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Celebrating 20 Years of eTwinning: A Year of Innovation and Inspiration

What an incredible year it has been for eTwinning! As we marked the 20th anniversary of this dynamic initiative at the start of 2025, we invited schools to celebrate in their own unique way—and the response has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Educators and students across Malta and Gozo enthusiastically embraced the call to commemorate this milestone. We were delighted—and admittedly overwhelmed—by the outpouring of creativity and enthusiasm shared through social media tags, posts, emails, and phone calls. From creative projects to celebratory events, the eTwinning spirit was truly alive. Be sure to visit

our website for a glimpse of the wonderful celebrations happening across schools—and remember, the anniversary celebrations continue until December!

The Maltese National Support Organisation, together with our dedicated eTwinning ambassadors, has been busy coordinating engaging activities in schools. The growing interest and participation reflect the increasing recognition of eTwinning as an impactful methodology that engages, motivates, and empowers both learners and educators.

A special highlight this year was the recognition of 20 schools in Malta and Gozo that



were awarded the prestigious eTwinning School Label. These schools exemplify shared leadership, foster collaboration, empower students as active change-makers, and model inclusive and innovative teaching practices. Their achievements serve as a beacon for what modern, forward-thinking education should look like—within and beyond the eTwinning community.

As we wind down to enjoy the Summer holidays we thank you for your continued dedication and enthusiasm. We look forward to embarking on new eTwinning adventures together in the new scholastic year.

Dr Rose-anne Camilleri
National eTwinning co-ordinator

Congratulations to **Ms Nadette Camilleri Pavia** for winning a competition featured in the eTwinning Newsletter published by eTwinning Malta! During this scholastic year, her Year 5 class has been working on the eTwinning project Cultural Kal-AI-doscope, which brought students together with partners from Cyprus, Greece and Czech Republic to explore cultural heritage through creative storytelling, digital tools and cross-border collaboration. This eTwinning project helped students explore culture, creativity and digital skills through fun, collaborative activities. As a token of recognition, students received a cap from @eTwinning Malta for their participation! Thanks eTwinning Malta.

Congratulations to **Mr Jonathan Portanier Mifsud**, Head of School at St Benedict College, Pietru Pawl Saydon, Secondary School, Kirkop for being one of the winners of our eTwinning Newsletter Competition!

Mr Portanier Mifsud has shown strong commitment to the eTwinning community over the past two years. He has been actively involved in projects at his school, earning a National Prize, European Quality Labels, and the eTwinning School Label. He also shared his valuable experience during a local eTwinning event, further supporting the growth of the eTwinning spirit in schools.

Well done to a true leader who continues to champion collaboration, innovation and professional engagement through eTwinning.

eTwinning at Verdala Palace



On Tuesday, 6th May 2025, eTwinning Malta, together with DDLTS educators, celebrated the 20th Anniversary of eTwinning with a special event held at Verdala Palace. The outdoor celebration welcomed primary students and educators for an exciting day filled with collaborative activities.

Highlights included a digital scavenger hunt using the Action Bound app, interactive sessions with Central Public Library – Malta, and a special visit from MEYR Permanent Secretary, Mr Matthew Vella.

We extend our sincere thanks to the participating schools: San Ġorġ Preca College Dun Frans Camilleri Primary, Karmen Azzopardi Primary Hamrun, Marsa Primary, Sant'Iermu Valetta, Floriana Primary, St Clare College

Madonna tal-Mensija San Ġwann Primary, Sliema Primary, Pembroke Primary, and St Nicholas College Anton Agius Primary Rabat.

Your enthusiastic participation made this celebration truly memorable. Well done to all students and educators for making the event a resounding success!

eTwinning Scavenger hunt at Verdala Palace, Rabat - 6th May 2025 on [Vimeo](#)



Celebrando lo que nos une

eTwinning Multilateral Seminar in Segovia, Spain

Three Maltese educators proudly represented Malta at the eTwinning Multilateral Seminar “Celebrando lo que nos une” in Segovia, Spain. The seminar, focused on supporting teachers of Spanish, provided an enriching platform for professional exchange and collaboration.

The Maltese delegation included Ms. Antoinette Zammit Bugeja (Junior College, University of Malta), Ms. Chayanne Attard (St. Augustine College Secondary Campus), and Ms. Charmaine Attard (St. Clare Pembroke Secondary), also an eTwinning Ambassador.

Participants engaged in sessions on inclusive education, digital citizenship, and interdisciplinary projects, while exploring connections between eTwinning and Erasmus+. The experience fostered valuable European networking and project planning opportunities.

Watch the highlights of our Maltese delegation here:

<https://vimeo.com/1091650105>

Special thanks to eTwinning España for this inspiring initiative.



National eTwinning Coordinator visits St. Anne's Primary School, Marsaskala to celebrate project success

A special visit by Dr. Roseanne Camilleri, National eTwinning Coordinator, brought great excitement to a local primary school. Invited by Year 4 teachers Ms. Sue, Ms. Claire, and Ms. Annabelle, Dr. Camilleri attended the final assembly of the eTwinning project “Be Amazing! Amazing Bees!”, where she presented certificates and tokens to participating students.

She also met with other educators leading active eTwinning projects:



Ms. Bryndis & Ms. Romina (Kindergarten)
Let's Celebrate.



Ms. Martina (Year 1)
Travelling Friends



Ms. Maruska, Ms. Marcelle & Ms. Raisa (Year 3)
Twiner Tours

Her visit was a memorable highlight, reinforcing the value of collaboration and creativity in eTwinning. Special thanks to Ms. Joanne Spiteri (DDLTS) for her ongoing support.



SNC MĠARR PRIMARY SHINES IN SCHOOLOVISION 2025

As Malta eagerly awaited Miriana Conte's performance in the Eurovision Song Contest final, students at St Nicholas College, Mġarr Primary School were already celebrating a remarkable achievement of their own.

Representing Malta in Schoolovision 2025 - a school-based version of Eurovision organised within the eTwinning network - the school placed 5th out of 24 participating European schools. This annual event encourages cross-border collaboration, creativity, and cultural exchange through music and digital learning.

The Maltese entry, If, was written by eTwinning Ambassador Ms Maria Antoinette Magro and composed by John Anthony

Fsadni. The song playfully explores life's many 'what if' questions in a joyful and imaginative way, capturing the hearts of students across Europe.

Supported by the Directorate for Digital Literacy & Transversal Skills (DDLTS), the team's strong performance was met with enthusiasm and recognition. Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment!



Succeeding in Basic Skills through project based learning and eTwinning

eTwinning Seminar in Riga, Latvia.

In Two Maltese educators, Ms. Sharon Abela Craus from Skola Primarja Qrendi Kullegg San Benedittu and Ms. Alison Cini from Theresa Nuzzo School, took part in the 3-day eTwinning Workshop between 11 – 13 April 2025 held in Riga, Latvia, titled "Succeeding in Basic Skills Through Project-Based Learning and eTwinning."

During the event, they attended keynote sessions, participated in a city-wide scavenger hunt, and networked with educators from across Europe. On the second day, Ms. Abela Craus led a face-to-face workshop—also streamed live—where she presented her experiences in integrating project-based learning and eTwinning. She guided participants in drafting collaborative project plans.

Ms. Cini actively attended various workshops, including her colleague's, to strengthen her knowledge and gain practical insights for her



teaching context.

eTwinning Malta expressed gratitude to both educators and their schools for supporting this valuable professional learning experience.

STRENGTHENING CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN ETWINNING SCHOOLS

2025 European conference for eTwinning Schools in Nice

Two Maltese educators represented Malta at the 2025 eTwinning Schools Conference held in Nice, France. Ms. Claire De Bono, Head of Gozo College Agius De Soldanis Middle School, and Ms. Veronique de Gabriele Ferrante, Deputy Head of St. Augustine College Primary School, attended the event.

On the first day, they joined keynote speeches by Marcin Szala and Irene Pateraki, followed by networking opportunities. The second day featured engaging workshops focusing on citizenship education, student agency, and inclusivity. The sessions explored best practices and methodologies such as project-based learning that can transform school

culture.

The experience was both inspiring and enriching. Our delegates returned motivated to apply their learning, strengthen collaboration, and lead innovative practices within their schools. Special thanks to both schools for supporting this valuable opportunity.



ETWINNING SEMINAR ECEC IN LIVORNO ITALY

Three Maltese educators proudly represented eTwinning Malta at the international Multilateral eTwinning Seminar ECEC in Livorno, Italy. The seminar, titled “Nurturing Creativity and European Identity through Art and Music,” welcomed Ms. Charlene Portelli from St. Paul’s Missionary College, Ms. Maureen Zerafa from St. Francis School Victoria, and Ms. Hayley Difesa from St. Francis School, Birkirkara.

Throughout the event, they participated in workshops and collaborated with fellow

educators from Italy, Greece, and Cyprus to develop cross-border project ideas. These included “Sounds of the Mediterranean Sea, Steps of the Land”, “Little Artists of Europe”, and “Little Dancers, One World.” The experience concluded with presentations and cultural activities that fostered networking and inspiration.

Thanks to eTwinning Italia and the supporting schools for making this enriching opportunity possible.



eTwinning Malta celebrates 20th Anniversary in Gozo



On the occasion of Europe Day, eTwinning Malta proudly took part in the Europe Day in Gozo 2025 event, organised by Europe Direct Gozo at Villa Rundle Gardens, Victoria. This special event marked the 20th anniversary of eTwinning and featured a dedicated stand offering a variety of engaging activities, including a panel discussion, a digital scavenger hunt using the ActionBound app, and a card design competition.

Students from Gozo College Agius De Soldanis Middle School contributed actively by supporting the stand and

sharing their eTwinning experiences with visitors. The event also included a visit from the Gozo Central Public Library, and welcomed Italian guests from Istituto Comprensivo Igino Petrone, Campobasso.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all partners, participants, and visitors for their involvement. The celebration served as a testament to the value of collaboration, innovation, and cross-border learning in education.

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BUSKETT WOODLAND HOSTS ANOTHER MEMORABLE ETWINNING 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On 13th May 2025, eTwinning Malta, in collaboration with the Directorate for Digital Literacy & Transversal Skills (DDLTS), proudly hosted another successful event as part of our 20th anniversary celebrations. Held in the scenic surroundings of Buskett Woodland, the event brought together students and educators for a day of outdoor learning and collaboration.

The programme featured a variety of engaging and interactive activities designed to foster teamwork, creativity, and digital skills. It was a pleasure to witness such active participation and enthusiasm from all involved.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the DDLTS team and all educators and students who made this event such a

memorable experience.

We look forward to sharing more highlights from this special day—yet another meaningful milestone in eTwinning Malta's ongoing journey of collaboration and innovation in education.



[eTwinning Secondary Schools
Scavenger Hunt- Buskett
Gardens- May 13 2025 on Vimeo](#)

eTwinning Job Shadowing in Estonia:

A Snapshot of International Collaboration

From April 28–30, 2025, NSO representatives from Estonia, Malta, Spain, and Turkey gathered at the Harno office in Tallinn for a dynamic eTwinning Job Shadowing Programme. The event focused on sharing best practices, strengthening partnerships, and exploring new ways to promote eTwinning across diverse educational contexts.

The first day featured introductions and strategic discussions on ambassador programmes, communications planning, and Erasmus+ synergies. Delegates exchanged ideas on using social media, newsletters, and national networks to amplify eTwinning's reach.

On the second day, participants visited Tallinn Kindergarten Pääsusilm to learn about Estonia's innovative early education system. The school showcased outdoor learning, physical activity, and the use of digital tools with young children. Back at Harno, sessions focused on expanding eTwinning in VET, rural, and special needs education, as well as outreach to arts and language schools.

The programme concluded with sessions on developing eTwinning Schools and measuring impact. A key outcome was the formation of a new NSO support network, marking the start of ongoing collaboration across borders. The event reflected the spirit of European cooperation and innovation in education.



Little Inventors at Work with Their Inventions

During this scholastic year, Ms Elaine Gauci from Dingli Primary School collaborated with partners from Turkey, Greece, Poland, and Romania on the project Little Inventors at Work with Their Inventions. The students had the opportunity to learn about various inventors whose ideas have helped shape our world.

They explored inventors linked to different fields, such as space and communication—learning about figures like Neil Armstrong and Alexander Graham Bell, who revolutionised the way we connect with one another. In the area of transport, they discovered the Wright brothers, pioneers behind the concept of powered flight.

Pupils were encouraged to research and study any inventor of their choice. We were particularly curious about crayons and found that Edwin Binney was the creative mind behind developing safe and colourful tools for artistic expression.

The students proudly shared

what they had learnt with the rest of the school during a special assembly. They spoke about 11 inspiring inventors who believed in their ideas and made a difference.

This STEM-focused project allowed children to observe the evolution of inventions from the past to the present. A variety of experiments took place in the classroom, enhancing students' critical and creative thinking skills. It also fostered a sense of teamwork and belonging through collaborative experiments, games, and interactive activities.

In addition to scientific exploration, students also engaged in art and craft activities, developing manual abilities, hand-eye coordination, observational skills, and aesthetic awareness.

Throughout this project, Game-Based Learning, Project-Based Learning, and Discovery Learning approaches were integrated, supporting a cross-curricular educational experience.

ETWINNING SCHOOL LABEL AWARDS 2025-2026 CELEBRATION

The eTwinning School Label Awards 2025–2026 were celebrated on 12th June 2025 at The Notch Conference Centre, Urban Valley Resort, Kappara. The event was organised to honour 20 Maltese schools that were recognised at European level for their commitment to the core values of eTwinning.

The awards acknowledged achievements in shared leadership, collaboration and teamwork, student agency, inclusion and innovation, and for being role models for other schools across Europe.

During the celebration, good practices were shared by students, heads of schools, and educators, showcasing the collaborative spirit and innovative approaches implemented in their learning communities.

The dedication of teachers and school leaders was praised, and Malta was highlighted as one of the countries with the highest number of awarded eTwinning Schools per capita. The event concluded with a reception by the pool.

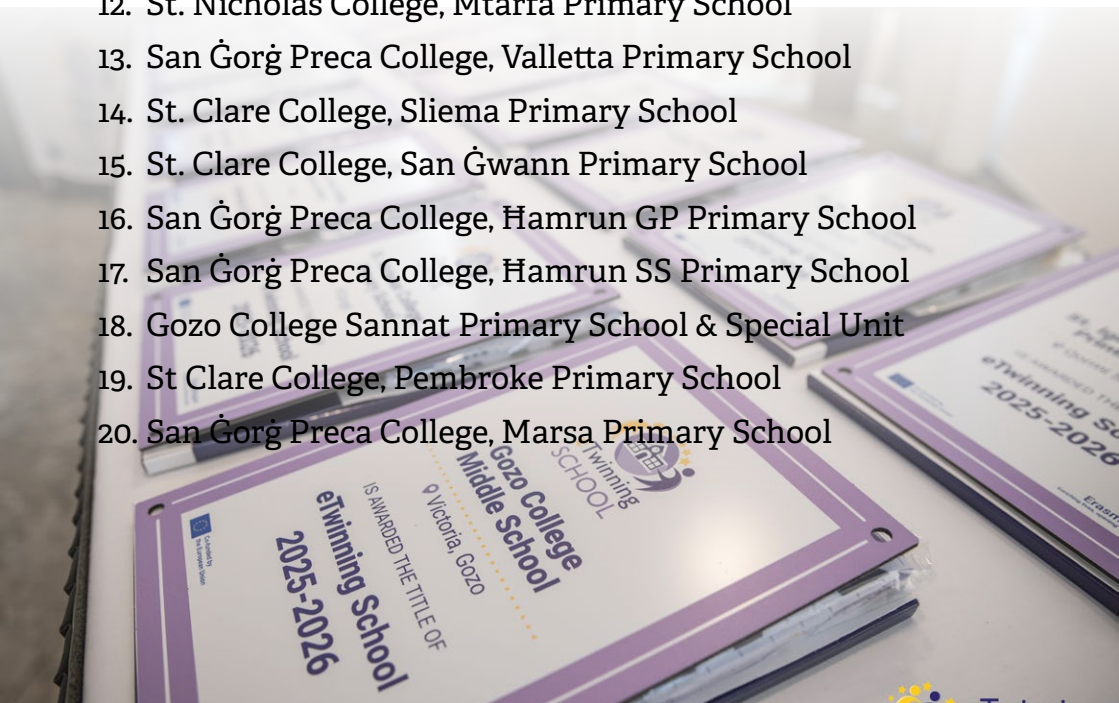
See the published article on the Sunday Times of Malta here:
<https://timesofmalta.com/article/20-schools-awarded-etwinning-school-label.1112232>

eTwinning School Label Award 2025-2026:

1. St. Nicholas College, Rabat Primary School
2. St. Benedict College, Kirkop Secondary School



3. Directorate for Digital Literacy & Transversal Skills, Hamrun
4. San Ġorġ Preca College, Floriana Primary School
5. St. Nicholas College, Attard Primary School
6. St. Augustine College Primary School
7. Secretariat for Catholic Education, Floriana
8. San Ġorġ Preca College, Paola Primary School
9. St. Nicholas College, Dingli Primary School
10. Gozo College Victoria, Rabat Middle School
11. St. Ignatius College, Qormi San Bastjan Primary School
12. St. Nicholas College, Mtarfa Primary School
13. San Ġorġ Preca College, Valletta Primary School
14. St. Clare College, Sliema Primary School
15. St. Clare College, San Ġwann Primary School
16. San Ġorġ Preca College, Hamrun GP Primary School
17. San Ġorġ Preca College, Hamrun SS Primary School
18. Gozo College Sannat Primary School & Special Unit
19. St Clare College, Pembroke Primary School
20. San Ġorġ Preca College, Marsa Primary School



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