DR. TOBGYEL SCHOOL
BABESA; THIMPHU
REPORT ON YOUTH ACTION FOR 4 RS

“Youth Action for 4Rs”, was introduced in Dr. Tobgyel School in collaboration with National Environment Commission (NEC) on June 16th, 2015 to build a lasting and sustainable partnership in waste management and to establish a conducive environment for fostering environmental friendly thinking in our youth. It also aimed to instill civil responsibility and good ethics in waste management in families and society by making our youth goodwill ambassadors in waste management. For the active functioning of the club, school had appointed a focal person and encouraged active memberships of four teachers and students of class VIII D and IX to effectively carry out activities/programs.

Objectives of the club was:

i. to create awareness to the students about waste
ii. to promote segregation, reuse, reduce, recycling of the waste in the school
iii. to reduce the waste at source

For the proper function of the club, ten meetings were conducted by the members of the club. The meeting agenda were as follows:

i. 12th May: appointment of focal person.
ii. 18th May: selection of members along with the action plan.
iii. 30th May: meeting for first round of inter class exhibition.
iv. 22nd June: discussion of hanging garden
v. 23rd June: Soil collection meeting for hanging garden.
vi. 5th August: Meeting for stream adoption.
vii. 30th August: meeting for main exhibition.
viii. 1st Sept: meeting for stream cleaning
ix. 29th Sept: meeting for mass cleaning
x. 7th Oct: meeting for final exhibition.
To start our club activities we have collected materials like cardboard, plastics, cello tape and many more to make dustbins for segregation of papers and plastics. The dustbins were distributed to all the classes. An inter-class exhibition was held where students created their own exhibits and prizes were distributed to top 10 candidates. Then the club members were involved in collection of jerry cans and top soil for hanging garden. In the hanging garden different types of vegetables seeds such as spring onion, Bhutan alpine, coriander and medicinal herbs were planted.

Another major task under taken by Youth Action for 4Rs was the adoption of stream. The teachers, non-teaching staffs and the team members were fully engaged in cleaning the stream. The stream located beside the school was thoroughly cleaned and named as ‘Tshang chu’. Beside the adoption of the stream, management team had undertaken the mass cleaning campaign in the community where teachers, non-teaching staffs, students and people from locality were involved. A week long morning assembly speech program on waste issues was also initiated to sensitize the students about the waste.

Finally, the club took the full responsibility of the major task that is the ‘YOUTH ACTION FOR 4 RS’ exhibition. In the exhibition, the exhibits were: foot mats, paper vase, hand bags, photo frames, book mark, pencil holder, stool, and pillows and many more which were made by the club members.

This exhibition was held at Dr.Tobgyel School, Babesa, Thimphu, between 9:30 am to 11:30 am on 10th October, 2015. The purpose of the exhibition was to create awareness on waste and its cause and effects on the environment. It also focused on how to manage waste at lower as well as higher level. The exhibition was attended by the students of Dr.Tobgyel School from classes VI- X along with the National Environment Commission officials. The exhibits were also displayed for
the students of class PP to V on the following day to create awareness about the waste management.

The exhibition comprised of welcome speech by Pema Yuden of class IX followed by Nikita Subedi of class VIII who talked on ‘The Types of Waste and its Causes.” She also talked on the ways of managing waste.

One of the National Environmental Commission official presented on the importance of managing waste and their target was to create awareness among the students who have more potential to bring changes in managing waste. After the short presentation by the guest, the club member Mr. Jamyang Dorji gave a short presentation on the work done by the club in a short period of five months such as: the adoption of the stream, cleaning campaign, making of hanging garden, collection of soil for the hanging garden and other recycling activities.

After the vote of thanks, the guests and students were given the opportunity to go around to have a look on the displayed recycled items made by the club members. The explanations of the recycled items were given by the club students. The explanation comprised of: name of the item, waste materials used and its uses.

The guests were then escorted by the club coordinator and principals to show the adopted stream, the hanging flower garden and the hanging herb garden made by the club members using the wasted jerry cans.

Club Members:

Teachers: Students:
1. Garjaman Subba (Co) 1. Cl-VIII D
2. Asmith Lepcha 2. Cl-IX
3. Jamyang Dorji
4. Namgay Dorji
5. Cheda Gyeltshen
6. Bir Bdr Battrai