

Dear Parents,

As we begin our articulated curriculum of Tolerance and Generosity, we are initiating PROJECT MALAWI. This is a project to help our children practice tolerance and generosity and become change agents in the world. We wish to create a two classroom school through working with Dubai Cares at Malawi in Africa that will enable 1 two classroom school to improve access to quality primary education fitted with furniture and gender specific latrines for 150 children and 60 illiterate men and women. The project requires us to raise 132,000 AED.

We asked our children what they understood by Tolerance and here is one response.

Alvina of 5B had this to say "Tolerance means controlling our anger and if we are angry we should not be harsh with others. At school we should not judge others and talk about their skin tone and their religion; we should use polite words and respect our friends and teachers and at home we should not be rude to our parents and we should use polite words and be patient and give respect to our elders. In wider communities and neighborhoods we should help them and not make negative comments on their looks and skin tone etc."

Our children understand that we must help the wider community. The donation should come from the child 'earning' that money as it were. Encourage your child to go without seeing a movie on a weekend or helping with household chores or doing without a toy or new shoes to be able to donate the 20 AED for one brick.

This project is not about bringing 20 AED for charity but in helping each child understand that he or she went without something to help someone in need. It is a much larger vision- one that inculcates the need for tolerance and generosity in our world.

The project runs from April to June as we teach children to practice Tolerance and Generosity through the period of Ramadan to raise funds to help the wider community. I am sure our children will achieve this and much more but with it I want them to take away a much deeper learning that they can change the world through their intervention. This is for everyone who wishes to be a part of it- children, parents and teachers. We begin this from today, for now is a good time as any to start.

Please spend time talking to your child to help him or her earn the 20 AED they might wish to donate. Please forward your donations if you wish to do so with a note to the class teacher to help us understand how your child 'earned' that money!

Warm regards,



Asha Alexander
Principal

Acknowledgement Form

I would like my ward _____ Class: ____ Sec: ____ to contribute for the Project Malawi.
Please find enclosed AED 20/-.

Parent Name _____ Signature _____
