



SUSTAINABILITY IN BLUE BELLS

The beauty of nature



EDITORIAL

EMBRACING SUSTAINABILITY: PAVING THE PATH FOR A GREENER FUTURE



Dear Students, Teachers, and Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter dedicated to sustainability! As our world faces ever-evolving challenges, sustainability is no longer optional but a necessary commitment. This edition celebrates our school's progress and inspires further action.

Your passion drives change and fosters environmental responsibility. We are thrilled to see growing awareness and involvement among students. Our partnerships with local organizations amplify our impact, creating a network of like-minded individuals.

This newsletter deepens our understanding with topics such as renewable energy, water conservation, sustainable agriculture, and biodiversity. Together, let's make small changes like reducing plastics, embracing eco-friendly transportation, and practicing mindful consumption.

Join us as we envision a world powered by clean energy, where sustainable practices are the norm, and nature thrives alongside human progress. Thank you for your dedication to sustainability.

Sustainably yours,

Editorial Board - Blue Bells Model School

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

➤➤➤ GREEN SCHOOL CAMPUS AWARD

The school has been awarded the prestigious THE GREEN SCHOOLS CAMPUS AWARDS 2020-21, winning the Silver Category under the Green Campus Programme. Numerous renowned schools nationwide underwent evaluation to assess their significant contributions to the 'Go Green' mission. **The school received great acclaim for its efforts in maintaining a lush green and clean campus.** The teachers were recognized for their dedication and commitment to educating students about various ways to keep the environment green and pollution-free, such as reusing waste materials, conserving natural resources, and using eco-friendly products. The collective endeavors of students from Primary, Middle, and Senior Wings, along with the teachers, in adopting green measures were wholeheartedly acknowledged and honoured.



'LIVING A MORE GREEN LIFESTYLE, CONSERVING OUR RESOURCES AND NOT POLLUTING ARE ALL PIVOTAL CONCERNS TO GO GREEN AND MAKE EARTH A PRECIOUS HABITABLE ABODE FOR MANKIND.'

➤➤➤ PARYAVARAN RAKSHAK AWARD 2023

We are delighted to announce that the school has received the prestigious Paryavaran Rakshak Award 2023 for its outstanding efforts in promoting sustainability within our communities, nurturing young minds, and providing models for transformative change. The school's values and teachings have laid a strong foundation for the students' perspectives on life. The award ceremony took place on June 3, 2023, at DPSG, Palam Vihar, Gurugram, as part of the World Environment Day celebrations, organized by GMDA. **The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Mr. Subhash Yadav, the Additional CEO of GMDA & Nodal Officer Environment and Sustainability, MCG; Mr. Mahesh Yadav, General Secretary of BJP; and Mr. Vijay Yadav, the Joint Commissioner-2 MCG.** We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the school and express our gratitude to the esteemed members of our management for their unwavering support.

➤➤➤ GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARD 2022

Blue Bells Model School embraces Education for Sustainability, fostering values and motivation in students, staff, and communities to drive sustainable development. The school has expanded its vision beyond its premises by engaging stakeholders, creating a Community Resource Map, integrating it into the curriculum, and emphasizing SDGs and Design Thinking. **In a moment of immense pride, Ms. Alka Singh, Principal of Blue Bells Model School, Gurugram, received the SDG-Superhero Global Sustainability Award 2022.** The award ceremony, held on November 21, 2022, at India International Centre in Delhi, witnessed the participation of renowned schools across India. This remarkable achievement stands as a testament to the school's dedication and impact in the field of sustainability.



➤➤➤ IESA EARTH DAY NETWORK GREAT GLOBAL CLEAN-UP HEROES' AWARDS 2023

The school was bestowed with the prestigious 'The IESA Earth Day Network Great Global Clean-up Heroes' Awards 2023 on May 3, 2023, in New Delhi. **The school was honoured in the mobilization and outreach category during the 9th edition of India Energy Storage Week (IESW) 2023, organized by Earth Day Network India and the India Energy Storage Alliance.** This recognition highlights the school's exceptional commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability. By inspiring students, staff, and the community, the school sets a shining example for a cleaner and greener future. This achievement reaffirms the school's dedication to creating a positive impact on the world.



"SUSTAINABILITY IS THE BRIDGE THAT CONNECTS OUR PRESENT ACTIONS TO A THRIVING AND RESILIENT FUTURE FOR ALL."

➤➤➤ SWACHH VIDYALAYA PURASKAR

The Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar has been instituted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India to recognize, inspire and celebrate excellence in sanitation and hygiene practice in schools and Blue Bells Model School Gurugram has done exemplary work in the categories of water, sanitation and hygiene. **The school was declared a 'Swachh School' in Paryavaran Gaurav Samman, Tiritiya Sanskaran - 2022 Award Ceremony held on 24 April 2022, at Artemis Hospital Auditorium, Sector 51 Gurugram.**

To celebrate Earth Day and spread awareness about Malaria Day, the Municipal Corporation, Gurugram and Buland Aawaz Welfare Society organized the program to honour and recognize the contribution of RWA, schools, NGOs, social and business institutions for their contribution in making Gurugram a clean city.



STEPS TAKEN TOWARDS SDGS

➤➤➤ DONATION DRIVE

In an exemplary display of compassion and social responsibility, students from Grade VI-VIII organized a successful Donation Drive. **The drive aimed to gather valuable items such as food, books, clothes, and more for the underprivileged members of society.** The students actively engaged their peers, teachers, and the wider school community, collecting a substantial quantity of donations. The collected items were sorted and distributed to charitable organizations and shelters, directly benefiting those in need. This initiative not only provided essential supplies but also fostered awareness, empathy, and a sense of social responsibility among the participating students. The students' contributions made a tangible impact on the welfare of the community, exemplifying the power of collective action for the greater good.

"SUSTAINABILITY IS NOT ABOUT SACRIFICING OUR NEEDS FOR THE SAKE OF THE ENVIRONMENT, BUT RATHER ABOUT FINDING INNOVATIVE WAYS TO MEET OUR NEEDS WHILE PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS."

➤➤➤ AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Students organized an impactful awareness campaign to promote responsible resource utilization and educate their peers about poverty elevation schemes sponsored by the central and state governments. **Through presentations, they emphasized the importance of conserving resources, adopting sustainable practices, and reducing waste.** Their efforts served as a catalyst for promoting responsible resource use and fostering empathy towards poverty alleviation, highlighting the power of education and awareness in creating positive change.



COMPOST PIT

Embracing sustainability and nurturing nature's circle of life, our school proudly flaunts its green initiative—a compost pit right within our school grounds. **This exciting endeavour aims to reduce waste and create a thriving ecosystem of organic recycling.** As we embark on this composting journey, we invite all members of our school community to join us in witnessing the magic of transformation. Organic waste undergoes a remarkable metamorphosis, turning into nutrient-rich soil that revitalizes our surroundings and contributes to a greener future. Through the compost pit, we not only divert waste from landfills but also learn the valuable lesson of responsible waste management and the crucial role it plays in fostering sustainability. Together, let us take a hands-on approach in preserving the environment and nurturing a more sustainable world for generations to come.

THE INTERNATIONAL ICT & LEADING SEAGULLS COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS

We don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges. We believe in taking challenges and work with commitment till they achieve accomplishment. **The Sociotech Connectors, the IMECE Circle of Blue Bells Model School bagged the CHAMPION COMMUNITY PROJECT OF HIGH SCHOOLS SEAGULLS TROPHY** and were declared the winner of Professor DR. ÜMIT SERDAROĞLU AWARD by the Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hayal Köksal who is an academican, (teacher trainer), researcher, author, and the expert of "quality", peace mentor, and project & curriculum designer.



"IN PURSUING SUSTAINABILITY, WE STRIVE TO CREATE A WORLD WHERE THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT ARE MET WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN."

SAVE SOIL MOVEMENT

The students were educated about the importance of preserving soil for future generations and were introduced to the 'Save Soil Movement' initiated by Isha Foundation. **This global movement aims to raise awareness and advocate for policies to revitalize soil and ecology worldwide.** In response, the students of all Wings at the school expressed their concerns by writing letters to the honorable Prime Minister of India, urging action to save soil. These letters were submitted to representatives of the 'Save Soil' organization, who rewarded the students with badges as recognition for their efforts. This activity served as a powerful way for the students to contribute to the cause and engage in environmental advocacy.

➤➤➤ SAVE WATER

The students of the school organized a rally on the theme "Save Water" to create awareness about the importance of water conservation. **The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and members of the community. The students carried banners, placards, and posters with powerful slogans highlighting the need to save water.** They marched through the main streets, spreading the message of responsible water usage. Guest speakers delivered informative speeches, emphasizing the significance of water conservation and practical tips for water-saving practices. Skits and demonstrations were also organized to engage the audience effectively. The event received a positive response from the public and media, generating widespread awareness. The rally concluded with a pledge-taking ceremony, where participants committed to adopting water-saving habits. Overall, the "Save Water" rally was a successful initiative that inspired individuals to protect this precious resource and create a sustainable future.

➤➤➤ CYCLOTHON CAMPAIGN

A Cyclothon Campaign was organized for students in Gurugram's Sector-4, aiming to raise awareness about the harmful impact of plastic usage. Students pedaled around the area, displaying banners and placards with slogans highlighting the non-biodegradable nature of plastic and its detrimental effects on the planet. **They took a pledge to stop using plastic and spread awareness among others. The students actively worked on various initiatives, such as designing e-pamphlets, creating jingles, and distributing handouts, to promote the message of a "Plastics - No Tolerance Zone."** They also contributed used plastic bottles to form the largest plastic bottle chain recorded in the India Book of Records. Another remarkable initiative is the Plastic Clean-up Brigade, a student volunteer group collaborating with Manuela Correia from Portugal to raise awareness about plastic pollution in oceans through virtual sessions and community engagement activities.

"SUSTAINABILITY IS NOT A TREND; IT IS A MORAL COMPASS GUIDING US TO MAKE CHOICES THAT PRESERVE THE PLANET AND UPLIFT HUMANITY."



➤➤➤ PLANTATION DRIVE

The Tree Plantation Drive organized by the Primary and Middle Wing was a resounding success, uniting students and staff in a shared commitment to environmental sustainability. Participants eagerly planted a variety of saplings, including Tulsi, Neem, Belpatra, and Ashok, in designated areas. **The drive not only enhanced the beauty of the surroundings but also served as a crucial step in addressing deforestation and climate change. Students collaborated and supported each other in planting saplings within the school premises and in the nearby park.** This initiative not only added greenery but also instilled a sense of environmental responsibility in the participants, encouraging them to nurture and protect the newly planted trees.

➤➤➤ 'FUTURIX-THE DESIGN THINKING AND INNOVATION FAIR, EDITION 4.0'

'FUTURIX' The Design Fair - Edition IV, initiated by the school, was an opportunity for the students to test their design thinking practices, management as well as collaboration skills to devise solutions that are simple, productive, and compelling. This unique platform was kept open for the students of classes IV-XII to come up with innovative ideas, products, prototypes, or digital solutions which would positively impact the society.

The 21st tech savvy and highly empowered students of the school embraced the design challenge task wholeheartedly and emerged with brilliant innovative ideas which are solutions to many common problems of life. The mega event was organised on May 13, 2023 wherein the young innovators showcased their product designs, working models, prototype layouts and the viability as to how the products can be made advantageous for mankind. The event was graced by Captain Indu Boken, District Education Officer, Gurugram, Mr. Avishek Kumar, a renowned representative of Energy Swaraj and Mr Kuldeep Hindustani of Buland Awaaz Welfare Society and appreciated the hard work put in by the students and mentors.



"THE VALUE OF AN IDEA LIES IN THE USING OF IT. EACH AND EVERY CHILD OF THE SCHOOL IS UNIQUE WITH A VISION AND IN THE DESIGN FAIR THE STUDENTS HAD GIVEN A CONCRETE TANGIBLE SHAPE TO THEIR VISION."



➤➤➤ CLIMATE CLOCK ASSEMBLY WORLD RECORD

The activity aimed to raise awareness about the limited time to take effective action against climate change, inspiring individuals and communities to engage in sustainable practices and advocate for climate action. Through workshops, seminars, and interactive exhibits, participants learned about the impacts of climate change and practical solutions. Attendees were encouraged to make pledges for eco-friendly habits, spread the message, and collaborate with local organizations. The goal was to ignite urgency and empower people to take meaningful steps towards a sustainable future, becoming ambassadors for climate action.

BBIMUN - BLUE BELLS INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

BBIMUN is a prestigious Model UN conference in the Delhi NCR region, with a consistent delegate count of 500+ each year (650+ last year).

The conference focuses on highlighting prominent issues concerning humanity and promotes values of sustainability, inclusiveness, and creating an environmentally conscious and equitable society.

Over the past 8 editions, more than 5000 high school and first-year students from India and abroad have participated in simulations of the UN and associated bodies, discussing global issues in line with the conference themes.



"EDUCATION HELPS ONE GET EXPOSURE TO NEW IDEAS AND CONCEPTS THAT ONE CAN USE TO APPRECIATE AND IMPROVE THE WORLD AROUND US AND THE WORLD WITHIN US."



PEARLS OF WISDOM

➤➤➤ "Sustainability is about thinking long-term, embracing innovation, and fostering collaboration to build a resilient and thriving world."
- Ms. Payal Uppal (PGT English)

◀◀◀ "By embracing sustainability, we embrace the possibility of a brighter future, where nature flourishes, communities thrive, and generations coexist in harmony."
- Ms. Poonam Tandon (PGT Chemistry)

➤➤➤ "Acting with passion and compassion we protect the earth for the next generation!"
- Dr. Anubha Roy (TGT Science)



◀◀◀ "The path to a sustainable future begins with small steps today, as every action, no matter how small, has the power to make a significant difference."
- Ms. Madhu Talwar (TGT Science)

➤➤➤ "Together, let's ignite a sustainable revolution within our school walls, inspiring a ripple effect that reaches far beyond the classroom."
- Ms. Chandrani DeSarkar (TGT English)



◀◀◀ "As teachers, we have the incredible opportunity to shape young minds and foster a deep respect for the interconnectedness of all living beings and the environment."
- Ms. Bindu Sharma (PGT Accountancy)

➤➤➤ "Teaching sustainability is not just about saving the planet; it's about instilling values that will shape compassionate and responsible global citizens."
- Mr. Amit Verma (TGT Mathematics)

◀◀◀ "In the pursuit of knowledge, let sustainability be the lens through which we view the world and find solutions for a better future."
- Ms. Paramita Banerjee (TGT English)

➤➤➤ "Empower the students to be the stewards of our planet, for in their hands lies the power to create sustainable change."
- Ms. Ritu Kaushik (PGT Mathematics)

◀◀◀ "Nurture the seeds of sustainability today, so our children can reap a greener tomorrow."
- Ms. Ankushree Tripathi (TGT Social Science)

➤➤➤ "We do not protect the environment, we want to create a world where environment does not need protection."
- Ms. Priyanka Ahuja (TGT Mathematics)



➤➤➤ "The best way to predict future is to create it."
- Ms. Tanuja Sharma (TGT Hindi)

➤➤➤ "A sustainable mindset is not only about reducing our footprint but also leaving a positive handprint, making a lasting impact on the world around us." - Ms. Ritu Gupta (PRT Social Science)



➤➤➤ "Sustainability is a journey that invites us to reimagine our relationship with the Earth, inspiring us to live in harmony with nature and build a future we can be proud of."
- Ms. Kirti Yadav (PRT English)

➤➤➤ "Let sustainability be the compass that guides our actions, so our students can navigate a brighter, greener future."
- Ms. Sunita Yadav (TGT English)



➤➤➤ "As teachers, we hold the power to cultivate a generation that embraces sustainability as their guiding principle."
- Harsh Vashisth (TGT Sanskrit)



➤➤➤ "Teach with passion, inspire with purpose, and sow the seeds of sustainability in the minds of our future leaders."
- Ms. Sharmishtha Bhatia (TGT Computer Science)



➤➤➤ "In the classroom of life, let sustainability be the foundation upon which knowledge blooms."
- Ms. Manvi Gupta (TGT Science)

➤➤➤ "As teachers, we are torchbearers of change, guiding our students towards a greener and sustainable tomorrow."
- Mr. Hitesh Goel (PGT Science)



➤➤➤ "Let's teach our students to walk gently on Earth, leaving behind footprints of compassion and preservation."
- Ms. Shristi Seth (PRT)

➤➤➤ "In the classroom, we cultivate curious minds; in practicing sustainability, we cultivate a thriving planet."
- Ms. Sonjuhi Khare (PGT English)

