

World Environment Day, also known as Eco Day, is celebrated all over the world on 5<sup>th</sup> of June. This is the day to increase worldwide awareness of environmental issues. People from all walks of life come together to ensure a cleaner, greener and brighter living environment for themselves and future generations to come.

This year, the theme for World Environment Day is to restore biodiversity among nations. Sr Goretti planned an enriching programme for the children at Good Shepherd Student Care. The little ones were given opportunities to promote a change in attitude towards the environment and to raise awareness on the importance of recycling. Sr Goretti shared with the children why it is necessary to keep the environment clean and green. She also highlighted the basic needs of human beings and emphasized on how human beings and the environment are correlated and interdependent.



In addition, the children learnt from videos that over-population around the world has huge impact on the environment. Rubbish dumping, air pollution which resulted from haze, forest burning etc. and an increase in industrial buildings around the world greatly posed threats to biodiversity. Ref:

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The children brainstormed for ideas to overcome the environmental issues. They suggested more trees to be planted in order to produce more oxygen, to reduce the impact of air and water pollution. In addition, they advocated planting to produce ample fruits, to reduce starvation and to heal our planet.



Plants need L.A.W.N.S.: light, air, water, nutrients and space to grow

Sr Goretti introduced different tools needed for planting to the children and taught them what are needed for plants to grow. The children could not contain their excitement to dig the soil and grow some spring onion plants. It was an enjoyable and enriching session for all on this special day.



Planting is fun!

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