**Over 1000 children using recycled materials to enter**

 **Henkel’s Forscherwelt Science Lab school competition at Expo 2020 Dubai**

*As the official partner of the German Pavilion’s Cultural Programme, more than 600 school children already took part in Henkel’s free science experiments at Expo 2020 Dubai*

**UAE, Dubai, 16 February 2022:** Over 1000 school children across Dubai between the ages of 7 and 11 are preparing their entries for the Forscherwelt Science Lab competition, designed exclusively for Expo 2020 Dubai. Fourteen of Dubai’s leading schools have signed up to the free competition with their eager science students creating something out of recycled materials that is both innovative and serves a practical purpose at their school. The winning entries will be awarded at the German Pavilion during a judging and recognition event in March.

The launch of the school competition coincides with the success of the free Forscherwelt science sessions that have been running at the German Pavilion since the beginning of Expo 2020 Dubai. Researchers’ World or ‘Forscherwelt’ in German, is located at CAMPUS GERMANY and is part of an international initiative by Henkel, the German industrial and consumer business company, which was launched over 10 years ago to get children excited about science and awaken their researcher spirit. Forscherwelt at Expo 2020 Dubai is an extension of the series of workshops held at Children’s City, an edutainment entity of Dubai Municipality located in Dubai Creek Park.

**Csaba Szendrei, Henkel GCC President** said, “We are delighted with the responses received from the school community and are excited to see what the teams come up with.”

“With our Forscherwelt program we are always looking for creative and engaging ways to encourage young children to take an interest in science. They get hands-on experience through guided and supervised experiments and we also teach them about sustainability through science, a topic high on our global agenda.”

Competition entries will be scored based on their creativity, out of the box thinking, practicality and design, with the judging and award ceremony taking place in March.

The Forscherwelt science program for children at the German Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai follows the opening of the largest Forscherwelt facility outside Germany and the first of its kind in the Middle East, at Children’s City, Dubai Creek Park, three years ago. The workshops at the German Pavilion are conducted by dedicated trainers from Children’s City, an edutainment entity of Dubai Municipality. The 45-minute modules which can accommodate up to six children per module, are available every Monday and Tuesday. Sessions at the auditorium of the German Pavilion (10am-12pm) can be selected via advanced booking and walk-in, depending on the availability. Bookings for the permanent lab at Children’s City, Creek Park can also be submitted by contacting [Children’s City](https://childrencity.dm.gov.ae/en/Pages/default.aspx).

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**Notes to Editors**

**About Forscherwelt**

Forscherwelt (“Researchers’ World”) is a Henkel initiative whose patron is Dr. Simone Bagel-Trah, Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board and the Shareholders’ Committee of Henkel. In one-week vacation courses or teaching units, children try out being “real researchers” and have fun discovering the secrets of science. Primarily aimed at third and fourth grade students, the programs offered cover topics such as making adhesives from plant substances, dental health, saving energy and much more. The educational concept of Forscherwelt was developed by Henkel scientists and external education experts. For more information, please visit [www.henkel-forscherwelt.com](http://www.henkel-forscherwelt.com)

**About Henkel**

Henkel operates globally with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. The company holds leading positions with its three business units in both industrial and consumer businesses thanks to strong brands, innovations and technologies. Henkel Adhesive Technologies is the global leader in the adhesives market – across all industry segments worldwide. In its Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care businesses, Henkel holds leading positions in many markets and categories around the world. Founded in 1876, Henkel looks back on more than 140 years of success. In 2021, Henkel reported sales of more than 20 billion euros. The company employs about 53,000 people globally – a passionate and highly diverse team, united by a strong company culture, a common purpose, and shared values. As a recognized leader in sustainability, Henkel holds top positions in many international indices and rankings. Henkel’s preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX.

Henkel in the GCC was established in 1998 and has since grown with over 1,000 employees representing more than 50 different nationalities and building a strong, talented local and multinational work force. In Dubai (UAE) Henkel operates its corporate headquarters as well as two innovation centers for the region and one factory for Adhesive Technologies in Umm AL Quwain. For KSA the company operates one factory for Laundry & Home Care in Riyadh, and two factories for Adhesive Technologies in Dammam.

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**About Children’s City**

Children 's City is the UAE's first educational city in the United Arab Emirates ​ devoted to children between two and fifteen years old. At Children's City, they can investigate, explore, play, discover in an entertaining educational format to get useful and valuable information. Chilren’s City offers sections that provide educational performance and entertainment programs throughout the year.
Children's City is specially designed for children to interact and discover together in family and school groups. It contains several exhibits and programs on applied, human body sciences, nature center, Forscherwelt,  space exploration, Earth Sciences Gallery a planetarium ,local and international culture as well as a kid's corner .In addition, Children's City presents daily educational programs throughout the year at the different galleries or in the purpose-built halls and entertainment programs for all age group . Children's City has indoor and outdoor spaces for activities and celebrations throughout the year​​.

For more info visit: <https://childrencity.dm.gov.ae>

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