

There is no planet B – So let's take care of this one

Umweltaktionen der DSKL

'It's our time to rise up': youth climate strikes held in 100 countries

School and university students continue Friday protests to call for political action on crisis

Quelle:

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/mar/15/ its-our-time-to-rise-up-youth-climate-strikes-held-in-100countries; 15.03.2019)

ENVIRONMENT

Student Strike: How Young Activists Are Leading the Fight Against Climate Change

(Quelle: https://eco-age.com/news/student-activists-campaigning-planet; 15.03.2019)

These are some of the current newspapers head-lines! It is encouraging to see young people stand up, get together and fight for an urgent cause. Environment, Climate Change, Global Warming — these topics are pretty much part of our daily conversations and are covered in the school curriculum. Through attending conferences, listening to talks and school projects DSKL keeps active and engaged in real world issues.

Class 9, 10 and 11 attended the conference of Marina and Micha from Ozeankind e. V., who were in DSKL on the $1^{\rm st}$ of February. These two environmentally friendly youngsters talked about their mission and possibilities of how everyone can contribute to environmental protection or reduce plastic waste.



It is good to think that part of the solution lies within ourselves, that each one of us can contribute to have a safer planet. So, what can we do? To start with, here are some simple ideas:

- 1. Say no straw in your drink.
- 2. Don't leave the house without a refillable water bottle.
- 3. Take off your pullover before using the A/C.
- 4. Use cosmetics and soaps without micro plastic (ask Sina from Class 11 if you have any doubt).
- 5. Be mindful when using technology.
- 6. Think critically and in depth on our way of consumption; what rewards do we get from consuming, does it make us real happy?

This school year DSKL has achieved:

- DSKL is free of plastic straws
- DSKL is plastic water bottle free and has big container dispensers for the sports events
- In different subjects we explore and identify environmental issues and engagement in problem solving
- DSKL is replacing the use of plastic containers at lunchtime with recyclable containers
- We work towards becoming a greener school
- At DSKL students and teachers participate in workshops and conferences (ISKL Single Use Plastic Eco Conference, AIMS Conference: "Connecting locally, impacting globally")
- DSKL tries to raise the awareness among students with the social hours in Class 10 and 11
- Parents, students and teachers have been organising some Clean-Ups (see pictures)
- Use of reusable plates and cutlery for school events

Apart from contributing to what the DSKL has achieved, the students and SV have been active:

- Participation in the *Clean Plate Challenge* project in October 2019
- Class 11 sells bamboo straws at each school event
- The school wants to be part of the NGO campaign *Bye bye plastic bags Kuala Lumpur* and build an active group

A lot of things have been done, a lot of things to do are still on the list. Let's all be part of the solution!

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