



H&F'S EDUCATION VISIT TO DUBAI 2019

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STREAM (science, research, engineering, art & technology)



Day 1...

Melanie Harwood, Co-founder for eduCCateGlobal, who leads the UN climate change teacher education programme invited H&F Education to participate in an amazing fact finding visit to Dubai. We arrived in Dubai early on Sunday morning, and got into the hotel at 2am. The next morning we were collected from the airport to drive into the desert with our host - Executive Head Teacher Asha Alexander - who leads **The Kindergarten Starters School**.



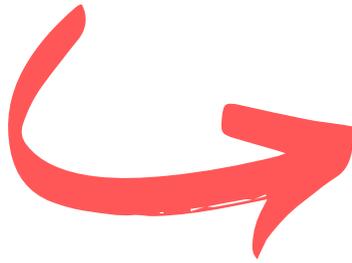
We were planting the final set of trees as part of their **UN Climate Change Teachers Programme**. Asha has galvanised her school, parents and business leaders to plant over 15,000 and invites H&F students to plant trees and send a photo back! Trees are also being planted in India under this scheme.

We planted the Ghaf tree which is a local variety that can withstand the heat and conserves water. The tree is a symbol of tolerance in Dubai, so it is an appropriate choice.



In partnership with UrbanWise, we are developing a local carbon offset company that will generate income to green our schools and local communities. We are going to start planting a legacy in two H&F schools on the 25th of November, joining climate change activists around the world who are planting native species on the same day.

In the afternoon we were collected by a desert truck to visit the Sand Dunes just outside of Dubai, and to watch the sunset from within the desert landscape. We were taken to a camp for a traditional evening of food, dancing and entertainment.



Day 2...

We were collected from our hotel at 8:30am to visit the host school where we were individually escorted by a couple of teachers to three different classrooms at various key stages to observe the IN Climate Change lessons and interact with students. We observed the development of a range of skills at nursery and Key Stage 1 level, including critical thinking and public speaking.



- Lunch with the Dubai skyline in full view
- Interactive sessions with parents

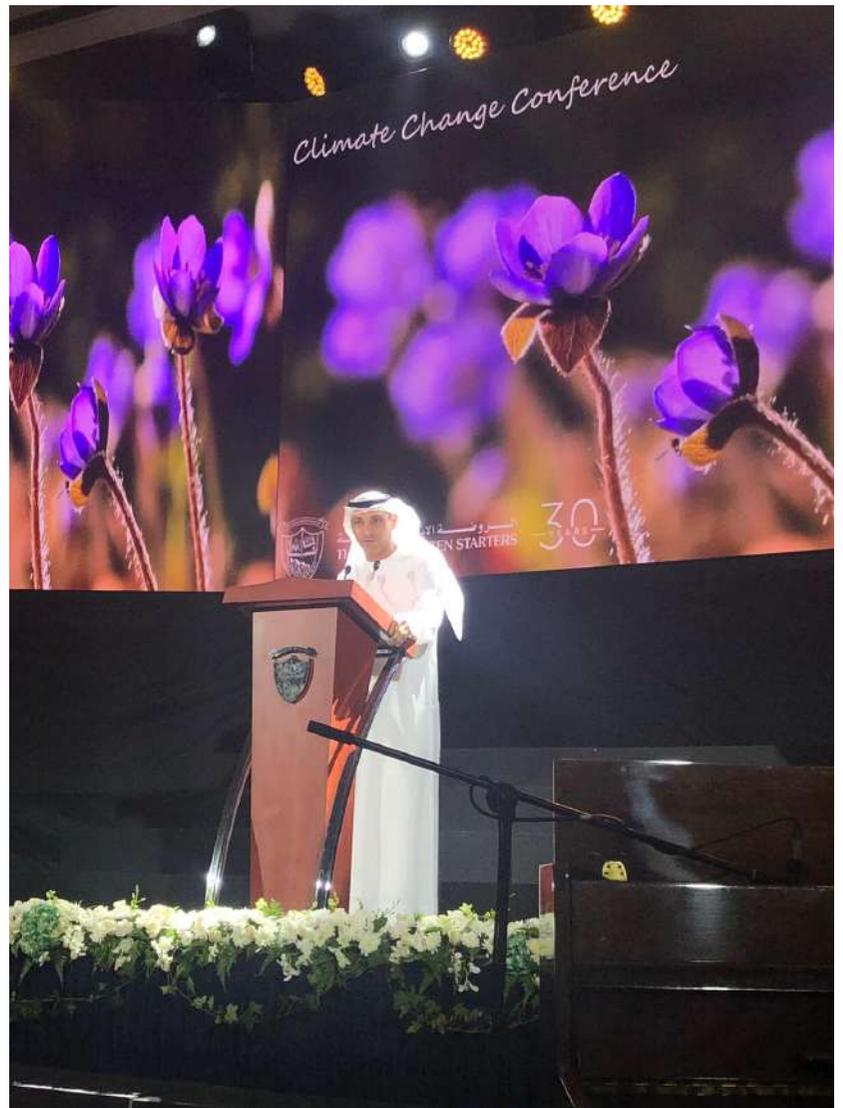


- Sessions with curriculum leaders
- an interview with **The Guardian** features

Day 3...

Climate Conference -
climate defenders

Our delegation were guests at the schools climate change conference and I was invited to contribute to a panel discussion about our **H&F primary Mudlarks project**, the links between education and the **industrial strategy** and the council declaration of a **climate emergency**.



Top: His Excellency Hussain bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi, Minister of Education, UAE

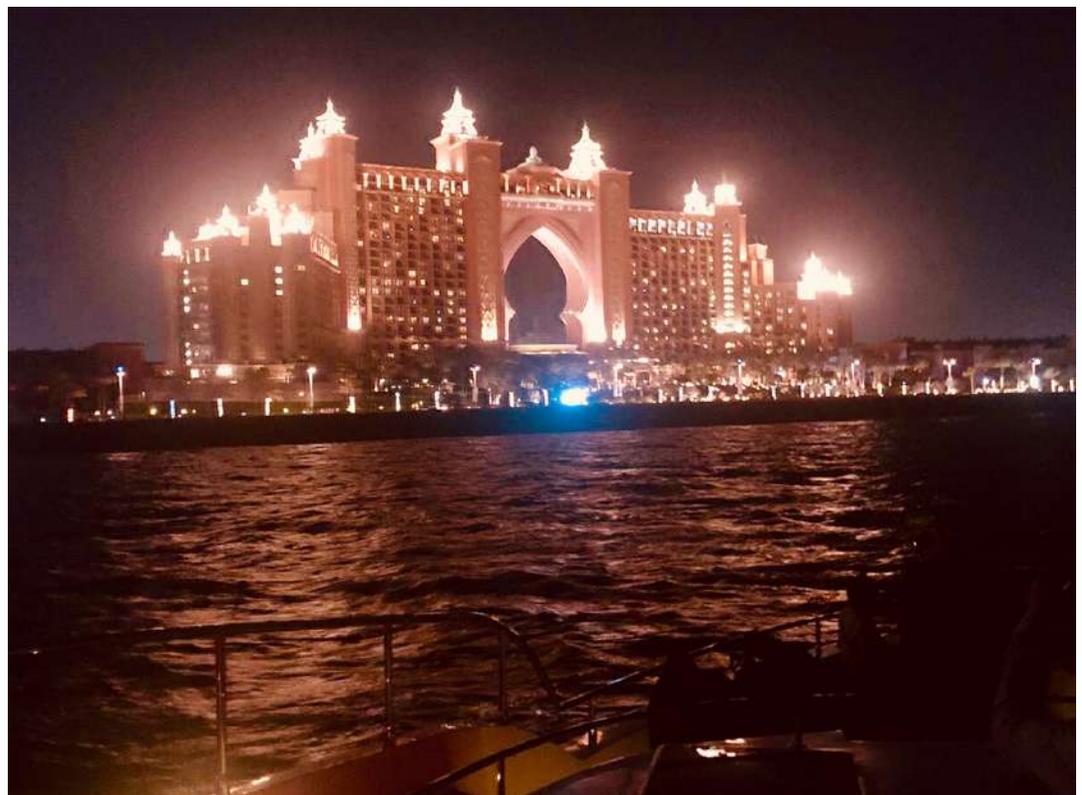
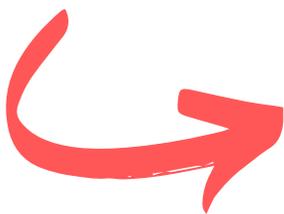
From left to right: Asha Alexander, Jan Parnell, Melanie Harwood (Co-founder for eduCCateGlobal) and Dino Varkey (CEO of GEMS)

The conference highlight were the children speaking about the impact of climate change on their life and future. This **went viral** in the UAE with lots of media coverage. The children sang an earth song and this reminded me of **our very own Mudlarks song.**

Outcomes of the conference:

- eduCCateGlobal UN teacher education programme to be adopted by GEMS group
- eduCCateGlobal programme to be adopted by H&F schools (pioneered by Miles Coverdale & Fulham College Boys' School and Fulham Cross Girls' School)
- Adopt the concept of a Greta Thunberg in every classroom, every school 'every child'
- H&F to send photo of their 'every child'
- Dubai to provide EY lesson plan template for UN portal
- eduCCateGlobal to be adopted by emirate state schools
- H&F to provide secondary / STREAM template
- eduCCateGlobal and KGS to attend the Global climate change conference in Madrid December 2019
- The Guardian features to release Dubai education film on first day of COP

Our awe-inspiring evening boat trip along Dubai waterfront observing the sunset and futuristic skyline



Day 4...



Visit to University of Dubai to meet President and CEO of the University of Dubai, Dr. Eesa M. Bastaki, to discuss closer links with eduCCateGlobal UN programme, support for KGS and links with H&F industrial strategy.

Outcomes of the visit:

- Support for UEA roll out of KGS programme and translation into Arabic
- Presentation by **WGEO** (the first international organisation to reflect a new partnership between governments, private sector, civil society, finance, academia and youth) regarding integrating into their education global platform
- British government to sponsoring a pavillion
- Invitation to EXPO20
- develop partnership between eduCCateGlobal, H&F and WGEO

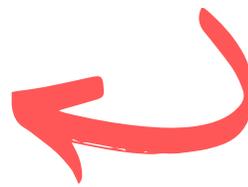


Presentation at Bentley HQ on vocational education programme **DEC (Design, Engineer and Construct)** linking the built environment and industry to schools:



➤ Presentation by Melanie Harwood on the UN eduCCateGlobal programme (attended by British Ambassador)

➤ Sally to investigate synergy with their STREAM rebrand and how we can work with DEC to further galvanise our industrial strategy link with schools



In the evening, we relaxed in old Dubai with a visit to the Souk, Gurdwara and the Shiva and Krishna Mandir

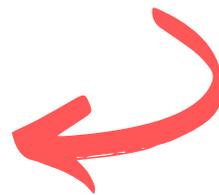


Day 5...

Sally Brooks and Tara Baig depart



Final business meeting with Melanie and Nigel at HSBC UAE Headquarters to meet their inspiring corporate social responsibility (CSR) lead who supports refugees and migrant children with English language lessons and mentors. They are keen to support KGS and link H&F to UK programmes.



A big thank you to Melanie and Nigel for introducing us to the inspiring UN climate change teacher change education programme and our new friends in Dubai!

