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Christmas Party Greener Than Ever!

This year's Christmas party was unquestionably a huge triumph and remarkably improved as the greenest way the school has ever achieved. Strictly following the five principles set by the government early this year, "Use less, Eat wise, Shop green, Discard less and Recycle wise", which has led the school to earn its name as "The green secondary school in the New Territories" and is highly recognized by the public.

Use Less

Thanks to all avid attendees at the party, disposable plastic products, such as plastic straws, plastic plates, plastic bottles, were drastically reduced by 75% from 1 200 items to 300 items. Besides, the single biggest waste at Christmas was the Christmas cards. By using e-cards, students and teachers can still spread love to one another in a more earth-friendly way. No paper Christmas cards were used this year.

Eat Wise

Packaged food, like potato chips and candies, were decreased by 80% from 200 packages to 40 packages successfully, compared with last year. On top of that, no animal products, such as steak, chicken wings and sausages, were purchased this year while approximately 100 kg of meat were purchased last year. Therefore, it helped reduce the environmental impact, like greenhouse gases, land use and water use, on the Earth.

Shop Green

Only local food was employed as the main food source for the Christmas party. Students made a huge dent in import food – almost 50% of import food was cut. Beside the impressive reduction made by the school, the school also encouraged students to bring their own food to the party in order to maximize the reduction of unwanted food. Thus, no food was wanted by the school.

Discard Less

Wrapping papers, newspapers and magazines were put into school's recycling bins as the school implemented a new policy to reduce waste – replace all of the regular rubbish bins with recycling

bins. It successfully reduced all paper waste to zero. Besides, huge Christmas decorations, like Christmas trees which were usually put in the school hall were reused from last year's one.

Recycle Wise

Paper cups were all upcycled and decorated into pencil cases and vases meticulously by our environmentally conscious attendees. These will be gifted to next year's secondary one students. They will no longer be required to buy new pencil cases.

In conclusion, we must spare no effort to save the Earth which is beneficial to all mankind in the near future. Not only should students or teachers in the school put the five principles into practice, people in this world should also do it in their daily lives. The Christmas party is only a step to help students become fully aware of the importance of being environmentally friendly. There is still a long road for the school to go despite the award and reputation given by the public.