

Class : 5E

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Topic: What Is The Finest Remedy For Alleviating The Environmental Problems?

Hong Kong has become infamous for the generation of substantial amounts of waste, which means that it will always face dire environmental problems. It is a prevailing belief that it is difficult to take the initiative in green activities. As a student, we can spare no pain to mitigate the saturation of landfills. Indeed, our school has recently launched a green initiative which encourages students to use recycled and reusable food trays in the canteen from next month. Students are also obligated to bring our own cutlery to school. In this article, I will explain the merits of the implementation of this green initiative from three aspects --- the students, the school and the environment.

To commence with, the new green initiative can arouse students' awareness of the conservation of the environment. Despite the minor inconvenience of bringing our own cutlery, students can be cultivated to reduce the amount of waste produced. By bringing our own cutlery to school every day, we can develop this habit automatically. In the past, we were indoctrinated to be environmentally-friendly, but rarely do we put it into practice. Out of sight, out of mind, we will ultimately realize the purpose and the significance of our actions by getting into the habit. For instance, when the rubbish bins are much more spacious and emptier due to the subsequent implementation of the green action, students will perceive that most of the waste in the bins are the surplus of cutlery and polystyrene lunchboxes. Thus, we will be more conscious of preserving the environment and that a trivial change in our lives can exert such far-reaching influences on the reduction of waste. Therefore, not only can we alleviate the distressing condition of the environment, but we will also take the lead to conserve it. The initiative must proceed from either school or at home, otherwise students will bury their heads in the sand instead of undertaking genuine deeds of protecting the environment. As a result, students' environmental consciousness will be promoted by the green initiative.

Along with the rise of the students' environmental consciousness is creating an eco-friendly atmosphere at school. Partaking in the change can be contagious. The more students who take part in the change, the fiercer the vibe of protecting the environment at school will be created. Naturally, people in school are all influenced by each other, thus we will engage in more green activities. Green groups in our school can launch more campaigns which are supported and advocated by students. From

bringing our own cutlery to altering the entire lifestyle of students in school so that our school can embrace the green initiative completely. Also, our school's image can be improved. It is praiseworthy for our school to set up the new green campaign as rarely do citizens attach importance to the environment. Having the support from the public, we will be more energetic and eager to join more ecological deeds. Thanks to the reputation of our green school, our school can also initiate a series of green activities in collaboration with the schools nearby so that the green ideas can be swiftly spread in our society. Therefore, an eco-friendly atmosphere is created in our school and in society with the implementation of the green initiative.

Aside from that, the environment can be preserved by depleting the amount of disposable waste. It is conceivable that the landfills will reach its capacity in a short period of time. There is no exaggeration that the cutlery we produce every day is a major source of waste in landfills. In order to decelerate the rate of landfills filling up, we should do our part by bringing our own cutlery and using reusable food trays. If we all embrace this green initiative, the amount of disposable waste like plastic forks, spoons, chopsticks and so on, can be reduced dramatically in our school. Countless trees are cut down to make chopsticks. One indisputable fact is that global warming will increase because of the decline of forests. It is astonishing that a myriad of birds eat indigestible waste which is the culprit of their deaths. Under no circumstances should we sacrifice the animals' life if we can join this initiative. Using disposable cutlery is tantamount to slaughtering them. Also, when the waste is buried in landfills, they will gradually decompose. However, perilous and carcinogenic substances will be released into the soil. If the government decides to build incinerators, detrimental substances will be emitted into the air due to the burning of plastic cutlery. Only if we take part in the green initiative to decrease the amount of the disposable waste will the environment be saved.

Granted, supporting the green initiative by bringing our own cutlery every single day is easier said than done. However, it generates a host of merits, arousing students' awareness to save the environment, promoting an eco-friendly atmosphere at school and protecting the environment. As the old motto goes, many hands make light work. It is an urgent matter for us to put an unflinching and incessant effort to conserve the planet. As a beginner, joining this green action is the key. There is no planet B. Let's go green together.