

# The eTwinner

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Dear eTwinners,

We have started the year with a bang – so many activities, projects, and professional development sessions, all possible through eTwinning and the European School Education Platform.

Together with our eTwinning ambassadors we are holding monthly webinars which are becoming very popular with educators as they cover a range of topics namely: eSafety, Sharing of practice, Using AI tools to enhance eTwinning projects ect.... We invite you to keep an eye on our social media and local website to stay updated on upcoming webinars.

Maltese educators are increasingly realising the potential and importance of eTwinning in their classrooms. This is evident from the constant demand for eTwinning information sessions in schools and the continual requests for one-to-one meetings in schools or online for support.

From time-to-time we issue circulars for invitations to attend seminars abroad – these are mostly for those beginning their journey in eTwinning.

eTwinning is also being introduced in Initial Teacher Training institutions to reach out to student teachers and thus establish use of eTwinning even before entering the profession.

This newsletter is jam-packed with activities from the world of eTwinning so I leave you to enjoy and also learn from other educators' experiences.

*Dr Rose-anne Camilleri*

**National eTwinning co-ordinator**

Keep updated by visiting our channels



# eTwinning Multicultural seminar in Palermo



“Across the same Ancient Sea: Our shared Mediterranean Roots” was an opportunity to participate in an eTwinning Multilateral Seminar organized by the eTwinning agency in Italy. The eTwinning was held between 26-28 October 2023 at the Istituto Professionale “Pietro Piazza” in Palermo. During the seminar over 60 teachers from across the Mediterranean basin came together for hands-on workshops and group discussion to develop a potential eTwinning project. By the end of the seminar, different projects were discussed of which a good number were registered for further development to implement in school curricula.

This was an enriching experience not just on an educational/academic level but also on a

personal one. There was nothing more gratifying than engaging with foreign colleagues on the buzzing streets of Palermo and sealing our friendships with tasty traditional Sicilian food. Truly an experience to treasure!



*Hilary Spiteri*  
*Patrick J Sammut*  
*Jeffrey Mallia*  
*Noemi Deulofeu*

## SHARING OF GOOD PRACTICES

at St. Clare College

Throughout the scholastic year 2022- 2023, educators within St Clare College took part in various projects where they used different digital tools across various curricular areas. These included eTwinning projects encouraging collaboration between educators both on a national and European level. Some of these projects were integrated with other existing programmes such as Digital Citizenship Education, Din-ja Wahda, Let’s talk Farming and Computational Thinking in a cross-curricular approach.

Testimonials of educators and students were recorded to share good practices within the college as well as with other colleges around Malta and Gozo. These videos are intended to be shared with educators during staff meetings, CoPE







sessions or other means or channels to encourage them to embark in similar projects.

### **Early Years**

[Travelling Angels goes international](#)

[Malti biss, Malti spiss \(Kinder\)](#)

[Around the World and back](#)

[Mawra man-nanniet](#)

[Malti biss, Malti spiss \(Yr 1-3\)](#)

### **Junior Years**

[Connecting Cultures](#)

[Digital Citizenship Education](#)

[Let's Talk Farming](#)

[Malti biss, Malti spiss \(Yrs 4 -6\)](#)

[eTime Travellers](#)

### **Across the Primary years**

[Curriculum mapping – using digital tools to enhance Maltese literacy](#)

[Kindness Boomerang](#)

[Dinja Waħda goes digital](#)

# when Siggiewi and Hamrun Kindergarden eTwinning classes met

Monday 11th December, was a special day for our students and the students from Kinder 2.5 of St. Ignatius College Siggiewi Primary. The students of Siggiewi who are in an eTwinning project with our students called “My Little Big World” wanted to meet our students of Hamrun SS and bring a gift that they had made themselves.

Our partner students of Siggiewi Kinder 2.5 came to meet us in our Kinder 2.1 class and shared their gift, which was a Christmas Log that they had handmade themselves. In return, our students showed their appreciation and shared their gifts with teachers of Siggiewi Kinder 2.5. These gifts consisted of a wooden baubles created by themselves using wood, colours and glitters.

All of our students had a chance to play, eat, sing and read a book together and when it was time to go back to Siggiewi, our students expressed their interest to meet their new friends from Siggiewi again, this time maybe going to their school themselves.

We look forward to more meet ups!





The Maltese National Support Office would like to congratulate all the hard-working educators and schools who have been awarded the prestigious eTwinning European Quality Label for this year.

The projects which receive a European Quality Label showcase examples of successful and outstanding European collaboration.

Below is the list of projects awarded, hailing from our country:

- "Bee the Change!" - The Importance of Biodiversity
- Chatterboxes
- Digital footprint
- Easter is coming
- eTime Travellers
- Flying High Together

- Greentopia- our sustainable home
- Harbourers of the Sea
- Let's Play Our Part, Be Water Smart!
- Maths-Tails
- Studenti europei uniti nella diversità
- Teddy's Adventures
- The little STEAM explorers discover Season borders
- Travelling angels goes international
- Two Mighty YoungUn territorio da conoscere e raccontare
- Vers un nouvel horizon.
- Water Conservation and Marine Litter
- Wonderful Kids With STEAM

# eTwinning @MCAST

On 12th December 2023 the eTwinning Coordinator Dr. Rose anne Camilleri visited MCAST to present the concept of eTwinning to the BA in Early Years 1st-year students.

Topic presented was: An overview and introduction to the eTwinning Pedagogy.

The student-teachers can now understand what eTwinning is all about and the pedagogy behind it. They were not only shown how eTwinning works and its benefits but also examples

of past projects created by educators locally collaborating with other European educators.

As an Initial Teacher Education Institution, the class was shown how they can collaborate with other local or foreign student-teachers to learn, share practice and engage in innovative pedagogies through eTwinning.

It was a pleasure to be invited by Mr. Heathcliff Schembri and the respective administration at MCAST.





# Augmented Reality in our Class

Ms. Elaine Gauci, Dingli Primary School

During this scholastic year, I am collaborating on the eTwinning project called: See Earth like an Astronaut along with partners from Portugal, Greece, and North Macedonia.

For the November activity, students used tablets, and, as soon as I told this to my students became very enthusiastic and looking forward. I borrowed the tablets for my Year 1 students from the Directorate for Digital Literacy and Transversal Skills.

The aim of this activity was to help the kids distinguish day from night, and, learn that the colours blue and green stand for water, vegetation, and soil, respectively. Quivervision 3D Augmented Reality App, was utilised to bring life to the colouring pages presented to the student. This app creates an interesting, educational, and magical experience by fusing

innovative augmented reality technology with the traditional colouring book format.

The pupils were so amused at witnessing their illustration come to life.



# Innovation and Digitalisation in Education

Ms. Cristina Barbara,  
PSCD Teacher at Sacred Heart College, Junior School.

I recently had the privilege of being invited to an international eTwinning seminar in Bucharest between 28th September and 1st October 2023.

Several workshops were organised by the Romania team of eTwinners, during which I was able to better familiarise myself with the new eTwinning platform and learn about several apps that could be used whilst teaching and learning.

Another highlight of the seminar was networking with other eTwinners, both Maltese and foreign. I managed to create and collaborate on a new eTwinning project called



'A drop of fresh air for our green planet', on which I will be working on with my Year 2 students, together with educators from Moldova, Romania, Spain and another Maltese eTwinner.

Making connections with other eTwinners was a very positive experience as it allowed us to talk about our work

with students and learn from each other. These newly found friendships will hopefully allow us to connect and create more future projects together.

Thank you eTwinning Malta and Sacred Heart College for allowing me to attend this wonderful seminar.

# St Benedict College Secondary School Kirkop eTwinning School

**Mr J. Portanier Mifsud**  
Head of School



## Can you give us a brief profile of your school?

Our school currently hosts a population of over 750 students and a staff of over 150 teachers and LSAs. The school is one of thirteen, forming Kullegg San Benedittu. It acts as a receiving school for students hailing from eight Southwest villages.

## What is your mission statement and what does it mean to you?

Our school strives to create an environment where all stakeholders feel a sense of belonging and ownership which compels them to be actively involved in building a strong community of learners, a society where there's constructive dialogue between the parents and the teachers, where the students take an active role in their learning and where the teachers feel supported.

Personally, I believe that our school is all about fostering a sense of belonging and ownership, believing in the power of active contribution from everyone to our success. We see our students as contributors to their own education. We value open, positive communication among all stakeholders. Our mission is to create an empowering learning environment that brings us all together as a strong community. We're all about positive relationships, active participation, and benefiting our students and the school community.



## What do you think are your greatest strengths of your school community?

- We have a positive, open, and inclusive culture where diversity is celebrated, and everyone feels a sense of belonging.
- A team of qualified, dedicated and passionate teachers who are committed to the success and well-being of students, fostering a conducive atmosphere for learning.
- A commitment to a student-centred approach to meet the interests of the students.
- Effective leadership having clear vision goals.
- Dedication to have high standards, collaborative partnership, innovative teaching methods, and a commitment to assess and refine educational practice based on feedback and evolving educational standards.

## What does being an eTwinning School mean to you?

This initiative encourages collaboration among schools and integrates teaching and learning with ICT, enhancing the student learning experience. It is committed to upholding high educational standards and promoting best teaching and learning practices. It provides educators with experiences of digital collaboration across schools, fostering the development of 21st-century skills through innovative teaching methods.

## If you had to pass on a message to schools who aren't yet eTwinning school, what would you tell them?

Participation in this initiative signifies embarking on a transformative journey that enriches all participants, offering a platform for your school to connect with others, promoting globalisation. It prepares students for the future of global digitisation and provides professional development for educators, enhancing innovative teaching approaches. By taking this step, you embrace potential opportunities and embark on a journey that positively impacts your school community.

# eSafety and eTwinning Webinar



This online webinar was conducted by Ms. Charmaine Attard and Ms. Graziella Brincat who are both Maltese eTwinning Ambassadors.

The focus of the webinar was mainly to highlight the key importance of esafety in particular when applying it to eTwinning. Tips were recommended about ensuring online safety was carried forward such as including the importance of consent, netiquette, code of conduct, copyright infringements and proper referencing.

Furthermore, a closer look at safe communication features that are already available on the ESEP platform, was provided as part of this webinar, which included: communicating with partners through mail, teacher bulletin or also Live Call or Chat functions available on the Twinspace itself.

Web 2.0 tools on how to incorporate esafety while using eTwinning projects were presented and disseminated, giving the participants the chance to explore in their free time. This provided an opportunity for participants to identify different ways how eTwinning projects can integrate within the classroom curriculum too.

For more about this webinar one can check the [recording](#) .

