UPCYCLED TREE CONTEST ended

Due to the pandemic and lockdown, the majority of countries could not participate. We first prolonged the deadline, but still received a lot of mails from teachers, explaining that the situation in their country was so complicated, that they could not work with students and therefore could not participate. Finally, we decided to close the contest with no competition ranking.

Nevertheless, we received seven entries from 6 countries: East China, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Slovenia and Taiwan. For me, they are all winners! They were creating trees in very unusual circumstances, but with such imagination and inventiveness, that you really have to admire them. They took a completely different approach showing different roles of the trees.

**Chinese boys worked as a team, debating and brainstorming vividly.** They designed an interactive tree with cards, hanging from their branches to learn interesting facts about trees. **Taiwan students emphasized equality.** Their goal was to show, how we should accept all the people, regardless of the differences we might have. **Italian girl was building her tree together with the whole family** – from grandparents to her little brother, demonstrating the unifying aspect of trees. **Montenegro student pointed out biodiversity, Macedonian one the beauty of trees, while Slovenes released their burst of fresh creativity honoring the Earth Day.**

All these brilliant students and mentors proved that nothing can kill our soul and that anything is possible as long as we believe in ourselves. Art is strong! Never forget this.

Thank you also to all the teachers and schools who wanted to participate, but could not this time.

Stay safe, stay creative! Darinka

Enjoy the video with all the entries:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbcnRe6pwN0&t=7s
Participating schools:

EAST CHINA
The Kang Chiao International School
Mentor: Luke Ewert

ITALY
E. de Filippo, Napoli
Mentor: Paola Pirozzi

MONTENEGRO
JU Srednja ekon.-ugostiteljska skola, Niksic
Mentor: Olivera Lucic

NORTH MACEDONIA
OS Elpida Karamandi, Bitola
Mentor: Liljana Mircheva
SLOVENIA
OŠ Belokranjskega odreda, Semic
Mentor: Vlasta Henigsman

SLOVENIA
PS Bilje, Rence
Mentor: Tjasa Mocnik

TAIWAN
Mingdao High School, Taichung
Mentor: Dr. Hu Yu Lie
Denny Chiang,
Aaron Lin,
Benson Li,
Derek Chu,
Hanson Wu,
Eric Shih,
Sky Pan

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TAWON