

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 2024:BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY

The CDLE Programme 2024, centred on the theme of Sustainability, was a week-long celebration of global cooperation, focusing on the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). From July 21st to July 27th, 2024, Modern School hosted a vibrant and enriching exchange with a delegation from Townley Grammar School, consisting of 24 students from Grade 9 and 3 teachers. The programme facilitated a dynamic dialogue between the two schools, fostering mutual learning and cultural exchange.

Sunday, July 21, 2024: Arrival and Warm Welcome

The CDLE Programme commenced with the arrival of the Townley Grammar School delegation at Modern School. The guests were warmly welcomed by their host students and families, setting a tone of camaraderie and anticipation. An introductory session laid the groundwork for the week, emphasizing sustainability and the importance of the SDGs. The day was filled with excitement as students began to connect, paving the way for a fruitful collaboration.

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Day 1 : Monday, July 22, 2024: Inaugural Ceremonies and Creative Collaborations



The first full day began with a tour of the Modern School campus, offering the Townley students an insight into their host school's Opening environment. The Ceremony celebrated the collaboration between the two schools, with the Principal Dr Datta delivering a warm welcome and highlighting the importance of sustainability and global cooperation. An ice-breaking session in the HLL auditorium engaged students in myriad activities designed to foster teamwork and camaraderie, followed by creative sessions that allowed students to explore their artistic potential through various mediums.

Day2 : Tuesday, July 23, 2024: Immersive Learning and Exploration

Tuesday offered the Townley delegation a deep dive into the Indian education system, beginning with attendance in Grade 9 classes at Modern School. The day continued with a Workshop Graphics where students collaborated on digital art and bag-making, fostering creativity and teamwork. A visit to the Parliament House in the afternoon provided a unique opportunity to learn about India's democratic system, offering insights into the similarities and differences between the legislative frameworks of India and the UK.



Day3 : Wednesday, July 24, 2024: Embracing Inclusivity and Creativity



Wednesday's focus was on inclusivity and integration. The day began with a special Library session, featuring a reading of a poem recreating the Mahabharata by one of the Modern School students. The afternoon saw more creative activities, followed by a friendly basketball match with the specially-abled players from the Sportability team. Dr Datta, a strong advocate for inclusivity, in his interaction during the event, emphasized importance emotional the of intelligence, sportsmanship, and teamwork as key components of education.



Day4 : Thursday, July 25, 2024: Science, Culture and Community

Thursday morning featured 'Fun with Science' activities that connected scientific principles with real-world environmental challenges. The day continued with cultural presentations in the 8th grade classrooms, followed by a visit to Cheshire Home, where students engaged in meaningful interactions with the residents. The afternoon was spent finalizing the creative works developed throughout the week, with Dr Datta congratulating the students on their impressive artistic achievements.

Day5 : Friday, July 26, 2024: Commitment to Conservation and Cultural Celebration

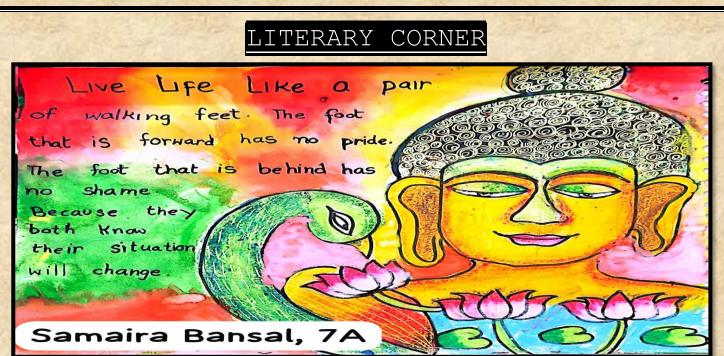
The final day of the programme was dedicated to environmental conservation and cultural exchange. The day began with a Tree Plantation drive led by Dr Datta, symbolizing students' commitment the to sustainability. A presentation session followed, where students from both shared their schools nations' contributions toward achieving the SDGs, showcasing their research and skills. presentation The day concluded with a vibrant Cultural Show, featuring performances by Townley students, and a heartfelt farewell gathering, reflecting on the experiences week's and the friendships formed.



<u>Reflection : A Week of Lasting Impact</u>

"The seeds of sustainability planted today will grow into a greener tomorrow, nurtured by the hands of youth across the globe."

The CDLE Programme 2024 was a tremendous success, offering a platform for meaningful dialogue, learning, and cultural exchange between Townley Grammar School and Modern School. By focusing on sustainability and the SDGs, students gained a deeper understanding of global challenges, while the program's interactive activities nurtured creativity, teamwork, and empathy. The bonds formed during this transformative week will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on all participants, shaping them into more informed, confident, and culturally sensitive individuals.



There are many ways of conserving bees, Like help preserving bees and their species, Protecting already existing bee territories, Planting bee friendly plants and trees, Harmful chemicals we should seize.

Conservation of bees should start in our place of residency, For the bees we should all pray to thee.

And most importantly we should come together and protect these.

Aryaman Singh, 8E

Meteor Gallop

Ronald was relaxing in his garden when he saw a meteor pass. But he quickly lost sight of it. He was curious as this was his first sight of a meteor – so he was very sad. That night he had a dream that someone knocked at his door and gave him a piece of meteor. Suddenly, Ronald heard a loud sound of his doorbell at 3 am and woke him up from his dream, there was no one at the door but a piece of shining object, like calling Ronald towards him...

Mohditya Gautam, 6E

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