

## The children of the world and COP28



At the 2015 UN Climate Change Conference (called COP21), the world agreed to limit global warming to 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial levels by 2050. To stay on target, science tells us that emissions must be halved by 2030.

We only have seven more years to reach the goal. COP28 UAE (UAE-Dubai), where world leaders met to discuss progress and action on climate change, is an excellent opportunity to review, restart and refocus the climate agenda.

The 2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) convened from 30 November to 12 December 2023. <https://www.cop28.com/en/about-cop28>



• #To better learn the causes and consequences of climate change, the children played the board game "Climate Mosaic" in class.

"The Climate Mosaic" <https://climatefresk.org/> was created to make climate science and understanding of the climate crisis more accessible to citizens around the world. It is a three-hour interactive and participatory workshop. Participants have to match cause and effect to 42 cards (13 and over) and 21 cards (10-12 year) based on data from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

• #The students also watched videos from the European Space Agency's educational material available on its website for educational programs <https://climatedetectives.esa.int/>

• Paxi: The Water Cycle

<https://youtu.be/DHx-SBsSKnA?list=PLbyvawxScNbvMgKVhdOUksJBYgHegSqKB>

• Paxi: The Greenhouse Effect

<https://youtu.be/LL4Y2lSWzIk?list=PLbyvawxScNbvMgKVhdOUksJBYgHegSqKB>

On the occasion of COP28, the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students participated in 4 global campaigns:

**1. Send My Friend to School <https://sendmyfriend.org/>**

Send My Friend to School is a UK civil society coalition of international development NGOs, teaching unions and charities, bringing together young people, politicians, teachers, civil society and the media in a joint campaign for quality education for all children around the world.

In the Emergencies Education campaign, we joined thousands of other schools to say 'Let my friends learn' asking the UK Government to prepare, protect, invest and act so that every child can to learn in times of emergency.

"Education is powerful. Not just for individual children and their families, but for entire communities, countries and the world. Education can provide stability for displaced children, open pathways out of poverty, reduce the likelihood of conflict, contribute to a healthy planet and is vital for long-term development. Education is critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. By calling on world leaders to make education a priority, we aim to unleash the power of education and ensure that no child is left behind.



The Climate Crisis is becoming more urgent every year and very little is being done to address it. Young people's calls for climate justice have yet to lead to the actions needed. That's why Send My Friend to School is joining The Climate Coalition in the "Get Creative for Climate Justice" campaign.

Our class participated in the campaign by painting posters and playing an experiential opinion game about Climate Change, from the organization's educational materials.

**2. FEE <https://www.fee.global/> and Hellenic Nature Protection Society (EPPF) <https://www.eepf.gr/>**

On the occasion of the very important UN climate summit in Dubai (COP28), which is a global opportunity for states to review and redefine the climate agenda, the International Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) and the UNEP, were there to help in the global effort to preserve the environmental goods and rights that we all share.

Our class participated in the effort by writing letters with a request, a need, a conclusion, a wish, an advice in relation to the environment and climate change, to the Prime Minister of our country, so that the optimistic messages of the students and the students on the environment, climate change and nature protection to the leaders of other countries, through the Prime Minister, who attended the Conference.

### 3. World Largest Lesson (with UNICEF and UNESCO)

<https://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/resource/be-a-fact-ivist/>

#### Challenging Fact-ivism



The students, after reading statistical data on the path to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and especially for Goal 4: Quality Education and Goal 13: Climate Action, created a poster of data and suggestions for improving the results as a group. They imagined themselves attending the COP28 Conference and creating a new law to combat climate change using the data they studied to support their new ideas. Students could choose a negative event to show why we need action or a positive event to emphasize that progress is possible.

They used this data to turn it into infographic campaign posters to show governments why they need to take action and inform them of the change they would like to see.

The World Largest Lesson campaign took some of the children's posters from the participating schools and presented them at the Conference in order to get the voices of children around the world represented on the world stage!

### 4. Civil Society COP28 Coalition

<https://cop28coalition.org/>

The COP28 Civil Society Coalition organized a Global Day of Action for Climate Justice on December 9th where people from all over the world called for climate justice by pushing COP28 leaders to do what they can!

Our class participated with an information event for the entire educational unit in the school yard.

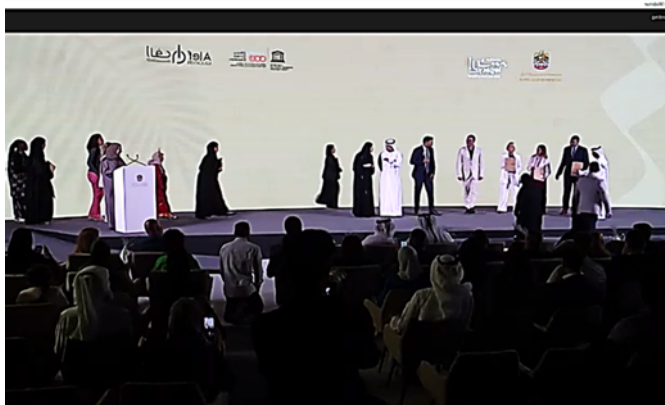


#### TeachersCOP



On December 10, the Office for Climate Education (OCE), the UAE Ministry of Education and Alef Education hosted TeachersCOP , in a hybrid format live from Dubai.

<https://www.oce.global/en/teacherscop>



The Office for Climate Education, as part of Educator's Voice, participated in this international event, which aimed to highlight to global politicians and decision-makers at COP28 the work of educators, the challenges they face and the key role they play in the global climate response.

During this event, teachers from around the world were able to discover and choose their favorite climate change education program

presented to policy and education stakeholders in the Greening Education Pavillion at the heart of COP28 in the United Arab Emirates.

The 4th grade teacher Vasiliki Strataki participated in the "TeachersCOP" event and joined her colleagues from all over the world:

**"Climate Change Education!"**

**"Climate Justice for all people and the environment!"**

- You can see all the above activities/actions on our youtube channel: <https://youtu.be/4fLvoQHrq4k>
- You can read the article about all the actions on the website of our magazine: <https://schoolpress.sch.gr/1dimnioniaatt/?p=2133>

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