

# PLASTIC OR PLANET? ACT B4 YOU REGRET!

## PSBB T. NAGAR

**(B4 - Better neighborhood, Better life, Better tomorrow, Better YOU.)**

**Is an endeavor to establish tolerance & respect in every human being to build better communities for a better future.**

The students of PSBB T. Nagar joined hands with guests from the US Consulate to discuss methods of implementation of reducing plastics and taking up responsibility to create a better neighborhood and community.

The program on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in the school premises began with a prayer followed by a short presentation by Dhananjay Krishna who explained the theme of the World Environment Day and the hazards of plastic pollution and how the marine creatures are suffocated mercilessly. The message “We are all part of the problem and it is time to turn the tide on plastic” was loud and clear. Next, students presented a wonderful dance on “Ethu Namma Bhoomi”, reminding the audience that they need to take responsibility for their planet. Benjamin Pratt, William Pratt and Camilla Grass, guests from the US consulate shared their experiences about the environmental projects they had taken up in their community. These include tree planting, gardens for many schools/elderly care homes, help in replanting trees in Chennai after Cyclone Vardah and many roadside clean-up events. Camilla Grass considers India as her second home!



Prayer



Talk on Environment Day



Dance – Idu Namma Bhoomi



Sharing their experience on reducing plastic

William urged students to develop a passion for something... be it a flower/bird etc. and work hard to help it thrive. The guests pointed out that one must let the governing bodies know the issues/threats that are looming in their neighborhood and ensure that adequate timely actions are taken to protect their environment. They emphasized that the best way one could contribute was to clean the trash they themselves leave behind. If a person cleans up any trash he finds, even if not created by him, this would set up a domino effect and others would follow the example. They also spoke about alternatives to plastic that could be considered.



Introducing the guests



Watching the Programme

Students of PSBB then shared the environmental initiatives taken up by them like dry waste segregation, recycling of used paper, planting of Tulsi saplings in the community, using eco-friendly bags provided by the school, planting saplings in neighboring schools, distributing seeds and saplings to the community, creating awareness in parks etc.



Planting sapling



Mrs. Sheela addressing the students



Guests giving feedback

The Deputy Dean and Director of PSBB Schools, Mrs. Sheela Rajendra appreciated the different approaches to tackle environmental issues and reminded students of how their ancestors had recognized the need to take what they needed to live and preserved the rest for succeeding generations. One is an environment to oneself first, she said, referring to one's own body and then to the surrounding place and people. She emphasized that we should respect the flora and fauna and environmental activities should be sustained.

The guests planted saplings along with the PSBB students as a show of solidarity for environmental protection

A fruitful program as the seeds of preserving natural resources, doing away with plastics and involving the neighborhood in environmental activities was ingrained in the students.

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