



DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

- Close dripping taps
- Switch off appliances when not in use
- Do not leave appliances on 'stand-by' mode
- Use the bus or if possible walk
- Look at the eco-labels on products before purchasing
- Recycle glass and cans
- Re-use as many items as possible
- Green shopping - take your own bags or buy reusable bags
- Wash clothes & dishes at a lower temperature & try to wait until you have a full load
- Ask your travel agents about carbon offsetting your flights

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World Environment Day

2009

SPECIAL EDITION

Promoting environmental awareness



Gibraltar, along with over 100 other countries around the globe, was busy celebrating World Environment Day on the 5th June. This year's theme — *Your planet needs you: Unite to combat climate change* – presents yet another challenge for all of us.

Research clearly shows that the earth's climate is changing, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Changes in our climate will subsequently result in the occurrence of differential impacts; some countries will be quickly and adversely affected whereas other countries may barely notice any impacts.

The Department of the Environment was spearheading Gibraltar's participation on World Environment Day and the message was evident: we all need to come together and do our bit to prevent unwanted changes in the earth's climate before it is too late. The school programme focused on spreading the environmental message as interpreted by our younger generation and the message was very clear, Gibraltar's children are very much aware of their environment and care deeply for it! Nine schools performed on the day with other schools celebrating the event in-house.

Local schools came out in full force

The morning kicked off with a welcoming speech delivered by the Minister for the Environment. He spoke about the importance of climate change and how we must all take action to protect the environment. He asked the audience to listen to the message being delivered by the children and asked the children to drive the message home to their parents and ensure that their families start by re-

cyclng glass and cans in Gibraltar.



St Mary's School



The messages began with two vibrant performances delivered by St Mary's School Choir. The pieces were entitled "If you're feeling cool dress hot" and "One World". The children's performance raised standards from previous years to a whole new level. Their colourful costumes and strong message set the mood for the event.

What a start to the event!

Exhilarating!



Notre Dame School

The second act was performed by Notre Dame School. It consisted of an imaginative piece entitled “*We Can Change the Climate*”, based on Billy Joel’s original piece “*We Didn’t Start The Fire*”. The children demonstrated their strong environmental attitude with this upbeat and optimistic piece.

Well done Notre Dame!



St Paul's School



St Paul's School year 3 children showed off their musical talents with two performances. With their bright costumes and instruments (made out of recycled materials) they sent out a poignant message and received a well deserved round of applause for their efforts. **Thank you St Paul's!**



Holding hands sending the message of unity



Governor's Meadow School



Next on the programme was Governor's Meadow School Choir who performed a piece entitled "Our Greenland". The lyrics were composed by the very talented music teacher Mr Clarence. The song was inspiring and the performance was both original and refreshing as the pupils sang and played musical instruments whilst moving to the song's catchy beat.



A brilliant performance!



St Bernard's School



St Bernard's School Year three children and Choir



St Bernard's School children put our efforts into context when they sang "Heal The World" by Michael Jackson. Their performance was hip and invigorating.

Truly Inspiring!



St Joseph's Middle School



The gym squad from St Joseph's Middle School highlighted one of the main themes surrounding all environmental issues; teamwork. The key to making a difference lies in pulling together and working towards a common goal. Their daring acrobatics impressed the audience and the original performance received a well deserved and hearty applause.

Absolutely superb girls!



The girls focusing on the message of working together and supporting each other



Sacred Heart School



Sacred Heart School captivated the audience with their dance drama performance. The cast consisted of dancers accompanied by the School Choir. This imaginative piece gave us a snapshot of the global scenario. Whilst the dancers portrayed the dismissive attitude displayed by society when it comes to looking after our planet, the choir sang to Pink Floyd's "Breathe In The Air", combining to deliver a vital message on climate change.

The dancers and choir of Sacred Heart School

Simply Amazing!



St Anne's School



St Anne's displayed a breathtaking musical talent with the Choir delivering the strong message that "Help combat climate change, the future is in our hands", letting us know in no uncertain terms that we all need to make a difference and that we need to start now.

Excellent!



Westside School



The Year 10 girls from Westside added another dimension to the morning's proceedings, combining elements of dance, drama and song in their well executed piece entitled "Out of Control".

The performance was both witty and thought provoking as the girls highlighted the chaos and turmoil the planet is experiencing.

A remarkable performance!



**The Cast
of
Westside
School**



Award Ceremony

The Minister for Education addressed the audience and spoke about the importance of Environmental Education. He explained that the day's performances were the culmination of a year's work as part of the Government's Environmental Education School Programmes.

He then presented each school with a commemorative award for their hard work and dedication.





Environment Trade Fair 2009



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