



OMAN GREEN AWARDS 2011

NOMINATION FORM

Instructions for completing the nomination form:

1. Please use a separate Nomination Form for each award category.
2. You may attach extra paper as necessary
3. In the event you attach photographs, Statistical Tables and Reports to support your nomination they should be clearly labeled and marked
4. Please note that it is mandatory to provide two independent referees for the Nomination to be considered.

Organization Details:

Organization Name ABA-An IB World School

CR No.

Organization Type (Business/NGO/Gov) Non-profit international K-12 school

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Award Category Green Education Award

Project Details:

Project Title Grade 5 Exhibition: Sharing the Planet

Location of Project ABA School

One Line Description of Project

The world is impacted by an ever increasing population and we face challenges keeping our planet healthy, as well as sharing limited space and natural resources.

Effectiveness

What were your goals?

- For our grade 5 students to inquire into global environment problems including here in Oman
- To learn the causes, effects and investigate into solutions to these problems
- To present findings to public in the hopes that everyone takes action into caring better for our world

How have you measured your success?

- The success was measure by the students finished work and presentations. The Grade 5 Exhibition was a 3 month investigation where our students learned an incredible amount about the environment. The biggest

measure of success though has been the action that has come out of their inquiries. Not only the small steps of changing life style habits at home but in their actions completed on a larger scale.

Innovation & Creativity

How were innovative methods, strategies or ideas applied?

- The creativity came in how the students presented their information. There were models of ideas they had to better help the environment and they made attractive and educational posters. They wrote books, made power points and movies.
- On the evening of the presentation each student had grouped with others to show what they had learned in a theatrical presentation. There were songs, dancing, skits, talk shows and games shows. Each showing the problems our environment is facing along with the solutions to these problems.

Impact

How has the project/initiative/work motivated others to contribute to a greener Oman

- Students have educated the lower grades about environmental issues. They encouraged other students to adopt more sustainable practices at home and at school
- Grade 5 students have started a battery recycling program on campus and promoted bottle and can recycling
- Students have encouraged the administration to adopt more sustainable landscaping practices to conserve water

Originality and Leadership

How has the nominee demonstrated vision, foresight and persistence?

- ABA has incorporated environmental education into the curriculum. The grade 5 students completed a 3 month investigation into sustainable practices. The students carried out scientific investigations, research, and action to better understand and to educate others about environmental issues, both local and global. By placing the responsibility on the students to first learn about the issues and then present the issues to the community, the students gained ownership of their ideas. When students are directly connected and responsible for their education they tend to retain information and change habits on a more permanent basis compared to when the information is given to them by a teacher.

Continuity & Sustainability

How sustainable is the initiative carried out?

- The actions taken by the students are supported in other areas of the school. The environmental clubs support the recycling programs and our community and service programs support environmental action across all grade levels.

Explain how it will be effective in the long term



- By changing daily habits and raising awareness in the school community, overall the school will adopt more sustainable practices in water, electricity, and paper consumption. The school is in the process of accreditation and one of the objectives is to reduce our consumption of water, electricity and paper as well as encourage and model good environmental practices.