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Earth day

EARTH Day is celebrated to inspire and raise awareness among all people about the importance of protecting our lovely planet.

Earth Day is celebrated in spring in the Northern Hemisphere and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere.

This is a tradition which was first announced by peace activist John McConnell in 1969. The United Nations first celebrated Earth Day on the spring equinox in 1971.

On 22 April 1970, Earth Day marked the beginning of the modern environmental movement. Approximately 20 million Americans participated in that event.

Hayes and his staff organised massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organised protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realised they shared common values.

Mobilising 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting the status of environmental issues onto the world stage, Earth Day on April 22 in 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

To turn Earth Day into a sustainable annual event rather than one

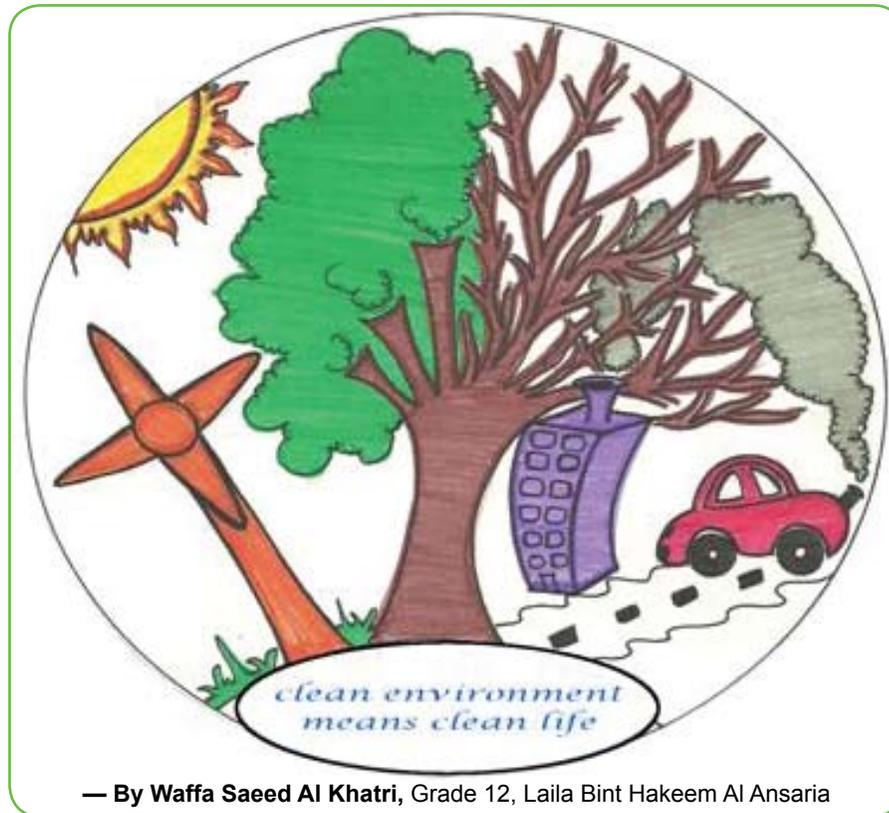
that occurred every 10 years, Senator Nelson and Bruce Anderson, New Hampshire's lead organiser in 1990, formed Earth Day USA. Building on the momentum created by thousands of community organisers around the world, Earth Day USA co-ordinated the next five Earth Day celebrations through 1995, including the launch of EarthDay.org. Following the 25th Anniversary in 1995, the co-ordination baton was handed to Earth Day Network.



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Abu A'Darda School 5-12



— By Waffa Saeed Al Khatri, Grade 12, Laila Bint Hakeem Al Ansaria

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Life Skills Department at Al-Nahdha Basic School organised Traffic Competition

During the GCC traffic week, the life skills department at the school organised a traffic programme for the students and the main competition was about the traffic school. The competition was for grade 7-10 students. Approximately 125 students participated in this competition and were divided into several groups. The competition was divided into two main stages.

The First Stage (Oral Competition)

At this stage, a big traffic road board was displayed with five different signs. Initially, a student from each group had to choose two signs and talk about it. The groups which got at least 8 points went to the next stage. In the next stage, only 37 students did well and were selected.

The Second Stage (Practical Competition)

This was the last stage and here was a big board including all traffic signs with many different buildings such as schools, hospitals, private buildings, also gardens, petrol stations, two-way roads, roundabouts and

Traffic week competition held



learned many things by monitoring their friends and helped them to know more about how to create a good environment to learn new things.

Salah Al-Harthy, a student at the school and a member who organised the competition said that it was a good opportunity for him to learn many things about traffic signs.

Amor Al-Shibli mentioned that it was the best moment for him to learn many things about drawings and how to be safe on the road.

Malik Al-Harthy added that we should use the roads to prevent some accidents and must take care and know about the meaning of the traffic signs to drive safely.

pavements. At this stage, the students took the roles of drivers and started to move through the board and the judges tried to do some traffic mistakes to see if the drivers knew the signs and could avoid these mistakes. Thus, 10 students passed and

the first 10 prizes were given away.

Some of the events from the competition

Best Drawings:-

This was for grades 5 and 6 only. Students started to draw some drawings about safety on the roads and about traffic signs. The art teacher of the school chose the best three drawings to be awarded.

Designing a traffic sign logo:-

Students did well in this event and they produced many excellent logos showing their skills in drawing and making some good pictures.

The school headmaster **Mr Ahmed Bin Zaher Al Alawi** talked about the event and said that the school encourages such events to teach students how to prevent some major traffic accidents and to improve their knowledge about the road safety. He urged them to in-

crease their understanding of the meaning of the traffic signs.

Bader Al Naabi the life skills teacher at Ahmed Bin Said Al-Khalily General School added that the competition had started at their school last year and they did some changes to create a good learning environment.

Yahya Al-Rahbi the life skills teacher from our school mentioned that the students organised the competition and they

At the end of the competition the winners were awarded by **Mr Ahmed Bin Saod Al Maashery**, a member of Majlees As'Shura at Al-Amerat in a beautiful party where we enjoyed watching a traffic road show and some songs telling us about roads and how to return home safely. This event was an eye-opener for many.

— **By Said Al-Harthy**
and **William Prince**
English teachers: Al-Nahdha
Basic School, Muscat



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BE AWARE of other's faults



I need Allah in my life

Where am I in this big world?!
 Where should I stand and how will I be?!
 Who will save me if I was in trouble?!
 Who will lead me to the right way if I was lost?!
 He gave me life and He gave me strength,
 He gave me the power to go on
 I left marks behind my way so others
 could follow and the same
 He gave me my parents
 He gave me my siblings
 He taught me how to love and how to be
 a good person
 He gave me the most expensive book that
 nobody ever wrote before
 Its also a guide for me throw my life and
 I would like to thank Him for bringing light
 into my life
 Yes, I need Him, I need Allah in my life

— By Wafa al-Ismaily
 Grade 10
 Shamsa al-Khalili School



— By Watfa Masood Al Khatri
 Grade 12, Laila Bint Hakeem Al Ansaria School

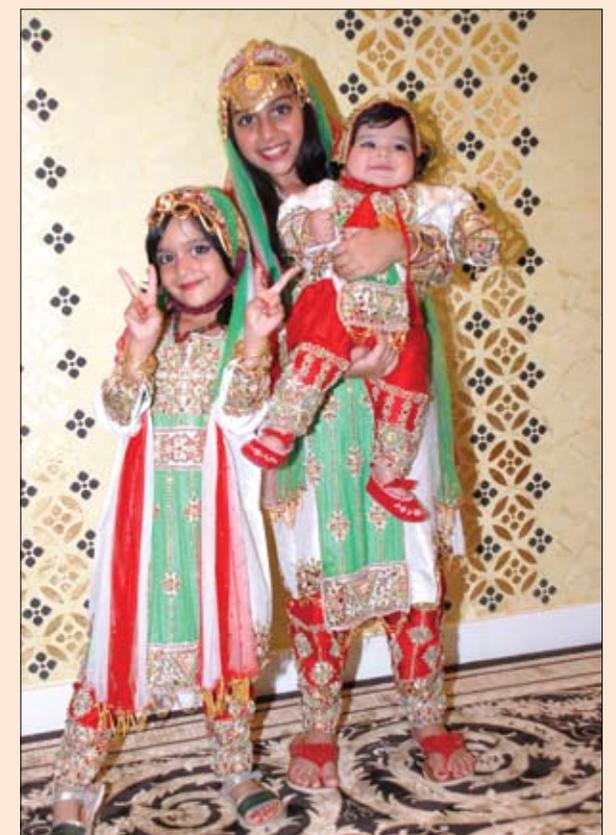
Hi dear brothers and sisters,

MY name is Al-Rasis Issa Al-Raisis, and I am 9 years old.

I have two younger sisters; Oras and Reem. Oras is 5 years old and she loves to cook. Reem is 10 months old and she loves playing with books.

My favourite colour is turquoise and I enjoy reading, drawing, gymnastics, ballet, doing my mom hair, playing violin and piano, collecting old coins and antics and training dogs.

I have a dog, his name is CoCo. I love helping people especially the orphans and the less fortunate people. I also love helping children with cancer.



— By Fatma Mohammed
 Al-Ma'mari
 Grade: 10/1
 Teacher: Azza Al-Maqrashi
 Al Hajar Basic Education
 (5-12) School
 Al Dhahira Region, Ibri

Moments of our Greatest Heritage

ONE day we were very thrilled, we invited a woman (a housewife) from my village, to come and share with us moments of our immortal heritage which was Omani folktale. It was the first time for us to have such a class.

We gathered (the two classes of grade 10) in the multipurpose hall and we sat on the floor surrounding the woman. The woman told us Omani folktales in a very interesting way. The most interesting thing with her was when she told the stories, she said some English words for example "house", "snake", "tree" etc. The students laughed so much. We spent really a wonderful time with her. What I remember from her stories are: the Snake, Zaida and Rabab, Alsubl, the



Evil Woman, the Nice Fish and others. Some teachers attended with us.

At the end, our teacher asked us to write a story or two. Of course our stories are in English, though the

woman told us the stories in Arabic. It was a great chance for us to know and remember Omani folktales. I won't forget that magnificent day and the amazing stories.

Keep water clean to save us!!



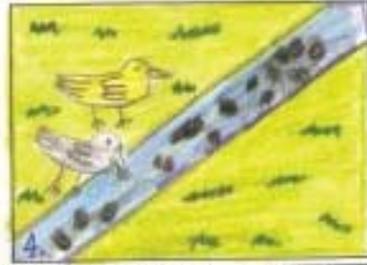
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• My brother died.
• How??



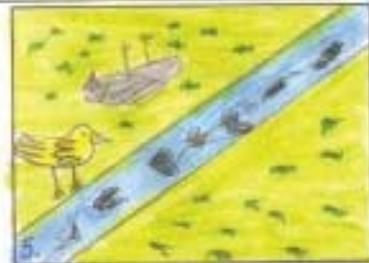
2. We were playing near a falaj



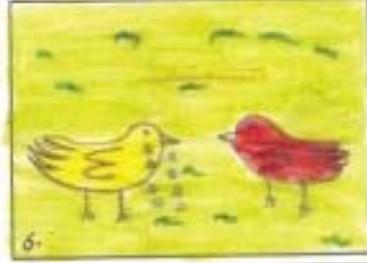
3. A boy threw rubbish into the falaj



4. My brother drank some water from the falaj

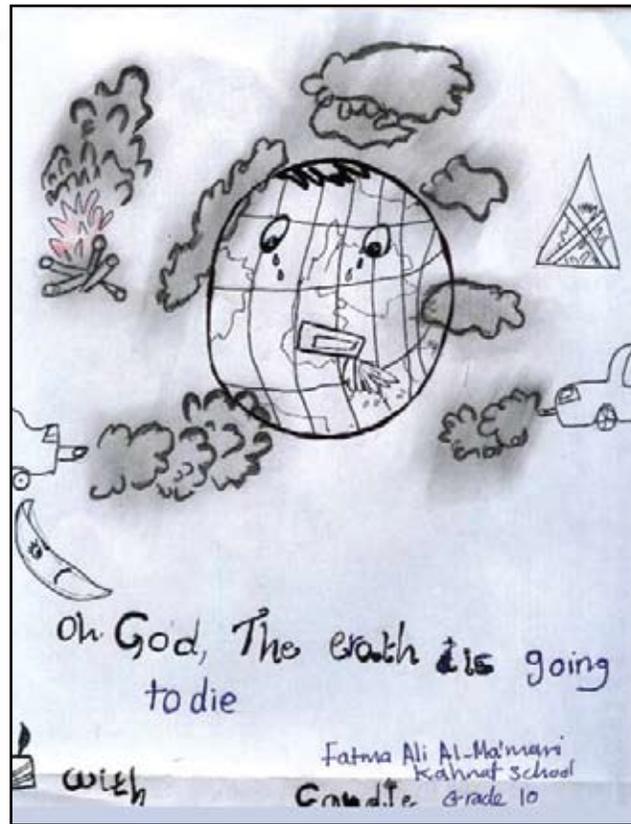


5. Then he died because the water was dirty.



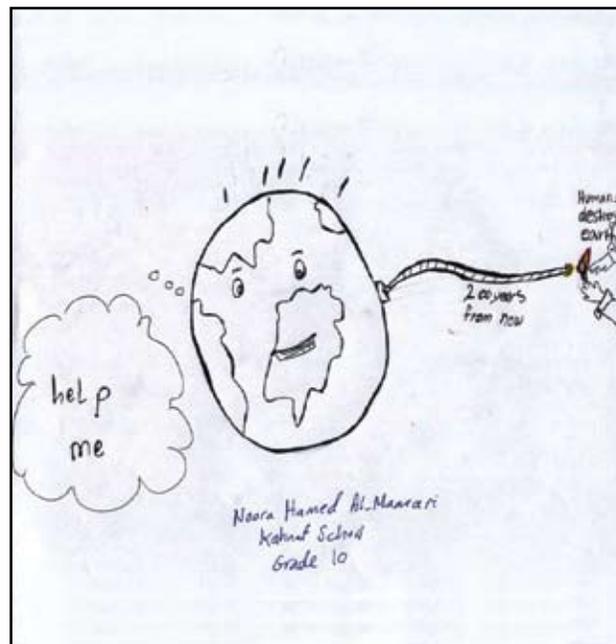
6. Oh, no. Why these people want to kill us.

Balqees Salem Al-Badi
Grade: 3
Nabea Al-Marefa School - Dhahera Region



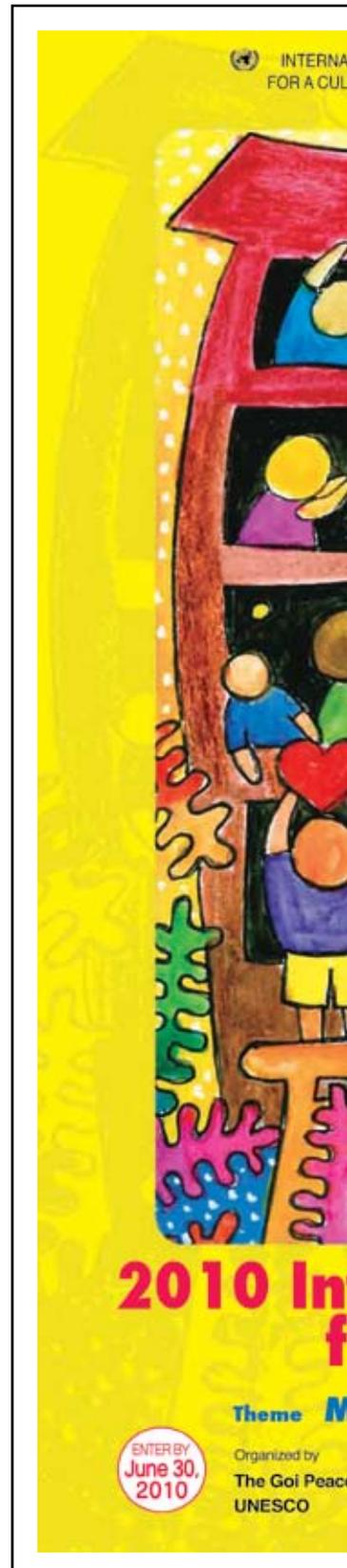
Oh God, The earth is going to die

Fatma Ali Al-Mahmari
Kahmaf School
Grade 10



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Noora Hamed Al-Masari
Kahmaf School
Grade 10



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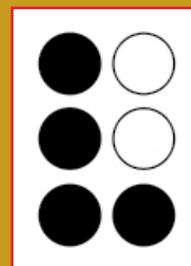
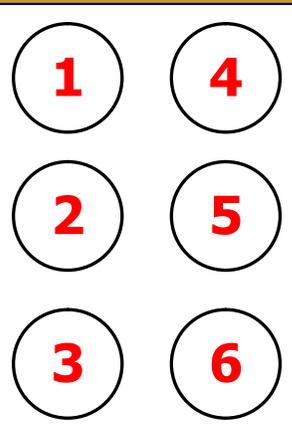
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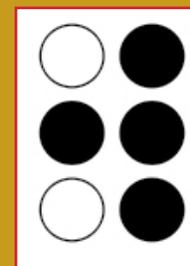
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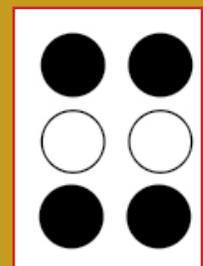
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