

Green Teens

Staying Green is the teens' job

Our Aim

The aim of the project was to raise awareness about staying green within our own community and to try to create our own compost so that we use it for, perhaps, growing edible vegetation. We wanted to both be innovative and challenge ourselves because if it is not challenging, it is not fun.

Some memorable experiences:

- ❖ When we got our first patch of worms for the compost, many of us were disgusted by them, while others had some rather weird reactions. One of the members of the team liked the worms so much that he decided to put one in a cup with soil and we kept it in our classroom as a small pet.

Some Obstacles

- ❖ The passivity of many students made it harder for us to be able to start executing the project. Some were not even interested in how to stay green!
- ❖ The assembling of the compost was the most challenging thing. We had a couple of attempts on it before finally succeeding to make one successfully.

Some Failures

- ❖ We were not able to execute the fashion show plan because we started working on it too late and then our city was placed under quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which made it impossible for us to conduct. What we learnt from this was that we should have a clear plan beforehand and not leave things for the last moment.
- ❖ We were not able to achieve the impact we wanted. We anticipated to have an impact on the entire neighbourhood the school is in, but we only managed to have an impact in our school. However, we will not give up and we will try our best to improve the impact level next year.

Some Successes

- ❖ We were able to teach the younger grades a lot about staying green and its importance in today's world.
- ❖ We were able to get in touch with a school in Poland for a possible collaboration and they had agreed to join us to achieve our aim. Unfortunately, we were not able to work together due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Some of the knowledge we gained throughout the project

- ❖ We learnt a lot about composting and how to protect the environment. Although we had previously studied in school how theoretically make compost and stay green, practice is different than theory. While researching about the compost, we learnt about many other stuff about how to stay green- things that were not taught to us in school and that we would not have found out about without engaging ourselves with this project.
- ❖ We also learnt a life lesson- if you really want to achieve something, then you have to put in a lot of effort. We realized that we needed to be very industrious when working with the project in order to get to the line we set ourselves.

Some skills we gained through the project

- ❖ As mentioned before, we learnt a lot about how to practically prepare compost- we applied our knowledge
- ❖ We improved our teamwork skills a lot as we had to be 7 people working on a project. Collaboration and communication were sometimes challenging but we managed to resolve such issues quickly.
- ❖ We developed risk-taking skills and learnt how to approach unexpected situations and take better decisions in a minimal span of time.

