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Most Proactive School: Community Outreach **GOLD** Al Montaha School, Abu Dhabi

An Eco Club aims to bring about a change in its neighbourhood community and the story of the Al Montaha School makes this a reality.

The school as a part of their air audit noticed a smell in their school area in Mussafah, outside the classroom. On further investigation they found the smell to resemble that of gas and conducted a survey within the community to find the cause of the strong smell. Their search for answers through the survey revealed that it was the gas cylinders kept in storage by a set of restaurants' that was causing the smell.

The cylinders stored by these restaurants' were not being kept as per the instructions and standards of the Abu Dhabi Municipality. The students having realized the cause of the issue started awareness drive within the restaurants' in Arabic and English. They also prepared a brochure in Urdu with the help of the school watchman and distributed it with all the restaurant staff.

They then contacted the Abu Dhabi Municipality and sought their help to educate and ensure the restaurant owners followed the proper rules for storing their gas cylinders. The Municipality then in turn issued warning letters to these restaurants that were not following the rules and they also awarded our school for their efforts to solve this issue. Although it took them three years, they were finally able to solve a problem and displayed commitment and drive.

