



## Sustainable Community Development Program

### Students comments – GEMS American Academy – Abu Dhabi

Dear Mr. Anoop,

This is just a short note to express to you and your colleagues at Pacific Controls our deep appreciation of all the efforts you took on our behalf. The students would like to tell you in their own words what they learned from their visit to the Green building!

- **Tobias:** I learned a lot by observing how you reduce, reuse and recycle using different containers to separate the food in the cafeteria. I enjoyed looking at the plants. It was a fun trip!
- **Guglielmo:** I learned a lot from observing the solar panels. They use the solar energy from the sun to heat the water in the copper tubes. I liked the Wind Turbine on top of the roof!
- **Nuutti:** I learned a lot about using solar energy by observing the solar panels. I enjoyed the food!
- **Ben:** I liked learning about friendly chemicals to clean the sewage water. I enjoyed watching the fish in the pond!
- **Mia:** I enjoyed learning about how sewage water was used to make the plants healthy. I really enjoyed being videotaped for TV. I actually saw myself on TV!!!
- **Areeja:** I enjoyed observing the vegetable garden. I learned about solar panels, Wind turbine, how to use the three Rs to conserve and I loved the snacks!!!
- **Spencer:** I did not go on the field trip but I did read the books you sent back to the classroom. I can tell you that I learned about energy conservation and the smart light bulbs.
- **Elsa:** I learned about how the water travels from the solar panels to the building. I enjoyed my walk through the garden.



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- **Emily:** I learned that solar panels collect solar energy and I learned a lot about what a green building is. I enjoyed how you talked about the use of friendly chemicals.
- **Taza:** I learned about the solar panels. It heats the water. I enjoyed eating the snacks!!
- **Stefania:** I learned how water is cleaned with a filter and friendly chemicals. I also learned how the turbine is used to make electricity. I enjoyed the snacks and watching the schools of fish in the pond.
- **Kalvin:** I learned about the solar panels and how the water travels in the copper tubes. I enjoyed observing the schools of fish in the pond.
- **Madhu:** I learned how the wind makes the wind turbine moves. I enjoyed the snacks!
- **Simone:** I enjoyed learning about how you use the food scraps to make the soil healthier. I enjoyed watching the fish in the pond.
- **Alethea:** I enjoyed learning about how solar panels collect the heat. I learned how you use friendly chemicals to wash the dirty water. I really enjoyed the snacks and the lemonade.
- **William:** I did not go on the field trip but I have learned from my science textbook that it is important to use less paper in order to save trees! I hope I can stay healthy and well so that I can go on a field trip next time.
- **Ms. Dilek ( Teacher Assistant):** I enjoyed learning about using sawdust to make furniture from wood waste. It is a very innovative way to save on precious resources. I enjoyed watching the second graders learning!



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**Mrs. Siddiqui (Grade 2 Teacher):** I learned on this field trip that my students are great learners ! they were active and engaged throughout the visit. I enjoyed watching their interaction with the people in the green building and with the environment. I was very proud of their comfort with the scientific terms used in this visit. They knew all the words used in the presentation, such as: technology, solar panels, energy, heat, light, sound, electricity, wind turbine, reuse, reduce, recycle, waste. Some new words that they came across were: Innovation, green building, sewage and friendly chemicals. I am delighted to see that the students have now understood what each of these terms mean. I am proud of their initiative in taking ownership of their learning!!

Mr. Anoop, I want to thank you and you team once again on making this visit a very rewarding experience for us all. Please do send us a link to any video footage that you may have of our visit. In addition, I would like to request you to please send us copies of any pictures of the students that you have. We would love to show them to our parents!

Thank you once again for all that you did to make our visit so pleasant.

Sincerely,  
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March 5, 2009

Dear Mr. Anup,  
Hi my name is Isha Naik.  
Thank-you for the tour.  
I liked the wind mill  
and a very good presentation.  
Thank-you for telling me  
information about the  
solar panels. And also  
thank-you for telling me  
why you called it "Green Building".  
Sincerely,  
Isha Naik



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Dear Mr. Anup,  
Hello, My name is Megan Thank-  
you for spending your free time to take  
us on a tour of the green building.  
I think everyone including me loved  
going in to the auditorium for the beautiful  
Presentation, I was very interested  
in the solar panels and the sewage  
treatment plant. I thought the Wind  
Mill was very cool.

Sincerely,  
Megan O'Brien