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The Green Committee has grown since its inception this school year, helping the sustainable development projects at FIS. Urban gardening in Chai Wan was particularly successful and popular while the food waste audit at BPR and JL were urgent wake-up calls.

Students at JL could translate what they learnt in their "Journey of food" IPC topic into actions for change. FIS aims to be a Single Use Plastic-Free school. To date, individually-packed cheese has been phased out, trash-free lunches at school outings have been trialled and green practices at school events are being gradually implemented. On the pedagogic side, wonderful teachers are incorporating sustainability in their lessons. The Green Gazette is a platform to showcase green projects, promote sustainability and facilitate collaboration between different parties, Int/Fr streams, year groups and campuses. We hope to work more closely with all of you next year. For now, have a clean and green summer break!

## TACKLING THE MENACE OF FOOD WASTE!

We all struggle with getting our kids to eat without wasting food. Now that they understand its grave environmental impact though, we hope to see a positive change. Supported by Ross



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(Head of International Primary), Y4-6 students at JL started food waste separation in May at the extension canteen on campus. The Y5 classes of Sophia Clarke and Bethany Allen were especially enthusiastic and volunteered themselves to create poster guidelines, act as canteen food waste monitors and

guide others to sort the waste into avoidable/unavoidable food waste and to separate yoghurt pots from lids so they could be washed and recycled. Food waste was then weighed on a daily basis with the help of canteen staff.



As part of the [Environmental Protection Department's Pilot Small Food Waste Composter Programme](#), students at BPR

and JL attended workshops on waste reduction and food growing. It was a concept they could easily grasp and offer tangible solutions for. Don't forget to reinforce this at home and we could help reduce [3000 tonnes of food waste that go to landfills every day!](#)

What better way to get kids to stop wasting food than to make them care about it? Thanks to Marie Roig (Head of French Primary) and with the support of Eric Taluy, Executive Chef from [Chartwells](#), and FIS health assistants, CE1 children experienced the variety of fresh vegetables they are offered on their daily menus. From avocado, kale, broccoli, peppers and more, to freshly picked thyme and basil, the children's senses were fully engaged in recognising different vegetables, their aromas and chopping up the fresh produce. They enjoyed the veggies with healthy dips, prepared by Chartwells. Even the not so adventurous eaters could give some new flavours a try!



## CAMPUS NEWS: Green projects currently underway

- **BPR's T-Park Outing:** 5ème students and their E.I.S.T. Science teachers spent a full day at [Hong Kong's T-Park](#), the “Rolls Royce of all waste-to-energy incinerators”. The facility is the first of its kind in Hong Kong and processes waste sludge to energy, reducing landfill waste by 90% whilst simultaneously providing energy to the public power grid. The tour of the high tech facilities was combined with fun quizzes, games and interactive experiments. [Veolia](#) representatives explained the process in French.



- **Antarctic explorer @JL:** Antarctic explorer, Barney Swan, visited the JL campus and spoke of his mission, the 2041 Climate Force, with the goal to reduce CO2 emissions by 360 million tonnes by 2025. Swan narrated captivating stories about his ski expedition to the South Pole, powered solely by renewable energy. The students together donated a whopping HK\$4,600 that will go towards uniting organizations, educators, and technology innovators, looking to create a more sustainable, clean energy future. Please visit the [Climate Force website](#) to find out more.



- **SHEroes of Science:** Supported by their teacher Anaëlle Barthelon, 5 students from BPR organised the conference “SHEroes of Science at TKO, breaking clichés from schools to firms” by doing their own research, contacting panelists and prompting discussion on the current gender inequality at the workplace and representation and inclusion of women in science. Panelists included women professionals from Veolia, HKU, Dragages, Schneider Electric, SCMP and our own Alexandre Makosza from FIS.

- **Laos trip @ BPR:** In May, 26 students from the Seconde Ecology and Territoires class visited the [Elephant Conservation Centre in Laos](#), accompanied by their teachers, Isabelle Chapeau Lebon, Rodolphe Moulin and Bruno Hoareau. They learnt about and contributed to the preservation of the Asian elephants which are listed in the [IUNC Red List](#).



- **Air quality @BPR & TKO:** Speakers from [Meo Air Analytics](#) spoke to 4ème students about air quality and how our behaviour can impact the air we breathe. The talks covered topics such as air composition, pollution, its impact on our health, the use of air quality sensors and precautions to be taken when using mobile apps, etc.

- **Summer Fair @JL:** Moving up from a small, single booth at the Winter Fair, this time the Green Committee and its ideas took centre stage - literally. In between food and fun activities, the Green Committee room had vendors like [Magic Season Organics](#) (organic farmers), [Plastic Free Seas'](#) Virtual Reality game, [Slowood](#) (eco-friendly products), a display wall with photos about waste management and previous Green Gazettes proudly displayed. Along with an interactive recycling game, there was a booth where students could pick up and reuse lost or forgotten bottles and lunchboxes. The Green Committee room welcomed a constant influx of interested people, all of whom went away with ideas about what they could do individually to help the environment or how they could get involved with the school's green projects.



- **Science awards for FIS students:** This year, around 90 secondary students showed excellent ability in Sciences (computer science, mathematics and projects related to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals). These included "Women In Science" (supported by Anaëlle Barthelon), France-HKUST "Innovation contest 4CSRtech" for sustainable solutions (supported by Martial Jaume) and "Lap Sap Wan Beach Cleanup" (supported by Catherine Viguier & Martial Jaume). Pictures of the latter were displayed at the government's World Ocean Day event at Tai Kwun, Central, on 9 June.
- **Art by Y5 @ JL:** A beautiful way to depict the desperate need for waste reduction, this creation was made half with recyclable materials that get needlessly trashed and half with non-recyclables that are filling up our landfills.



## A ROUND OF THANKS

- Thank you to this year's Parent Volunteers, our committed students, the school heads and teachers!!! With your help and support, we were able to set up this committee and make our school a greener place! Thanks also to Chartwells, the marketing & communications and facilities teams and Anita Balagopalan, the Editor of our popular Green Gazette.



## Looking for bright green stars!



We would like to keep the momentum and continue our efforts in the next school year. Emiko Gourmelen, founder of this Committee, will be handing over the position of Chair to Anne Sophie Zirah at the end of the school year. Anne Sophie is a Clean Development Mechanism Expert (CDM is a Kyoto Protocol mechanism managed by the UN) and has extensive knowledge of waste activity and renewable



energy. She will bring fantastic new ideas and initiatives to the Green Committee and will work on new programs together with Julia.



We will be looking for leaders with creative ideas and a green spirit to join her. It is a fantastic way to get to know people and a great opportunity to make an impact. If you would like to join (with as little or as much time as you can), please email us at [greencommittee@g.lfis.edu.hk](mailto:greencommittee@g.lfis.edu.hk).

Let us inspire and motivate the community and our children together - every little step counts!

## TIPS: WATER FOR FREE APP

Summer is here and we are all working up a sweat! It's important to stay hydrated, yet not add to the alarming numbers of single-use plastic bottles thrown into landfills every year. Download the [Water for Free](#) App on [iOS](#) or [Android](#) and keep a track of where you can get drinking water close to you. Shops who've partnered with them carry a sticker (pictured here) and offer water for free. Just remember to carry your reusable bottle! You could also choose to add to their database by reporting for them, making a donation or renting a water dispenser from them at your child's next party venue.



**That's all for this year. Stay tuned for more from the Green Committee or come join us!**