



Environmental Leaders introduced in every class

Student leaders assigned focus areas



Greater ownership of our environment

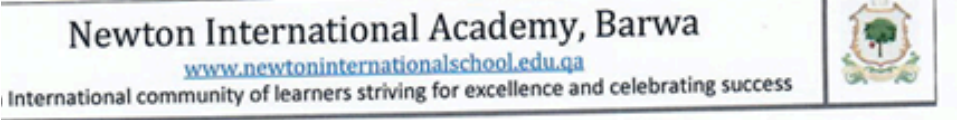
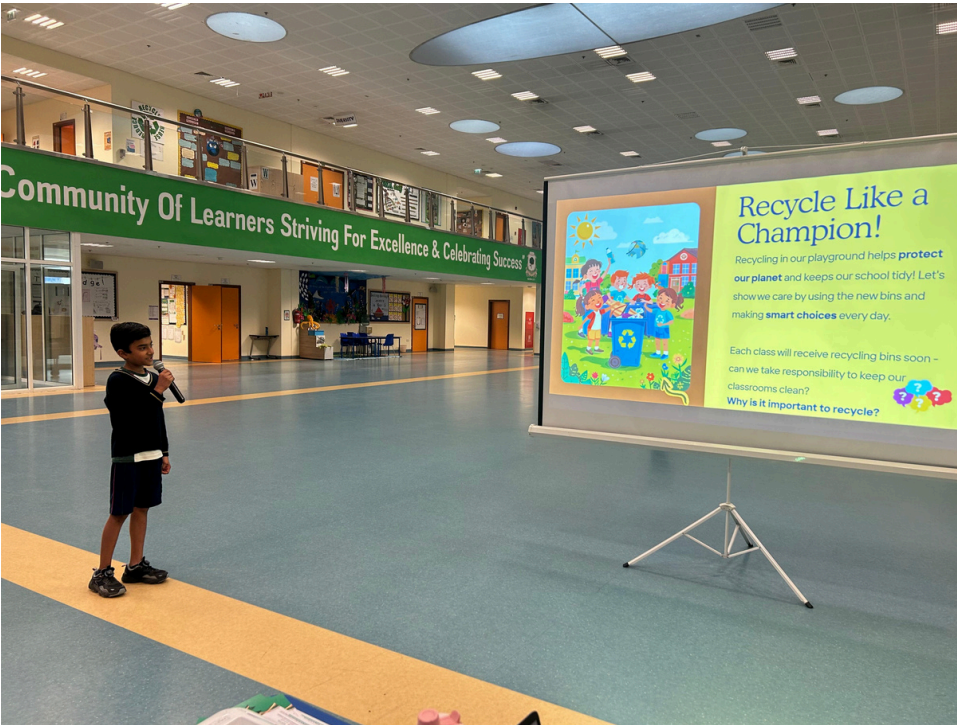
Eco-Schools now student-led



Students influencing school decisions

Every Child a Leader, Every Action a Difference





27 May 2025

Dear Ms Nadia and Dr Woolgar

As representatives of the Student Council, we would like to bring something under your attention. Some students have noticed that the recycling bins are beginning to look worn and outdated. The chains attached to them really does not look good. As a council that values student voice and responsibility, we would like to suggest giving the bins a fresh update.

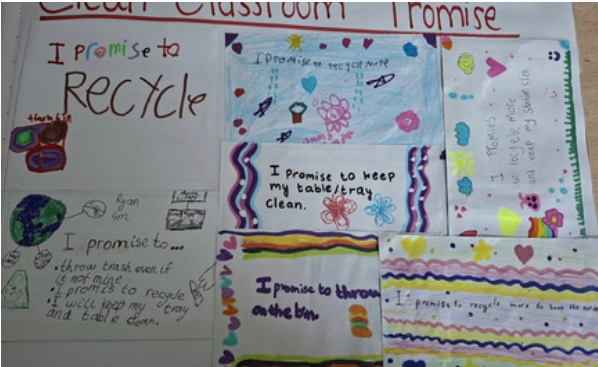
We propose the following improvements:

- Repainting the recycle bins in bright, eye-catching colours to make them more appealing and easier to identify.
- Removing the chains, which may make the bins more accessible and appealing for students of all ages.
- Adding student-designed artwork or eco-themed messages to the bins (by secondary Art students) to encourage proper recycling and promote ownership and pride among students.

We believe these small changes can have a big impact in encouraging students to engage more actively with recycling and looking after our school environment.

Thank you for considering our request. We would be happy to help plan or support this initiative in any way we can.

Kind regards,
Student Council
Newton International Academy – Primary

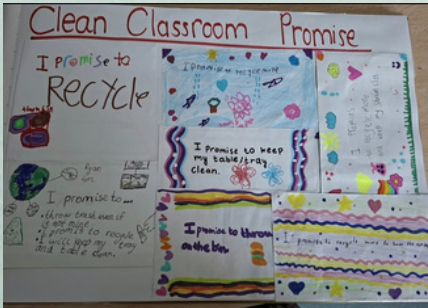
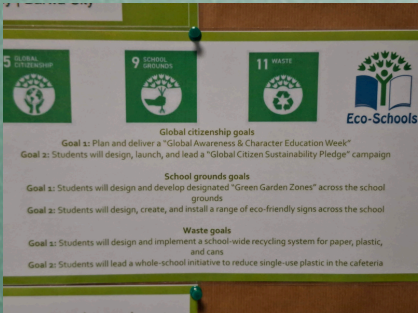


Environmental Improvements

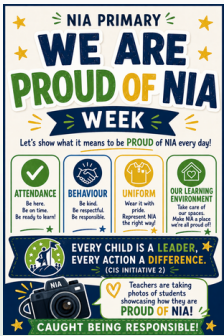
Student participation in sustainability initiatives increased significantly throughout the year, resulting in measurable improvements to the school environment. The Eco-Team conducted a comprehensive Environmental Review and used the findings to create an Action Plan focused on recycling, waste reduction, and environmental awareness.



As a result of student leadership, 30 classroom recycling bins were introduced, supported by environmental monitors in each class who help oversee daily recycling routines. Following a student-led request for additional recycling opportunities, six outdoor recycling bins were also installed. Arrangements were made with a recycling company to collect both paper and mixed recycling on a weekly basis, ensuring that recycling efforts are sustainable and ongoing. Student Council members monitor the outdoor recycling stations and promote responsible use among their peers.



Awareness and participation were further strengthened through initiatives such as Plastic Free Week, student sustainability pledges, and ongoing Green Flag activities. Evidence of recycling collections and environmental monitoring demonstrates that students are taking increasing ownership of environmental responsibility.



The Eco-Team also met with Haadiqaa to discuss future sustainability developments and subsequently wrote to the CEO requesting the installation of a greenhouse. This initiative reflects the growing confidence of students to lead change and contribute positively to the school environment. Together, these actions demonstrate increased student participation, stronger environmental awareness, and clear improvements to the sustainability of the school community.

