

## The Aquality's throwbacks

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The GSL project has changed our perception towards tackling real life problems around our very own area and surrounding. We have changed drastically in several ways by doing this project. We gained a unique experience in saving our Earth. Our team name is Aquality. Our goals are quality education and clean water and sanitation. We had many plans in mind that we wanted to do and achieve. Unfortunately due to the recent pandemic, we weren't able to follow through what we planned. But anyways we managed to reach the ending part of this project successfully.

In each activity that we have done, we learned something new. We gained new skills as well.

### Our aims for the project:

- Teach orphanages about how to filter out clean water
- Letting our students and orphans know the importance of education
- Giving orphans story books
- Joining an environmental campaign
- Selling books and toys for profit
- Creating a garden for a different learning environment.
- Creating a poster regarding 'How to save water?'

We started off our GSL journey by asking favours from our school students to donate soft toys and books. They worked with us very well. They donated books and toys they didn't need. We collected four loads of books and toys. We didn't get much in the beginning but after a few days the books which were donated gradually increased and till the end we got lots of books, which wasn't expected. We then offered these items to the orphanage. We repaired almost all the books, it was laborious but we enjoyed the process. While we were in the process of repairing, we fortunately had contact with a group of volunteers who are experts in social programs. These volunteers helped us get in contact with the orphanage. On the day we went to the orphanage, we felt nervous. But afterwards, we developed good relationships with the kids and volunteers. Before we started our activity, we helped cook for the kids and played games with them. While playing some games, we learned a lot about team building as well. Following that, we taught them how to make a water filter. This is for the clean water and sanitation goal. They were amazed as they hadn't done this kind of experiment before. After we were done, we ate lunch with them and had a really great time. Till today we miss each other so much. Sadly, due to the pandemic we weren't able to follow up with them.

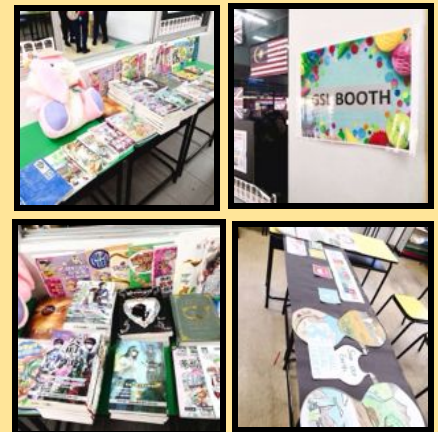
During the donation of books and toys, we also asked students to donate some plastic bottles for our garden.



We also need the bottles to teach the children at an orphanage on 'how to make dirty water into clean water' using the filtration method. Instead of spreading awareness in school only about the GSL project, we went outdoors. We participated in an environmental campaign. We proposed our project to the society while collecting more plastic bottles at the same time. Most people were very interested in our project. Some people were really kind. They help us collect plastic bottles from others too. We struggled to approach other people, but then it turned out to be really easy by practicing. After successfully participating in the campaign we receive a certificate from the organisers. We were really excited when we received the certificates.



The toys that we collected from our fellow mates helped us achieve a lot in gaining profit and in our donations towards orphanages. We already donated books and toys to the orphans. But we had leftovers, so we decided to sell it during our school's Open Day to gain profit for our future plans. We decorated our booth nicely. We also did some posters regarding the GSL project. We did the posters in order to promote the project. At first we didn't have any buyers. But after a few minutes students and parents began coming and asking for more books and toys. They also inquired about our posters. We as a team, felt proud and fulfilled about ourselves after doing the project. We not only finished the activity successfully. But also had gained new skills and was able to receive about RM 400. Our profit of RM 400 was beyond our expectations. After finishing this event, we learned how to be an entrepreneur, and learned how to speak bravely, and be calm and patient.



We also created a garden as part of the quality education goal. First, we did a sample garden at our school. We analysed the school and found a perfect spot to do planting. We used the money that we earned during Open Day to buy the soil, fertiliser and seeds. On Valentine's Day, we spent quality time in the garden. We started to dig a square hole.



Then we planted ladyfingers and green chilli. Our motive was to provide primary students with a different learning atmosphere. We have even planned a space for them to plant their own plants. By planting, the students were able to learn their science topics about plants. This way of studying will make students more enthusiastic to learn. Our seeds only germinate after two weeks. Seeing the plants first sprout gives joy to our hearts. We feel satisfied.



Our upcoming plan after the seeds has grown was to provide more space for growing various types of crops and crafting posters about the importance of each plant. This way students will be able to gain knowledge while spending precious time with nature.

Our final plan was to go to foreign women's working hostel. But our plan didn't turn out well due to the covid-19 outbreak. Our intention to go there was to actually teach them

about the essentials of water. We specially chose foreign worker's hostel as it was surprising for us to find out that the workers don't know much about clean water and sanitation. At this point of the time, it is crucial that they know about cleanliness and hygiene so that they don't get the virus. Under few researches we found out that unclean water can cause damage to various functions of the body ,with serious consequences. So drinking clean water is really important. Our aim was to teach them the importance of clean water in their body. By doing this we are also contributing to the quality education goal. We also want to tell them how they could save the water. But instead we created a poster and posted it on social media, as we were unable to go to their hostel.

This is the poster that we created

