

Say No to Plastic – 2022-23

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	September
<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	January	February	March

December, 2022

- Intra Class Competitions- The Environment Council conducted an array of competitions on 27th December 2022 for classes IV to VIII. The students participated in the following events enthusiastically:

Poster Making- The competition was held for classes IV and V. The students displayed their creativity in order to raise awareness about water conservation and afforestation.

Poster Making and Short Stories- The competitions were held for classes VI to VIII. The students displayed their innovative strokes and created posters to raise awareness about 'Save Soil' and 'Usage of Green Energy'. The short stories narrated by the students sensitized the audience about various environmental issues like the disappearance of River Dolphins, Why the Amazon is burning, how to make Earth better and so on.

Best Out of Waste- The competition was held for classes VI to VIII. The students displayed their innovative ideas through the reuse of our school supplies and daily waste.

Just A Minute- A Just a minute competition was conducted for classes VI to VIII where the students participated with enthusiasm and displayed their passion for the environment by speaking on a random selection of topics like 'Mother Nature', 'Snow Leopards' and 'Melting Ice Caps'. The winners of the competition are as follows:

Class VI Shivanshi – 1st prize Hinaysha – 2nd prize Pakhi – 3rd prize
Class VII Naman – 1st prize Rishi – 2nd prize Saikriti – 3rd prize

- Donation of Cups and Plates- On 20th of December, 2022, Paptech India donated 300 cups, plates and bowls to the school. These utensils were plastic-free paper products certified by CIPET. This was done in the effort to reduce the plastic waste generated by the school canteen on a daily basis, in light of the single-use plastic ban.

November, 2022

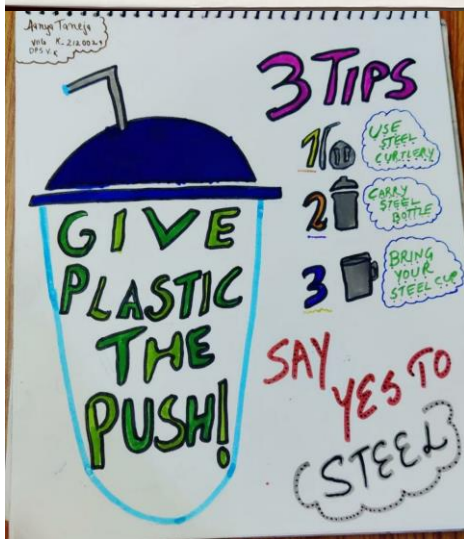
- **IEC Activities-** Discouraging the use of plastic & encouraging the use of alternatives- A play highlighting the essence of the effect of plastic on the planet. This was for classes VI & VII. It consisted of 2 acts:
 - 1- How plastic is destroying the earth.
 - 2- How earth's condition would improve with the use of alternatives and banning of plastic.
- **Plastic Bags (Harmful impacts & feasible alternatives)-** A poster-making activity about plastic bags and their harmful effects. This required students to research and thus, improved their knowledge along with giving them a chance to showcase their creativity. This was for classes IV & V.
- **Reuse of Plastic (Best out of waste):** Reusing plastic water bottles, bags etc to create things that one requires daily. Examples: Pencil boxes, pen stands etc. This led to an increased awareness on reusing plastic and reducing thoughtless disposal. This was for classes VIII & IX.
- **Littering of Plastics-** An essay on the topic 'If oceans overflow with plastic'. This increased students' writing skills and instilled a feeling of responsibility for their conduct. This was for classes VIII & IX.
- **Waste Segregation- 'Which goes in which'-** A quiz on correct waste disposal. A particular substance will go in the dustbin- yellow, black, blue etc and installation of 2 basic dustbins for biodegradable and non-biodegradable substances. The class that followed the disposal system most accurately was given a free games period. This helped students interact, and increase awareness and participation. This was for classes X & XII.



- **SUPW Activities on Plastic Impact-** Poster-making on the topic – Effects of Plastic on the Environment for classes VI & VII and the topic-The Plastic bag and its harmful impact for classes VII & IX.



- **Class discussion on the Impact of Plastic-** Athrav Anand of class VIII articulately put forward his thoughts on the topic 'If the ocean was flooded with Plastic'. He pointed out that the most visible impacts of plastic debris are the ingestion and entanglement of hundreds of marine species. Marine wildlife such as seabirds, whales, fish and turtles mistake plastic waste for prey; most of them die of starvation as their stomachs become filled with plastic.
- **Awareness on the Ban of Single Use Plastic-** In light of the SUP Ban, The Environment Council has made several posters and videos as well as conducted quizzes and speeches.



October 2022

- **Clean Up Drive** : -To celebrate the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 2nd, members of the Rotary Club, along with the students of the Interact Club of D.P.S Vasant Kunj and the teacher in charge Ms. Adita Saxena conducted a cleanliness drive. The drive was conducted in Vatika Park located in Vasant Kunj . The students and the rotary team participated enthusiastically.

August 2022

- **Eco Friendly Idol Immersion** :- The Ministry of Environment in collaboration with DPCC, conducted a workshop on eco-friendly ways of idol immersion on 29th August 2022 for classes 11 & 12. The session highlighted the various ways of removing plastic ornaments used to decorate the idols. It also emphasized on the importance of proper disposal of the idols in the designated areas earmarked by the Government of NCT and the concerned municipal corporations. The session also comprised of a very informative presentation by Chintan Environmental Research & Action Group which highlighted the harmful effects of single-use plastic and encouraged students to proactively contribute to global challenges and promote sustainable management of resources.
- **Eco-Friendly Rakshabandhan**-The CEEC of DPS Vasant Kunj sensitized the children towards celebrating an eco-friendly Rakshabandhan. On August 6, 2022, the members of CEEC gave a hands-on demonstration to the students of classes VI to IX in order to familiarize them with the negative impacts of the traditional plastic Rakhi and to instruct them about its eco-friendly alternatives.
- **Bartan Bhandaar**- The Delhi State Government has launched a drive to ban single-use plastics in the Delhi Secretariat June 1, 2022, onwards. In accordance with this initiative and in keeping with the directive of the Directorate of Education (Science and Technology Branch) to 'Phase-out single-use plastics', a 'Bartan Bhandaar' awareness drive was conducted in Delhi Public School, Vasant Kunj. As a part of this drive several events were organized on 17th & 18th August 2022. The event highlights are as follows: -
 - The students of class VII participated in an essay writing competition on the topic 'My life on Earth without single-use plastic'.
 - The students of class VI participated in a speech competition on the topic 'Replacing single-use plastic, especially in the kitchen'.

- The students of class VI & VII participated in a poetry recitation competition on 18th August 2022. The topic for the same was 'Harmful effects of plastic' The students displayed great creativity and put forward some unique ideas through their creative pieces.
- The students of class IX participated in a photography competition on 18th August 2022. on the topic 'The wonders of reuse and upcycling of plastic through pictures'.

July 2022

- **Assembly for class VIII** :-An assembly was conducted on July 20, 2022 for students in class VII. This assembly focussed on spreading awareness about plastic and e-waste. This included a prayer, pledge, thought for the day, play and speech.

June 2022

- **World Environment Day** - A webinar on Environmental Legal Literacy and a Zero-waste Lifestyle was held on 2nd & 3rd June 2022. The Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA) hosted this conference. There was an in-depth discussion on segregation of waste, rules of solid waste management and the fight against littering. The dwindling capacity of various landfill sites were highlighted which further stressed on the importance of living a zero-waste lifestyle. This session created awareness among the students with regard to different steps that they can take to ensure zero waste in their surroundings and adopt these measures as part of their lifestyle.
- **Training Program on Single Use Plastic and compliance of Plastic Waste Management Rules** :- Ms. Adita Saxena, the teacher in charge of DPS Vasant Kunj's environment council, attended a Webinar on the dangers of single-use plastic on June 10th. Organised by Chintan segregation, reduction, and awareness of the risks of plastic and the need for composting were the topics of the webinar. The webinar covered the issues that India has with plastic, as well as the rise in its manufacturing and potentially dangerous applications. The webinar highlighted the MRF at IIT Delhi, which is working to reduce landfill waste and turn Kendriya Bhandars into refill stores in order to counteract Delhi's climate change.
- **Model Conference Of Parties-3** : The WWF conducted its third Model Conference of Parties in June 2022 (MCoP). MCoP consisted of 72 delegates from all 28 states and 8 Union Territories. Miss Adita Saxena, Riya Roy, and Dvy Sharma of DPS Vasant Kunj represented Delhi in MCoP-3. This year's theme is "Creating a Shared Future for All Life" and. The event was a four-day event held from 13th -16th June which culminated in the presentation of detailed action plan and targets by the various groups.

May 2022

- **Save Soil Workshop**- On May 1, 2022, a workshop on the 'Save Soil' Movement was conducted for Classes 6 and 7. The 'Save Soil' Movement is a global movement that aims to bring policy changes at the national level in countries across the world in order to reverse soil degradation. The session highlighted the importance of soil conservation to ensure that future generations can live comfortably on this planet.

The session was held by the volunteers from the 'Save Soil' movement, including an alumnus from DPS Vasant Kunj. The workshop was successful in creating a conscious set of youngsters who are ready to join the drive of saving our planet.

April 2022

- **Earth Day** : -The year 2022 marked the 52nd anniversary of the annual celebrations. The theme for Earth Day 2022 was 'Invest In Our Planet'. To commemorate the event on 22nd April the members of the interact Club created a multimedia presentation to sensitize students from classes 6th – 12th and create awareness about the significance of the day.