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Art For Change: Painting Out Plastics

The Art for Change Competition provided an exciting platform for regular and special USO member schools to showcase creativity and promote environmental awareness. With the theme **'Painting Out Plastics'** aligning with Earth Day's focus on Planet vs Plastics, participants across age groups created original artwork using various mediums on A3-sized paper.

Registration, free for all USO Member Schools, involved filling out an online form before the April 22, 2024 deadline. Special schools also joined in, addressing topics like **'No More Plastic Bags'** or **'Plastic-Free School'** based on their categories.

The competition was for students of Std. 1 - 12, and ages 5 yrs+ from Special Schools.

The competition was held at schools during Earth Day week (April 22 - 27, 2024). They then submitted their students artwork to USO for judging based on creativity, theme interpretation, artistic skill, and overall presentation.

Participants shall received Participation E-Certificates, and notable entries shall earn 'Best Entry' titles per school per category and 'National Winners' distinctions.

The results shall be declared on May 17, 2024 on our website. Results shall also be shared via email directly to schools. The national winners shall also be awarded a trophy.

The list of prize winners shall be shared in the June edition of World Informo.

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We are excited to launch USO School Membership 2024-2025, offering schools nationwide benefits like diverse extracurricular activities and opportunities to excel in education.

Membership includes access to competitions, events, and workshops for networking and collaboration, providing a platform for schools to showcase achievements and enhance their reputation. Joining USO strengthens the schools' commitment to excellence, fosters a supportive community, and improves the overall learning environment.

Advantages of USO Membership

- Gain exclusive access to programs, conferences, competitions, seminars, etc.
- Engage with prominent UN agencies and government entities.
- Offer your students a national platform for showcasing their talents.
- Cultivate global citizenship in students.

Membership Fees & Registration

- USO Membership is valid from April 1 to March 31 each year.
- Rs. 100 is the Membership fee per year for schools.
- The online registration form includes payment link.

Scan the QR Code to Fill Online Membership Form



We are thrilled to announce registrations for our 2024 National Tests, a platform for students to showcase talents and contribute to excellence in extra-curricular activities.

Covering subjects like Mental Math and General Knowledge, these tests encourage holistic learning and skill development. Study materials in e-book format and printed books are available for preparation, with a nominal fee of Rs. 175 per test per student and Rs. 250 per student per test respectively. Participating offers a national competition platform for students to shine academically and beyond.



For Students in Grades 1-3

- Mental Math
- Mini I.T.
- Mini G.K.



For Students in Grades 4-12

- G.K. Test (General Knowledge)
- UN Information Test
- I.T. & A.I. (Information Technology & Artificial Intelligence).

KEY OBSERVANCES



International Day of Families May 15

The International Day of Families, observed on May 15th each year, holds great significance in acknowledging and celebrating the central role of families in our lives and society. Families come in diverse forms and structures, ranging from nuclear families to extended families, single-parent families, and blended families. Each family unit plays a vital role in shaping individuals' identities, providing emotional support, and fostering values and traditions.

This day serves as a platform to raise awareness about the various challenges and issues faced by families globally. These challenges may include balancing work and family responsibilities, addressing parenting difficulties, ensuring access to quality education and healthcare, and navigating economic hardships. By recognizing these challenges, the International Day of Families aims to advocate for policies and initiatives that promote family well-being and resilience.

Furthermore, the United Nations underscores the crucial role of families in promoting sustainable development and societal cohesion. Strong and supportive families contribute significantly to creating nurturing environments for children, fostering intergenerational solidarity, and enhancing social stability. Therefore, this day encourages governments, organizations, and communities to prioritize family-friendly policies and programs that empower families and strengthen their capacities to thrive amidst various challenges.

Through educational events, awareness campaigns, and community activities, the International Day of Families fosters dialogue, understanding, and solidarity among individuals and families worldwide. It underscores the importance of valuing and supporting families as the cornerstone of healthy and vibrant societies.



The theme for Global Family Day 2024 is “Embracing Diversity, Strengthening Families”.

The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 with resolution A/RES/47/237 and reflects the importance the international community attaches to families. The International Day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.

Keep In Mind

- It serves as an opportunity to promote core family values such as love, respect, unity, and mutual support, fostering positive relationships within households and communities.
- The day emphasizes the crucial role of parents and caregivers in nurturing children's physical, emotional, and cognitive development, advocating for policies and programs that support effective parenting practices.

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International Day of UN Peacekeepers May 29

The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, observed annually on May 29th, stands as a poignant tribute to the remarkable contributions and sacrifices of UN peacekeepers around the world.

Instituted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2002, this day serves to honor the unwavering commitment and courage of peacekeepers who work tirelessly to maintain international peace and security. It is a solemn occasion to remember those who have lost their lives in the line of duty and to express gratitude to those who continue to serve in challenging and often perilous environments.

It was so designated by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 57/129, on December 11, 2002, after an official request of the Ukrainian Peacekeepers Association and the Government of Ukraine to the UN General Assembly and first celebrated in 2003.

Each year, the International Day adopts a specific theme, shedding light on different aspects of peacekeeping efforts such as the role of women in peacekeeping, the protection of civilians, conflict prevention, and peacebuilding. Through various events, ceremonies, seminars, and exhibitions organized globally, the day raises awareness about the vital role of peacekeeping operations in preventing conflicts, protecting human rights, and supporting post-conflict reconstruction.

Moreover, the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers underscores the importance of partnerships and collaboration between the UN, member states, regional organizations, NGOs, and local communities in enhancing peacekeeping effectiveness and impact. It also serves as a platform for advocacy, public engagement, and recognition of outstanding peacekeepers who exemplify dedication, professionalism, and selflessness in their peacekeeping duties.

Ultimately, this day reaffirms the collective commitment to peace, security, and international cooperation, emphasizing the ongoing efforts of the United Nations to build a more peaceful and prosperous world for present and future generations.

Some Fascinating Facts

- UN Peacekeepers are often referred to as "Blue Helmets" due to the distinctive blue helmets and berets they wear as part of their uniform, symbolizing hope and protection in conflict-affected areas.
- As of 2022, UN peacekeeping missions operate in over 12 countries, with more than 85,000 military, police, and civilian personnel deployed worldwide.
- As of recent years, Bangladesh holds the distinction of being the largest contributor of military personnel to UN peacekeeping missions.
- The International Day of UN Peacekeepers commemorates the deployment of the UN's first peacekeeping mission in 1948. This mission, known as the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), marked the beginning of modern peacekeeping efforts.

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World No Tobacco Day May 31

World No Tobacco Day is an annual event observed globally on May 31st. It is spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO) and serves as a crucial platform to increase awareness about the detrimental effects of tobacco use on health. The campaign aims to educate the public about the various health risks associated with tobacco consumption, including but not limited to lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory ailments, and strokes. Additionally, it highlights the dangers of secondhand smoke exposure, which can also lead to severe health complications for non-smokers.

The overarching goal of World No Tobacco Day is to advocate for evidence-based policies and initiatives aimed at reducing tobacco consumption and creating smoke-free environments. These policies may include measures such as

increasing tobacco taxation, implementing strict smoke-free laws in public spaces, banning tobacco advertising and sponsorship, and providing accessible cessation services for those looking to quit smoking.

The campaign encourages individuals to take proactive steps towards quitting smoking and supporting initiatives that promote tobacco control. It emphasizes the collective effort required from health professionals, governments, civil society organizations, and the private sector to address the tobacco epidemic effectively.



Understanding the Reasons Behind Smoking and Tobacco Use

- Peer Pressure
- Stress Relief
- Curiosity
- Media Influence
- Addiction

By raising awareness, advocating for policy changes, and promoting healthier lifestyle choices, World No Tobacco Day plays a vital role in safeguarding public health and reducing the burden of tobacco-related diseases worldwide.

The theme of "Protecting children from tobacco industry interference" for World No Tobacco Day 2024 underscores the critical need to shield young people from the harmful influences of tobacco marketing and promotion. This theme reflects the ongoing efforts to safeguard the health and well-being of future generations by curbing tobacco use, particularly among adolescents and children.

Creative Ways to Quit Tobacco

- Set a Quit Date
- Remove Triggers
- Use Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)
- Consider Prescription Medications
- Practice Stress Management
- Stay Busy
- Stay Positive
- Be Patient and Persistent
- Chewing Gum or Snacking on Healthy Options
- Reward Yourself

SCHOOL'S CORNER



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सदस्य, कार्यकारिणी समिति यूनाइटेड स्कूल्स
आर्गनाइजेशन ऑफ़ इंडिया, नई दिल्ली

पतितपावनी है यह गंगा,
गोमुखसे निकली अवरिल धार है।
कल- कल बहती है निरंतर,
इसधरा का श्रृंगार है,
भागीरथके वंशजों की यही
तोतारणहार है।
नाकरो इसे तुम दूषित,
समयकी यही पुकार है।
नदीनहीं है यह केवल,
मानवतामें संस्कार हैं।
सदियोंसे यह बहती गंगा,
करोना अब यूं इसकोगंदा,
बचेना कोई रब काबंदा,
पड़ेगले जब यम काफंदा,
घोलोगेगर इसमें जहर
झेलना पाओगे मौत का कहर,
नाबचेगा कोई घर- दर,
तांडवहोगा शहर- शहर।
शपथलो अबहे मानव,
नहीं बनेंगे अबहम दानव।
ना डालें अबइसमें गंदगी,
करेंगे सब हम इसकीबंदगी।

हो जाएंगे फिरसे चंगे,
बोलेंगेजब हर-हर गंगे।
नहींखेलेंगे जिंदगी से जुआ,
शपथलेते हम सब युवा।
गंगा में गंदगीना बहाएंगे
पतित पावनी हेमां! गंगा,
आपकोफिर से निर्मल बनाएंगे।
मनुके वंशज कृत संकल्पहैं,
नहीं अब कोईविकल्प है,
तुमममतामयी, तुम अमृतमयी,
जीवनदाता तेरी जलधारा है,
रखेंसदा तुम्हें निर्मल पावन,
यहकर्तव्य हमारा है।
हरहर गंगे, नमामि गंगे,
यहीहमारा नारा है।

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This article has been shared by Dr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Principal of M.T.S. Public School, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. M.T.S. Public School is a long-standing USO Member School and routinely participates in USO Activities.

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THE DELICATE DANCE: HUMANITY'S INTERDEPENDENCE WITH THE ENVIRONMENT

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In the intricate tapestry of existence, humanity is but a single thread woven tightly with the fabric of the environment. Our very survival, prosperity, and well-being are intricately linked to the health and stability of the natural world. The adage, "Don't destroy the Earth and Environment, otherwise Earth and Environment destroy us," encapsulates the profound interdependence between human civilization and the planet we call home.

At the heart of this interdependence lies the delicate balance of ecosystems, biodiversity, and climate stability. Every action we take, from industrialization to deforestation, from overconsumption to pollution, sends ripples across this delicate balance. When we disrupt ecosystems, we disturb the intricate web of life upon which we ultimately depend. The loss of biodiversity weakens the resilience of ecosystems, making them more vulnerable to external shocks and less capable of providing essential services such as clean air, fresh water, and fertile soil.

The consequences of environmental degradation are far-reaching, extending beyond the realms of nature to impact human health, livelihoods, and societal well-being. Air and water pollution contribute to respiratory diseases, while deforestation and habitat destruction increase the risk of zoonotic diseases like COVID-19. Climate change exacerbates natural disasters, displacing communities and destabilizing economies. Loss of biodiversity threatens food security and undermines the cultural heritage of indigenous peoples who have long been stewards of the land.

In facing these challenges, we are confronted with profound ethical, moral, and existential questions. As stewards of the Earth, do we have the right to exploit its resources without regard for future generations? Are we not bound by a moral obligation to preserve the beauty and diversity of life for its own sake? And what does it mean for our own identity and purpose if we fail in this responsibility?

Yet, amidst the looming shadow of environmental crisis, there is also hope. Human ingenuity and innovation offer pathways towards a more sustainable future. From renewable energy technologies to regenerative agriculture practices, from circular economies to conservation initiatives, there are countless ways in which we can reduce our ecological footprint and nurture a more harmonious relationship with the natural world.

Moreover, effective policy measures at the local, national, and international levels are crucial for catalyzing systemic change. Governments must enact regulations that incentivize sustainable practices and penalize environmental harm. International cooperation is essential for addressing global challenges such as climate change and biodiversity loss, recognizing that the health of the planet knows no borders.

In the end, the imperative to preserve and protect our planet is not just a matter of self-interest but of collective survival. It is a recognition of our interconnectedness with all life on Earth and a reaffirmation of our shared responsibility to future generations. As we navigate the complexities of the modern world, let us heed the wisdom of the ages and strive to be worthy stewards of this precious planet we call home. For in safeguarding the Earth, we safeguard ourselves.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

World Informo invites teachers, principals, and students from schools all over India to contribute articles to our **national** platform.

As educators, your wealth of experience and expertise will inspire and inform others. Whether you have innovative teaching methods to share, success stories from your school community, or reflections on the challenges and triumphs of education, your voice matters.

As students, your perspectives are invaluable. Share your thoughts on topics that matter to you, whether it's the future of learning, the impact of technology in the classroom, or your experiences with extracurricular activities. Your unique insights can spark meaningful discussions and inspire your peers worldwide.

By contributing to **World Informo**, you become part of a network of educators and learners, exchanging ideas and shaping the future of education together.

Special Opportunity for Teachers & Students



As part of our collaborative efforts, contribute articles or insights related to environmental conservation, environment conservation efforts, water management, importance of rivers or sustainable living. Articles can be in the form of success stories, innovative ideas, or educational resources.

Selected articles will have the chance to be shared with **Namami Gange**, a crucial initiative dedicated to cleaning and rejuvenating the Ganges river, and will also be considered for publication in the newsletter of USO Member Schools.

Thank you for reading!

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