

World Water Day 2023 - ACCELERATING CHANGE

The theme of World Water Day 2023 is “accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis”. It is hoped that the world can commit to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 – the promise that everyone would have safely managed water and sanitation by 2030.

Do you know?

- Today, 1 in 4 people – 2 billion people – around the world lack safe drinking water
- Almost half of the global population – 3.6 billion people – lack safe sanitation
- 1.8 billion people use or work in health care facilities without basic water services, which means that the water supply there is more than a 30 minute walk/queue or is drawn from an unprotected source such as spring, river or pond
- Globally, 44% of household wastewater flow into nature without safely treated

Have you heard an ancient story of a Hummingbird?

One day, a fire broke out in the forest. All the animals ran for their lives. The hummingbird was the only one who was flying back and forth to the fire, over and over again. The bigger animals asked the hummingbird what she was doing. “I am flying to the lake to get water to help put out the fire.” The hummingbird answered. The animals laughed at her and said, “Don’t waste time, you can’t put out this fire!” The hummingbird replied, “I’m doing what I can.”

This story is about how the hummingbird reacted to a crisis. Though she was tiny, she was still willing to lend a helping hand. How about us? When we face a water and sanitation crisis, Do we stand and stare? Or Do we act?

(The story of the hummingbird originated with the Quechua people in Peru.)

**BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT
TO SEE IN THE WORLD**
Guide to Save Water

1. Play Kahoot to test your water knowledge

<https://kahoot.it/challenge/007996792>

2. Read the books from the suggested SDG Book Club list

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sdgbookclub-6archive/>

- The Story of Water on Earth
- GIZO-GIZO! A tale from the Zongo Lagoon
- WATER STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

3. Share your water saving actions on social media to inspire your family and friends.

Hashtags can be used as #WorldWaterDay

4. My Action List

Let's make the commitment to save water!

- **Save water:** Take shorter showers and don't let the tap run when brushing my teeth, doing dishes and preparing food.
- **Eat local:** Buy local, seasonal food and look for products made with less water.
- **Be curious:** Find out where water comes from and how it is shared, and visit a treatment plant to see how water is managed.
- **Clean up:** Take part in clean-ups of my local rivers, lakes, wetlands or beaches.

More

<https://www.unwater.org/bethechange/>

The content is extracted from United Nations website

“Cherish Water” Activity Highlights – “Cherish Water Campus” Water Saving Week 2023

In order to cultivate water saving habits amongst students, WSD will organise a “Cherish Water Campus” Water Saving Week 2023 (Water Saving Week) from 15 to 19 May 2023 to encourage primary school students to participate in the activities and put their knowledge of water conservation into practice.

1. Water Saving BINGO Challenge

Objective	Encourage students to reduce their amount of daily water use by making small changes via completing different missions during Water Saving Week.
Eligibility	Primary 1 - 6 students in Hong Kong
Prizes and Awards	Students who successfully complete 4 or more BINGO lines will become "Water Saving Warrior +" and receive a certificate and a souvenir.
Submission Deadline	23 June 2023

2. “My Ideal Water Saving City” Drawing Competition

Objective	Tap into student’s creativity to draw their ideal Water Saving City and raise awareness of water resources protection.
Eligibility	All primary students in Hong Kong. Junior Primary: P1 - P3; Senior Primary: P4 - P6
Prizes and Awards	
Submission Deadline	23 June 2023

Category	Awards	Number of Awards	Prizes
Junior Primary	Champion	1	Book coupon of HK\$500 and certificate
	1 st Runner-up	1	Book coupon of HK\$400 and certificate
	2 nd Runner-up	1	Book coupon of HK\$300 and certificate
	Merits	20	Book coupon of HK\$100 and certificate
Senior Primary	Champion	1	Book coupon of HK\$500 and certificate
	1 st Runner-up	1	Book coupon of HK\$400 and certificate
	2 nd Runner-up	1	Book coupon of HK\$300 and certificate
	Merits	20	Book coupon of HK\$100 and certificate

Details: <https://www.waterconservation.gov.hk/en/at-school/index.html>

Masterpieces Showcase

Teachers are welcome to send us the masterpieces from your students!

Slogan Design (Chinese only)

South Yuen Long Government Primary School

3A Chu Lok Shing Joshua

齊齊節約用水，

環保你我做到。

W F Joseph Lee Primary School

1C Lau Ka Yi

刷牙洗臉關水喉，記得別讓水長流，

洗蔬菜水別倒走，留下灌溉樂悠悠。

W F Joseph Lee Primary School

1D Chow Lok Yiu

珍惜食水不浪費，地球健康冇閉翳，

大家一齊諗計仔，立即行動最實際。

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