

# Newsletter - December 2023

## In this edition

**UAE National Day**



**Seed Ball Crafting**



# UAE National Day



The UAE National Day at TWS was celebrated on 29th November, 2023. The celebration started with hoisting the UAE flag. Hosting a virtual assembly across the school brought everyone together, fostering a sense of unity and pride.

Students were engaged in various activities such as drawing the UAE flag, creating posters, quizzes, and exploring Arabic calligraphy which immersed the students in the cultural significance of the day. These activities not only celebrated the country's heritage but also promoted creativity, knowledge, and appreciation for the UAE's rich history and traditions. It was wonderful to see such diverse and interactive celebrations that contribute to a deeper understanding of the UAE's National identity and cultural values.



# UAE National Day



# Seed Ball Crafting

Make Seed Balls



Plant & Water Seedballs



Grow



## Seed Ball Crafting at TWS, 2023-24



*On the vibrant morning of November 8, 2023, TWS students eagerly gathered in the grand sports area for a seed ball-making activity. Representing diverse year levels, these students were united with a common feeling of responsibility commitment towards our environment. Guided by enthusiastic hosts, students unraveled the art of making the seedball . The materials provided by the school included, seeds, soil, and water. Students expertly blended red and regular soil, carefully incorporating water to form a pliable paste. Molding this mixture into shapes, each encapsulated a seed at its core. The hands-on activity provided an immersive experience in the intricate process of crafting environmentally significant green gems.*

**SEEDS OF CHANGE:**

**CULTIVATING TOMORROW,  
ONE SEED BALL AT A TIME**



*Following the seed ball crafting, the Senior Leadership Team and Green Leaders led a group to the Primary OLA area, where students collectively planted the seed balls. This marked the inaugural green event of the academic year 2023-2024, blending education with experience and reinforcing our commitment to environmental stewardship at TWS.*

POUR



MIX



SHAPE



ALL DONE!

## What are seed balls?

- **Seed balls:** A blend of soil, clay and seeds for native plant distribution.
- **Protection:** They keep seeds in place until rain provides necessary water.
- **Shielding:** Clay and soil guard seeds from strong winds and sun's heat.

## Advantages of Seed Balls

- Seed balls simplify planting and conserve water.
- They protect seeds and aid in erosion control.
- They promote biodiversity, require minimal maintenance, and are cost-effective for community involvement in conservation efforts.

## How to make seedballs?

- Add the clay, compost, seeds and water to your mixing bowl.
- Use your hands or a stick to mix everything together. Add more water if needed. Make sure that the seeds are evenly spread throughout the mixture.
- Use your hands to roll the mixture into firm balls about the size of a golf ball.
- Place the seed balls onto a tray and leave them to dry in the sun.
- Store the seed balls in a cardboard box until they are ready to use.



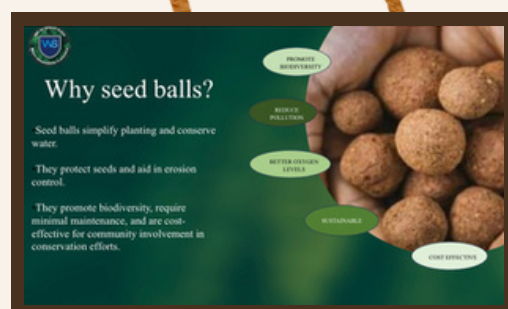


# Raising Awareness Across TWS



Prior to this grand event was a vibrant display of environmental awareness. Students at TWS raised consciousness about environmental sustainability and saw participation from students across all year levels, fostering a shared commitment to the betterment of our community.

The initiative kicked off with engaging presentations delivered across different year levels, effectively reaching every corner of the school community. These sessions not only shed light on the ecological significance of seed balls but also provided step-by-step insights into the creative process involved. Students were captivated by the project's environmental importance, creating a shared understanding that became the driving force behind their collective efforts. One of the campaign's notable successes was the mobilization of volunteers. The entire school witnessed a great number of participation for the main event including student representatives from the Primary, Secondary, and Sixth Form, along with many senior leadership members. The impressive turnout underscored the community's commitment to environmental stewardship and marked a significant step towards cultivating a culture of sustainability within the school. This initiative ignited a collective passion for sustainable practices giving students the opportunity to actively contribute to a cause that resonated with the principles of ecological responsibility.



The initiative not only provided an avenue for meaningful engagement but also served as a catalyst for building a stronger sense of environmental consciousness within the student body.

As we celebrate this achievement, we extend our gratitude to all the students who participated and volunteered. Their dedication showcases the potential for positive change when a community unites for a shared cause.

Moving forward, the seed ball initiative stands as a testament to the power of collective action and the impact that a united community can have on fostering a greener and more sustainable future. Let this be a seed planted for more initiatives that will continue to blossom and shape a community dedicated to environmental well-being.



REPORT CREATED BY: MS ZAINAB NADEEM FAROOQUI

EDITED BY: ZAHRA ALI JAFFER & MS ASHWINI DESHPANDE





مدرسة ويستمنستر  
THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

28  
YEARS

THANK  
YOU