

## Green initiative by students of Doha English Speaking School

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Students of the Doha English Speaking School marked their first Environment Day with a 'waste-free packed lunch' initiative, actively supported by parents, to ensure that unnecessary packaging was kept to a minimum.

As a result, the usually overflowing dustbins were nearly empty. Children also came to school wearing something green.

*Some of DESS children with the environment chain*

The 'waste-free packed lunch' initiative was one of a number of events, which also included the creation of an environmental chain made up of individual pledges to the planet, written on used magazine paper.

Lead teacher of the project, Bonney Bullen said it was amazing to hear the conversations of the children around the school who were discussing their pledges and the ways that they could make a difference.

"Our children are the future of the nations and may have positions of great importance in years to come. Not only can what they do collectively today reduce waste and raise awareness of such issues with those around them, but, more importantly, creating a desire in our children to want to protect our planet may lead to better global decisions being made in the future," Bullen explained.

The event was supported by HSBC Bank and The One furniture store, which provided environmental gifts for the children as a continuing reminder to keep doing their part for the planet.