

# Class Act

Schoolchildren share ideas on protecting nature

## Green lifestyle begins in school

### Youth must be included in discussions on environment



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Our earth is dying slowly day by day. It scares me to read the damage we are doing to our beloved earth. Seeing beautiful animals go extinct due to their habitat being

invaded is devastating. We in the 21st generation will suffer if we don't do something about it now. Schools should focus on engaging students in earth-friendly, sustainable projects and connecting these topics with all the core subjects taught in class. Environmental awareness should be taught under three main headings, namely natural resources and environmental revitalisation, hazardous waste substance prevention, and resource management in the community.

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More emphasis should be placed on research-based learning on areas related to natural resources and environment, enabling students to understand the concepts of quality of life, economy and society.

Industrialisation, urbanisation, and technological advancement are crucial, so as to enhance the

quality of life on earth. However, this has taken a toll on the environment. Students should be taught about the interdependence of existence, e.g. bees and pollination, vegetation cover and rain, etc. In my school, birthdays are celebrated by planting a tree or a flower. If this practice is carried out worldwide,

imagine the number of trees that would be planted in a day. Schools should organise an 'eco-system pen pals' programme as a way to connect students globally, allowing them to exchange best practices. A lot of campaigns that are connected with all aspects of the environment, if conducted on a regular basis, lead to positive outcomes that change the youth's outlook and behaviour.

Students should be given opportunities to get involved and partici-

pate in environmental summ and become part of discussions make better visible changes. V are the future, involve us, and let be part of the change.

As Margaret Mead had said "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, is the only thing that ever has. No matter how small the change one makes towards making the Earth a better place, it is better than doing nothing at all."

THE PERSPECTIVE

