CHANGE YOUR MINDSET, NOT THE CLIMATE

Are you ready to support a habitable World?

84 of the 100 most rapidly growing cities in the World are under severe threat due to climate issues and rising temperatures resulting from climate change. Big cities are very much affected by this threat. The students of Güzelbahçe Bahçeşehir Schools Environment Team who have decided to take action for a clean future and a clean İzmir have taken part in exemplary awareness-raising projects starting from their school which is located 24 km away from the city center. The action was taken by these young activists with the slogan of "Let the World Breathe" offers different points of view to the questions such as "How can the global climate crisis be prevented?"

So, what is climate crisis?

As a result of various human effects such as; burning fossil fuels, industrial processes, the changes in the use of lands, and deforestation, the accumulation of prominent greenhouse gases are rapidly increasing and the natural greenhouse effect is fostered. The most important and obvious consequence of this fostered greenhouse effect is that it creates an extra positive radiative forcing on the global energy balance and heating the Earth's climate. The Greenhouse gas emissions lasting in their levels today or above will most probably cause many changes and more heating in the climate systems during the 21st century compared to those observed in the 20th century. Even if the accumulation of greenhouse gases, rises of sea levels, and heating that are human-caused factors are controlled to a certain extent, the climate processes and the feedback connected time scales might probably last for ages as they are various and long. This will eventually cause negative outcomes for the societies and set many obstacles in front of improvement. Therefore, we all have great responsibilities concerning this matter. (Türkeş M., What is Global Climate Change? 2008)

There are things all of us can do

Scientists advise that we have to make major changes in our lifestyles to prevent the devastating effects of climate change. Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC), advises us to consume less meat, milk, cheese, and butter and more locally grown fruit and vegetables, to prefer traveling by bus or train instead of a plane, to choose video conference instead of business trips, to dry our laundry outside and not to use clothes driers, to strengthen our house heating isolation and pay attention to everything we buy to make sure that they were produced with low carbon emissions.

The Young Reporters For The envıronment team rolled up theır sleeves for awareness

Our young reporters for the environment team that elaborates the environmental problem with multi-dimensional approaches and believes that all individuals in the society must be informed thoroughly to fulfill their responsibilities have rolled up their sleeves for a sustainable and healthy World. Our young activists took action for the sustainable development goals and started their work in October when the climate change module was included in the curriculum. In the academic wise of the project they strategically collaborated with Bahçeşehir University and organizational wise with Earth is my

Home Society. With the motto #MyPlanetMyFuture, they set up a strong affiliation between the new generation and climate crisis by sharing all the work they had done since kindergarten on social media to raise awareness.

Our students who shared their activities on our school's institutional page, on social media, and newspaper and made them reach many individuals followed these steps actively in their campaign for 6 months:

- With the motto "we can prevent climate change", we gave informative presentations to kindergarten and primary students of our school. We showed them educational videos concerning the climate crisis. We organized our students to stroll around the school with the t-shirts and banners they prepared and raised awareness.
- We looked for answers to questions such as: What is recycling? How is it done? How does it help the climate crisis? Besides, we opened a recycling exhibition with the support of all students in our school and donated the income to TEMA to support a sustainable World.

- What is climate change? What can be done about the climate crisis? To seek answers to these questions we did interviews and raised awareness.
- With the collaboration of Bahçeşehir College and YEGAM, we set a seminar with Asst. Prof. Dr. Canan Acar from BAU Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences Department of Energy Systems Engineering regarding Sustainable Energy Solutions against Climate Change for all our parents via zoom.
- The outcomes of our campaign "Against Climate Crisis for Future" that we ended in March were exhibited on school bulletin boards.

- The awareness we created through our work received great support from our friends. It was a small step for us but a big step for the World.

It's up to us to be the heroes in the climate crisis.

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- BK Güzelbahçe Kampüsü Twitter'da: "4.sınıf öğrencilerimiz de "İklim Krizini Farkındayız" dedi ve mücadele için hazırladıkları tişört,pankartlarla herkesi duyarlılığa davet etti. #iklimkrizi #iklimkoruyucuları #iklimhareketi https://t.co/WKBgZbyj87" / Twitter
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