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Dear eTwinners,



Welcome to another issue of our local eTwinning newsletter. This edition comes at the beginning of another scholastic year full of promise and excitement. In the eTwinning world this scholastic year is yet another milestone in the development of what was simply an online platform with

teachers communicating to a concept, a transformative innovative pedagogy which is changing the way we teach. Major updates to the platform in various sections have been implemented or are still in the pipeline to continue providing an enhanced experience for all educators and their students. The eTwinning Portfolio is now possible to download recording all your activities including projects, Learning Events etc.... since registration. This is an excellent document which can be added to your curriculum vitae.

All projects submitted who have applied for the national quality label have been evaluated. It is with pleasure and satisfaction that we note a very high standard in the quality of projects carried out. This indicates that educators are aware of the 6 criteria which assess each project leading to practical outcomes engaging both students and their teachers into actively participating in their own learning. Well done to all.

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Discover the latest updates in the twinspace through this webinar.



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A Journey through Cultures

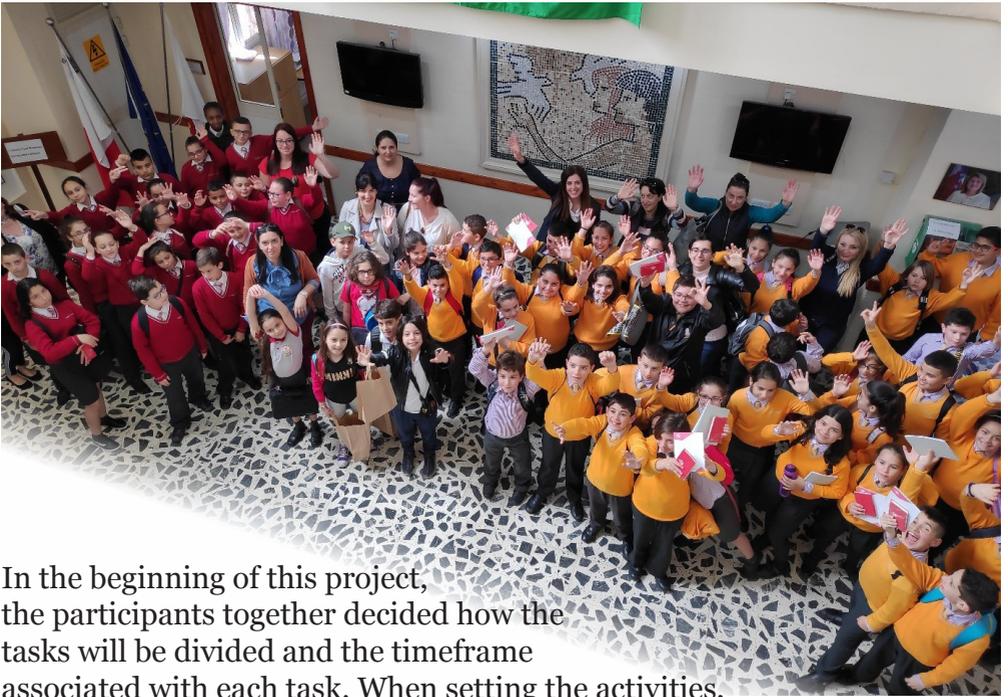
San Ġorg Preca Valletta Primary, St Clare College San Ġwann Primary (Malta) and Yonder Okullari Izmir (Turkey)



In November 2018, we started a new eTwinning project called 'A journey through cultures' between two Maltese Primary schools; San Ġorg Preca Valletta Primary and St Clare College San Ġwann Primary together with and Yonder Okullari Izmir, Turkey. Through this collaboration participants became aware of different cultures, traditions, and other societies. They also had the possibility to meet both virtually and personally. During the final phase of this



project the Turkish group travelled to Malta and met their eTwinning partners. Collaborative activities were also prepared during their visit so that partners got to know each other better.



In the beginning of this project, the participants together decided how the tasks will be divided and the timeframe associated with each task. When setting the activities, we tried to include also collaborative tasks where students worked in a group to do their research and present their findings by uploading them on Twinspace. We also used collaborative tools such as Skype for business, Flipgrid and Symbaloo. When Turkish students visited Malta we organised collaborative activities such as working together in groups (Turkish with Maltese students) to create a scene/story with Lego Story starter, played traditional Maltese games in groups, cooked traditional Maltese sweets, exchanged postcards, visited each other's school and Malta's capital city Valletta. Through these activities collaboration was highly evident. Participants were also interviewed by a local news reporter to share this experience online. Click on this link to view this report: <https://www.newsbook.com.mt/artikli/2019/05/02/filmat-tfal-maltin-idewqu-l-biskuttini-tar-raham-lit-to-rok/?fbclid=IwAR1NmFMA8uGmFY5YbXFgDjVSN-UTiwA8D7lFurmjK7mG6zwlPDLkssKLxy4>



More information about our project can be viewed on our twinspace: <https://twinspace.etwinning.net/75799/home>.

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Schools: San Ġorġ Preca Hamrun S.S
St. Margerita College Żabbar Primary A

Grades: Kinder 1 & Kinder 2



Project Description:

Two local partners from two different schools collaborated together in creating a dynamic project that engaged students in active physical games, emotional and social skills whilst working in a safe online space. The aim of this project was to teach and learn four outdoor games (2 for each class) by means of online collaboration which later could be played once met on a common site for E-Twinning Day.

Collaborative work:

Games: Hamrun S.S Kinder 1 classes chose two games by the names of “Kokijiet u Grieden”

and “London Bridge”, whilst the Żabbar Kinder 2 classes chose their two games “Dawra Durella” and “Rock, Paper, Scissors”. Both classes drew pictures, took photos/video and shared them on Twinspace to explain how each game is to be played. The games were practised at school prior to meeting.

Poster: Both schools collaborated on creating a poster to use during their meeting in order to take a group photo with. Ms. Charmaine’s students created and prepared the word “DAY”, the Etwinning Logo (2 figures) and also the E-Twinning Stars, whilst Ms. Nadine’s students designed and created the word

“ETWINNING”.

Meeting: Students phoned each other via a live-video call and discussed their outing, what to bring along for their meeting etc. Once location and time was set up students got excited and started practicing more and more. On E-Twinning Day, 9th May 2019, both classes met in person for the first time and their online collaboration was so well that meeting in person was easy. Friendships kept blossoming and their interaction was evidence that they were the protagonist of this project. Students from both schools played the four games which they taught and learnt from each other online. Putting their online work into concrete results was of course the highlight of this project. Students were able to eat and socialise together just before gathering up for a final

group photo where we used our posters to create the Etwinning Logo.

Achievements:

This project came to an end during the meeting however when our N.S.S Dr.Rose-Anne Camilleri & Ms.Antonella Giles paid a visit to both respective schools to present tokens to each participating student, the children themselves were eager to talk and discuss their project without any adult interference. Students spontaneously did a live-video call to show their tokens to each other and congratulate one another. Apart from student's achievements, both founders have grown fond of one another that both are willing to enhance this project and create other future collaborations.

Links: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqIWz_QpSWQ&t=17s

'L-Ewropa li Tgħaqqadna' mill-lenti tat-Tfal' was a short series of four radio programs that were aired on community radio 'Radju Prekursur' in June.

It was the end product of a collaborative eTwinning Project entitled 'Flight Numbr ET 0905.'

Participants from Gozo College Middle School, Italy and Poland made this unique experience possible. Ms Antonella Camilleri was the producer and Ms Maria Mercieca the presenter.



Changing School Culture Towards a Democratic School

Mariestelle Spiteri, *Primary Teacher - Fgura A*

Last May Ms. Melrose Borg (Valletta Primary) and I had the opportunity, to attend a professional development workshop, entitled ‘Changing School Culture – Towards a Democratic School’, in Limassol, Cyprus. This workshop gave me invaluable experiences and numerous opportunities.

I had the pleasure to meet and discuss several cross curricular activities with fellow European colleagues. Together we created multiple practical opportunities for our students, mainly through project collaborations and communications.

Since the beginning of my teaching, back in 2016, I have always wanted to know more about eTwinning and how this powerful teaching approach can help my students perform to their full potential. My teaching profession is my passion and I take up challenges and opportunities that such a profession brings with it, with dedication and perseverance. This opportunity taught me how to grow individually

and as an educator.

During this scholastic year, through an eTwinning approach, I have presented learners with a multitude of experiences that helped them explore the themes of diversity, multiculturalism and interculturality through stories, music, arts and sciences.



Although I am still in my early stages of this journey, I cannot wait to see what the future holds. During my short stay in Cyprus, I shared teaching experiences with other European colleagues. Such disseminations have developed friendship bonds that will help during future collaborations.

Ramona Mercieca

Geography Teacher, Eco-Schools and GLOBE Teacher

Commemorating World Environment Day



For the past months students attending Gozo College Middle School have been collaborating with students from Turkey, Italy and Portugal, together working on promoting sustainable living and actively informing their communities about the importance of trees through their eTwinning project Green Grass.

From nature walks and clean up events to research on natural vegetation, renewable sources of energy, and endangered flora and fauna; the students discovered ways on how people can live in harmony with the natural environment.

The eTwinners did not stop there. They created a mascot, Robin the bird, through which they are spreading the message about the importance of safeguarding the natural habitats of wildlife, adopted an injured sea turtle to help in its rehabilitation after suffering injuries from entanglement in plastic debris and gave

out seeds of indigenous trees to the general public to help increase the local tree population.

Last but not least they planted trees. All four countries participating in the project wanted to be agents of change and set the example. The students from Malta planted a strawberry tree, *Arbutus unedo*, an evergreen small tree native to the Mediterranean region, in Villa Rundle Garden on World Environment Day.



Through their work and activities the students are surely giving hope of a greener tomorrow to be enjoyed by the generations to come!

Take note of upcoming ...

LEARNING EVENTS & ONLINE SEMINARS

Learning Events:

- eTwinning Schools - from individual to the collective
23.09.2019 - 03.10.2019
- Democratic participation through eTwinning projects
01.10.2019 - 12.10.2019
- Artificial Intelligence in Education: New challenges.
New opportunities 08.10.2019 - 22.10.2019
- Creative Writing and eTwinning
14.10.2019 - 27.10.2019
- Discussing Diversity and Discrimination Using the Online
Tool Stories that Move
14.11.2019 - 27.11.2019

Online Seminars:

- Democratic Participation through eTwinning projects
23.09.2019, 18:00 - 19:30
- How can teachers foster a better environment for active
participation and citizenship in VET?
24.09.2019, 17:00 - 18:30
- Democratic Participation with Card for Democracy
30.09.2019, 17:00 - 18:30
- Basic skills for Mobile Devices in schools
16.10.2019, 18:00 - 19:30
- Having Fun with Music in Intercultural Projects
20.11.2019, 18:00 - 19:30