

‘The Earth has Music for those who listen’

STUDENTS EXCLUSIVE AMBASSADOR’S PROGRAM

Dunes International School is selected, as the ambassador of ABU DHABI SUSTAINABILITY WEEK STUDENT EXCLUSIVE AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME among the schools of Abu Dhabi Emirate. Our representatives are Abhigna Reddy and Khushi Sarvaiya. They were selected because of their outstanding leadership potential that they have demonstrated in school and community activities with sustainability at its core. The first workshop of Ambassadors from various schools was held at Masdar city in which they discussed and presented multiple view points on important issues and encouraged them to think critically about the leadership in sustainability. Through various workshops they are getting training to become student’s Exclusive Ambassador for the exhibition starting from 15 to 18th January in ADNEC, Abu Dhabi organizing by Abu Dhabi Sustainability week.



GUINNESS WORLD RECORD-Largest Environmental Sustainability Lesson

Dunes International School became the part of Guinness World Record for 'Largest Environmental Sustainability Lesson'.

The Zayed Future Energy Prize on Wednesday earned the UAE a Guinness World Record for the largest number of students participating in an interactive session on environmental sustainability. The 'Largest Environmental Sustainability Lesson' featured 282 students from across the UAE. The lesson held at the Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi was delivered by Illac Angelo Diaz, executive director of Liter of Light.



CONSERVATION OF ENDAGERD SPECIES

Campaigning through art Sai Rohan Raju along with his brother, a passionate student who has worked tirelessly to raise awareness about the endangered species such as Elephants and Rhinos as these species are in extinction. Through RR's Save Wild Life campaign, his selfless work has touched many and encouraged conservation amongst a wide audience. He has been nominated for Princess Diana Award organized by UK Government.



INDIAN MODEL UNITED NATION-INDIA(INMUN)-EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

INMUN is an annual conference held in India that provided students with the most inspiring, dynamic and enriching educational experience. The topic discussed COP 21 was Carbon Emission and Climate Change .The Delegates develop skill in diplomacy, cooperation and critical thinking with the knowledge and motivation that can make an impact and affect positive change in the world. In continuation with the project, students visited Nasa and various exchange programs.



HAIR FOR HOPE-INDIA

Dunes International School teachers donated their hair to the organization Hair For Hope-India. The objective of the contribution was to give a new face to the cancer patients. This initiative aims to create awareness, to inspire people to donate their healthy hair for a noble cause to someone who need it and make them feel complete from within.




THE YEAR OF GIVING CHARITY DRIVE

On 'The Year of Giving' theme, school organized a month long Charity Drive by collecting used text books, blankets and bed sheets to donate needy people around the world in collaboration with Red Crescent Society of Abu Dhabi. Students also donated their used note books and papers to Tadweer Waste Management Company to be the part of making the world for a better tomorrow. The school's charity drive encouraged the children to donate books to less fortunate children across the world and drive almost touched more than 3000 text books including story books and collected around 2500kg used note books for recycling. Hundreds of blankets and bed sheets also poured in the drive week, were packed into the donation boxes by the students with the help teachers.




JOHN MUIR YOTH CONSERVATION AWARD

John Muir Yoth conservation Award- Co-recipient Master Sai Rohan Raju shared with his brother: Despite of his young age, Sai Rohan Raju put an enormous amount of initiative into a number of conservation causes along with his brother, including their own campaign 'RRs-save wild life campaign' raised to save endangered species such as elephants, rhinos and tigers etc., through their art work and exhibitions in several countries. These brothers created "Happy Planet Initiative" and distributed food packets for the construction sites in an eve of the Holy month of Ramadan and educated the community on the needs to eliminate food wastage, reduce the waste that goes to landfills, reduce carbon footprint and save our planet from global warming.



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The magic of John Muir lives today in our public parklands and wilderness areas, the orchards and vineyards of Contra Costa County, sunsets atop Mt. Diablo, and in writings and teachings that spread the word about nature and our place in it.




"There is a love of wild nature in everybody an ancient mother-love ever showing itself whether recognized or no, and however covered by cares and duties."
— John Muir

About the Award Submit a Nomination Award Presentation

2017 John Muir Conservation Awards

Our 40th consecutive year!

The 2017 awards will be presented at the John Muir Birthday–Earth Day Celebration at the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez, California
Saturday, April 21, 2018

2016 Award Recipients

Orange County Water District, Environmental Education Award
Even while serving 2.4 million residents in its constituency, the Orange County Water District has an outstanding series of educational programs, events and community outreach efforts to educate both water users in the district and maintain a high profile in the minds of government officials around the world.

These activities include:

- Annual Children's Water Festival
- Orange County Water Summit
- Facility Tours and Speakers Bureau
- H2O Learning Center
- Orange County Water Hero Program




K. Sai Rahul Raju and K. Sai Rohan Raju, Youth Conservation Award – co-recipients
K. Sai Rahul Raju (age 14) and K. Sai Rohan Raju (age 12) of Abu Dhabi

Despite their young ages, these two brothers have put an enormous amount of energy into a number of conservation causes, including their own "RR's Save Wildlife" campaign to raise awareness to save endangered species such as elephants, rhinos and tigers etc. through artwork and exhibitions in several countries.

They are also campaigning for The David Shepherd Wildlife Trust and Global March for Elephants and Rhinos. On a more local level, every year for World Environment Day they are giving Art Exhibitions in their School (Ryan Private School) to bring awareness to environmental issues.

The brothers also created "RR's Happy Planet Initiative", and distributed food packets to 40 construction workers on the eve of holy month of Ramadan and educate the public on the needs to eliminate food waste, reduce the waste that goes to landfills, reduce carbon footprint and save the planet from global warming.

These two tireless brothers have done a great deal to further the cause of conservation, across several countries.

“A BIG SALUTE TO TADWEER”

The school has done a month long campaign based on Environment and Sustainability incorporated with Tadweer Waste Management Centre, Abu Dhabi. The main target of this project was to give Awareness to the public. A team of 10 students selected to be the main part of the project. They visited Alain Tadweer Abu Dhabi and Alain Recycling plant. They have given awareness to the public at Mussafah Park at the end of 2017 based on the segregation of waste. The main objective of the campaign was to make an awareness to how to segregate waste, recycle and save our environment.

AL AIN RECYCLING PLANT

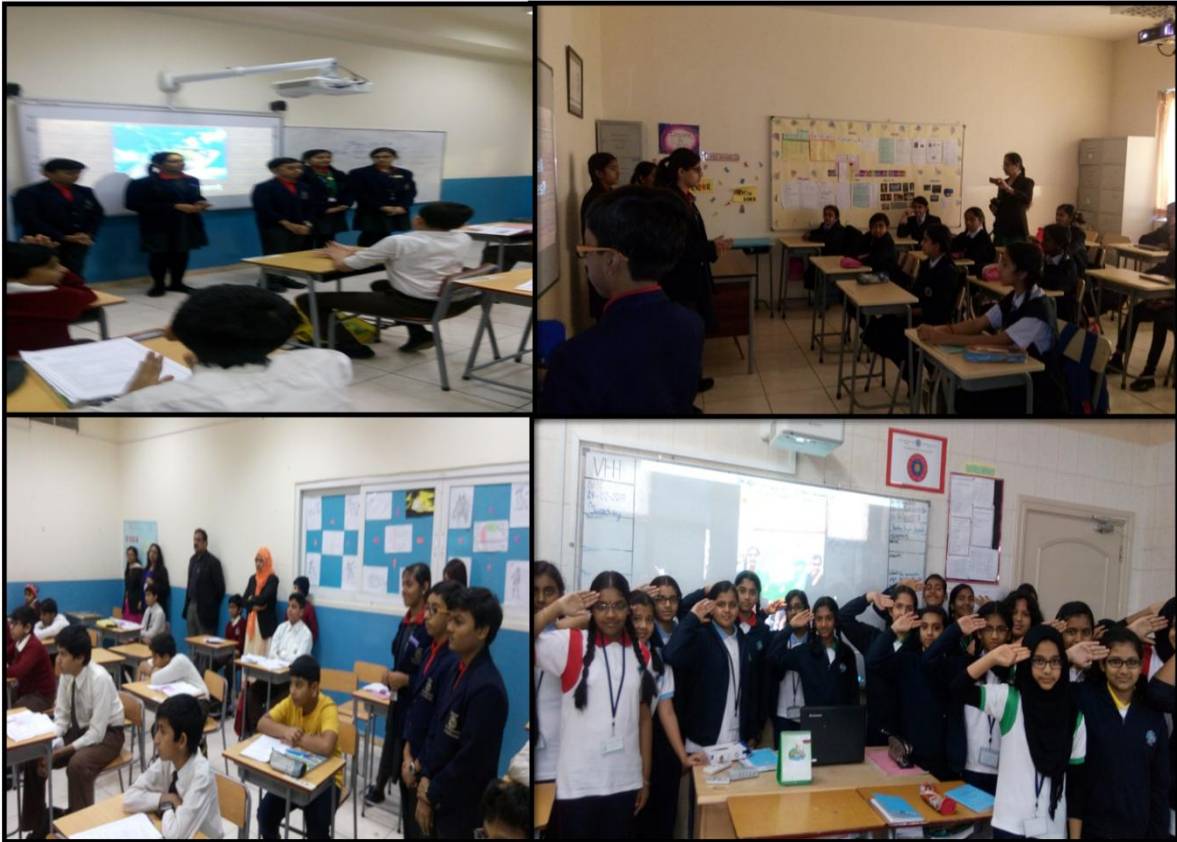


CAMPAIGN IN THE PARK





CARRYING MESSAGES TO SCHOOLS



The School project on 'Carrying Messages' was an effective school program consisted of adequate planning, training and coordination among the students and teachers involved, as it was a participatory educational program in addition to sound design of how to lead an ecofriendly life. Our students have been cascading the messages on importance of segregation of waste, recycle and save Environment for Sustainability to different schools.

IDLE FREE ZONE PROGRAM

The trained students gave awareness to school bus drivers and the parents who drop their children in the school premises about the importance of switching off their vehicle which help to reduce carbon emission. This campaign made our school premises as an IDLE FREE ZONE.

AWARENESS TO ACTION



OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

School vegetable garden

A school garden is an innovative teaching tool and strategy that lets educators incorporate hands-on activities in a diversity of interdisciplinary, standards-based lessons. The garden engages students by providing a dynamic environment in which to observe, discover, experiment, nurture, and learn. It is a living laboratory where lessons are drawn from real-life experiences rather than textbook examples, allowing students to become active participants in the learning process. Our school started a vegetable garden in the school backyard which aims to promote the use of gardening to achieve learning objectives and support the mental, emotional, and social development in them.



SCHOOL SENSORY-TYRE GARDEN

School has proved that our natural environments can provide a range of health benefits and outdoor learning experience to the children. To implement the concept of reaching out to the environment school started a sensory garden by using used tyres of vehicles. Gardens offer visual appeal, but a sensory garden is designed to stimulate all five senses. It's not hard to transform our own backyard into a sensory delight for people of all ages. Sensory gardens also have proven therapeutic value in children as they can enjoy nature in a safe and tactile environment. Sensory gardens can also make a great contribution to emotional and physical health. They can be beautiful places to relax, reflect, meditate, contemplate and talk.



TREE PLANTATION

"Preserving the tree is an obligation for everyone without exception, one tree will absorb approximately a ton of carbon dioxide during the course of its life cycle."

Dunes school has organised a tree planting program to promote learning opportunity to our kids to be involved in the environment and conservation of our natural resources. This practice will create a habit of planting more trees in their future. Even if each one, plant one tree annually, it will create a big impact on global warming. School Tree Planting project helps students to the benefits of trees and foster environmental stewardship. They can recognize the beauty of trees and many other values of nature. Trees even help to improve air quality by absorbing some airborne compounds that could be harmful to us, and by giving off oxygen. Spending time around trees and in nature also makes us healthier and improves our students' academic performances.



‘We make the world we live in and shape our own environment’.