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Sustainability Report

INTRODUCTION

At Maple Bear UAE Nursery, our commitment to sustainability is not just a practice but a pledge to shape a brighter, greener, and more harmonious world. We transcend traditional education, striving to instill enduring values of environmental stewardship and sustainability in every aspect of our learning environment. Our dedication to sustainability is not confined to our immediate community; it extends to global aspirations for positive environmental and social change. Rooted in the ethos of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), our initiatives strategically address pivotal challenges, actively contributing to a more sustainable and interconnected future.

Accountability and Parental Engagement

As part of our commitment, Maple Bear UAE Nursery takes accountability for our environmental impact. We recognize the importance of transparency and actively communicate our sustainability efforts to parents, fostering a collaborative approach to environmental responsibility. Through regular updates, newsletters, and interactive sessions, we engage parents in our sustainability journey, encouraging them to embrace eco-friendly practices within their households.



HOW WE EMBRACE SUSTAINABILITY AT OUR NURSERIES

As we immerse ourselves in the Maple Bear UAE sustainable pledge, we align our efforts with the global conversation on sustainability. Our commitment extends beyond the classroom, uniting children, parents, and our dedicated team in a shared vision of a brighter, more environmentally conscious world. Together, let's be the change we wish to see.

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[Click here](#) to learn about our sustainable classroom



Initiative 1

WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM

Saved 4088
single-use
plastic
bottles



540 gallons
of water



Objective:

To reduce the environmental impact of water consumption within the nurseries

Initiative:

Installed a water filtration system to ensure clean and safe drinking water for staff and students.

Results:

- Utilized 540 gallons of water bottles, successfully preventing the disposal of 4,088 half-liter single-use plastic bottles into the waste stream.
- Contributed significantly to SDG 6 by promoting responsible water consumption and reducing plastic waste.

Aligning with Dubai Can's Vision:

- Our water sustainability initiative aligns with Dubai Can. By eliminating 4,088 plastic bottles, Maple Bear exemplifies shared dedication to reduce plastic waste, promoting responsible water use and environmental stewardship.



Initiative 2

ORGANIC COTTON UNIFORMS

Objective:

To promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the choice of materials for nursery uniforms, while minimizing the environmental impact of pesticide use.

Initiative:

Introduced organic cotton uniforms for staff and students, sourced from certified sustainable suppliers, ensuring a pesticide-free approach to farming practices.



Results

Contributed to the reduction of environmental impact associated with conventional cotton production, such as the use of harmful pesticides.

Aligned with SDG 12 by promoting sustainable consumption and production practices in the textile industry.



Initiative 3

RECYCLE BINS

Objective

To encourage waste reduction and proper disposal of recyclable materials.

Initiative

Placed strategically located recycle bins throughout the nursery for easy access and waste segregation.

Result

Recycled 50 kg of papers and 87 kg of plastics, contributing to a reduction in landfill waste.



Initiative 4

BEACH CLEANUP



Objective

To instill a sense of environmental responsibility and contribute to local community well-being.

Initiative

Organized a beach cleanup activities involving staff, students, and parents to maintain the cleanliness of local beaches.

Result

- Cleaned 5 kg of trash, making a tangible impact on the local environment.
- Contributed to SDG 15 by preserving terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity.

Initiative 5

TREE RESTORATION PROJECT

Objective:

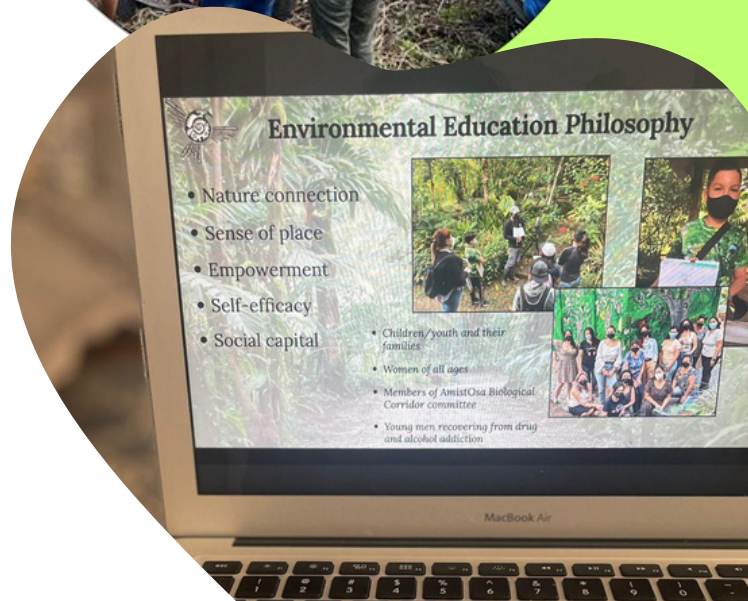
To contribute to global reforestation efforts and instill a lasting commitment to environmental preservation.

Initiative

100 trees sponsored in Costa Rica, encompassing a diverse range of 10 tree varieties.

Maple Bear Nurseries in UAE collaborates with Finca Cantaros, an environmental nonprofit based in Costa Rica, to grow trees with every new student enrollment.

Maple Bear staff members have undergone comprehensive environmental awareness training provided by Finca Cantaros.



Result

- Sponsored 100 trees across 10 varieties through the partnership with Finca Cantaros.
- Established a lasting commitment to tree-growing as opposed to short-term tree-planting initiatives.
- Forged a meaningful alliance with Finca Cantaros, promoting global awareness and collaboration in environmental conservation.



Initiative 6

THE ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS NETWORK



Objective

To champion sustainability in early years education and integrate it into both curriculum and organizational practices.

Initiative

As the only early childhood group within the TASS network, Maple Bear UAE Nursery proudly leads the integration of sustainability into early years education. We commit to The Charter, a symbolic pledge by the head of each school joining the TASS network to prioritize sustainability in all aspects of the school's operations and decision-making.



Result

- Formalized our commitment through The Charter, symbolizing our dedication to prioritizing sustainability in our organizational practices.
- Aligned with a global network of schools dedicated to shaping a sustainable future through education.

Maple Bear UAE Nursery stands at the forefront of sustainable education, not only through our individual initiatives but also through our membership in The Alliance for Sustainable Schools network. The integration of sustainability into both our curriculum and organizational practices further exemplifies our commitment to fostering environmental consciousness in the early years of education. Together, with our community, we are shaping a future where sustainability is not just a practice but a fundamental aspect of learning and living

Initiative 7

DOCUSIGN: REDUCING CARBON FOOTPRINT THROUGH PAPERLESS PRACTICES

Objective

To minimize our environmental impact by shifting from traditional paper-based documentation to a more sustainable, digital approach.

Initiative

Maple Bear UAE has adopted DocuSign as a paperless solution for signing all documents, eliminating the need for physical paper and promoting a more eco-friendly workflow.

Result



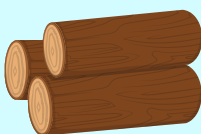
280kg

Carbon Emission Reduction



348gal

of water conserved



118lb

of wood saved



19lb

of waste prevented



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CONCLUSION

Maple Bear UAE Nursery remains resolute in its dedication to sustainability, aligning our actions with key UNSDGs to create a meaningful impact.

As we continue our journey, we recognize the interconnectedness of our efforts with global goals, and we strive to be a beacon of inspiration for positive change. Together, we are shaping a future that is not only environmentally conscious but also socially responsible, contributing to the achievement of the UNSDGs for a better and more sustainable world.

