achiever

Islamia English School Eco Club

With the start of the new year, we shed light on one of the final achievements of 2021. Since the launch of young leaders Plastic challenge last October, Schools have done outstanding work! Amongst which is Islamia English School Eco Club Students who conducted an exhibition to spread awareness of commonly used single use plastics such as cigarettes butts, chewing gum, wet wipes, and clothing materials. The exhibition consists of comprehensive self-explanatory charts, striking visuals that influence every visitor crossing path the stand allowing them to share comments and appreciation for students who worked on the exhibition.

Few days later students organised a series of cleanup in different urban and rural locations across Abu Dhabi collecting biodegradable bags, sanitary gloves, masks, etc.

Students and teachers spread awareness by stimulating word-of-mouth buzz ensuring majority of not only the school community but extending it to the student's family members too.

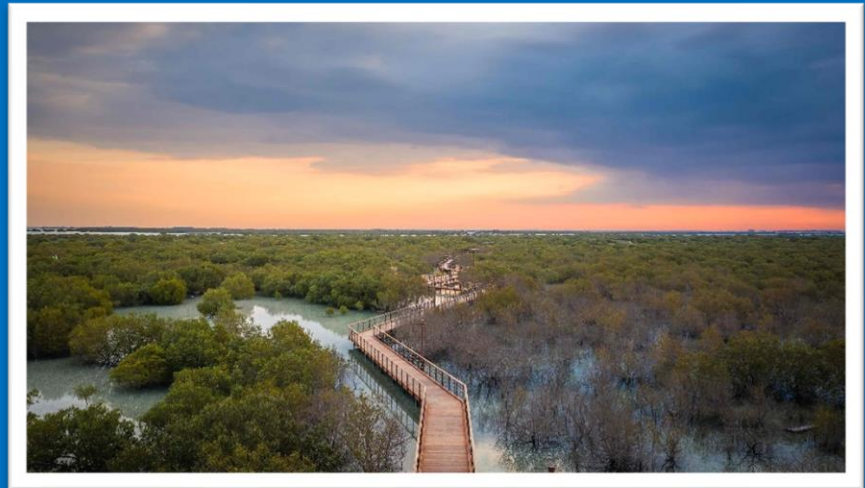
Mr.Sadiq Amin - Environmental Coordinator & Senior Chemistry Teacher at Islamia English School said "Not only would this attract attention to the exhibition itself, but people like to inform their friend of an interesting fact or two, and certainly stating "Cigarettes contain plastic" is sure to turn a few heads. Thus we recorded video segments of each exhibit to upload, and extracted promises that family be informed of the things seen on the day".

Excellent, keep up the good work Islamia English School!



All Things Sustainable

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



Mangrove National Park

Have you visited Mangrove National Park?

A perfect destination for families, bird watchers, photographers, and anyone who is interested in a nature escape route.

Here are few facts about Mangrove Marine National Park!

- Did you know that the major environmental services of the mangrove include shoreline stabilization and protection from storm waves and erosion.
- More than 60 bird species are using the mangrove as a shelter, feeding, and nesting ground.
- The mangrove is a unique Blue Carbon habitat that absorb and store carbon dioxide from air and form useful biomass compounds.
- The park is a habitat for 75% population of the total mangrove forests in the UAE.

or more information visit the following link:

<https://www.ead.gov.ae/en/Experience-Green-Abu-Dhabi/Places-To-Go/Mangrove-National-Park>

All Things Sustainable

What is Next?

Baadr App Launch

Date: 24th of January 2022, Time: 11:00-12:00pm

BAADR is a unique mobile application that will encourage members of the public in Abu Dhabi to care for the environment and change their behaviours by completing a range of environmental actions and be rewarded for their efforts.

Platform: Zoom

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Environmental Days

- Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week – 15 – 19 January

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