## In Whitefield, kids do their bit for civic activism



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indergarten students of Vivero International Preschool in Whitefield launched a 'Go Green' campaign to create awareness about the civic issues in and around Whitefield. Interestingly, the kids created their own slogans and paraded down, with banners containing graphic illustrations.

The kids walked down through the corridors of the Forum Neighbour hood Mall and interacted with the crowd there.

The issues they focused included trees being chopped, indiscriminate garbage dumping, mosquito menace, noise/

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dust pollution, traffic congestion and fast-crumbling lakes. Another highlight of the campaign was that students used recycle cartons with bamboo sticks to make the placards.

The school said it's very important for children to learn environment problems at this age. "We must educate children and create

awareness on water, soil, forests, and oceans. Students should be provided with opportunities to engage in discussion and build on their capacity to take up civic responsibilities early in life. By encouraging children to communicate, we enable them to connect and voice their feelings and emotions. This means not only being able to express themselves verbally and in writing, but perhaps even more important is to be seen and heard," said Sowmya Belliappa, head of the school. Paritosh Kumar, a parent said, , "As a parent I was fortunate to be a part of the Go Green campaign. Watching children go all over the place and sing songs of a better world through collective effort was truly beautiful. It was truly an inspirational moment."