



The eTwinner

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Between the 28th and the 30th of April 2022, Malta hosted over 65 educators from 15 different European countries including from Malta and Gozo for an eTwinning European Seminar at the Paradise Bay Resort Hotel in Cirkewwa. The theme for the seminar revolved around: Diverse & Creative Learning Environments.

A pre-seminar online meeting was held a week earlier to bring the participants together and give them a snapshot of what to expect, to introduce themselves and get to know the other educators they were about to meet.

The seminar kicked off on Thursday evening with a very inspiring presentation by Marcin Zarod – Polish educator and trainer. His keynote speech was entitled: Beyond the Box: innovative learning spaces in day-to-day classroom practice.

Following this was an ice-breaking activity using Action Bound which had the participants roaming all over the hotel grounds engaged in assigned tasks looking for clues and answers. The whole objective was to get the participants from the various countries talking, discussing and making



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connections and new friendships.

On day 2 a series of workshops were held. All the workshops were related to the theme of the seminar. The workshops were all hands-on and the educators had the opportunity to explore and apply the Web 2.0 tools, resources or ideas being mentioned. The leaders animating the workshops were a mixture of Maltese and foreign educators, experts in their particular fields.



Participants were encouraged throughout the seminar to find partners from different countries and plan projects together – projects related to the theme of the seminar.



On the last day educators shared good practices and tips in showing how eTwinning can be a tool, a pedagogy to share, connect and collaborate. It was a good learning opportunity to see how eTwinning can be integrated in our teaching and learning and to motivate our students. Below one can find the links for the live streaming and photos:

Day 1 – Launch of seminar - <https://fb.watch/d9E8-pGs7Y/>

Day 3 – Sharing of practice - <https://fb.watch/d9E4pMxZli/>

Launch: <https://www.facebook.com/etwinningmalta/posts/7638779696162792>

Workshops: <https://www.facebook.com/etwinningmalta/posts/7648209895219772>

The seminar was a huge success due to the ideas generated and practices shared. Currently most educators are still in touch and collaborating together in projects.

Dr Rose-anne Camilleri
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Coordinator/EO

MUSIC NEVER DIES

SCHOOLVISION 2022

Ms Maria Antoinette Magro

As Europe starts to prepare for Eurovision Song Contest, European schools are in full bloom preparing for Schoolvision for the 14th time. We are pleased to announce that we placed 6th this year among 31 schools.

Our song this year talks about music. A group of year 5 children from Hamrun GP, discussed the topic between themselves, in class and ended up choosing “Music Never Dies.” The music was composed by Aldo and Bradley Spiteri. Musical arrangement and interpretation was done by Norbert Camilleri. The original

version of this wonderful piece of music took part in the first prestigious festival “Mużika Mużika” last year with the song “Sinfonija Ħiemda” sung by Miguel Bonello.

The majority of the choristers participating in this year’s Schoolvision song, have a statement of needs and are supported by a Learning Support Educator in class. This did not hinder us from moving on and doing our best to help them reach their full potential. Music plays an important role here, because, it helps the children find their





inner selves. Our school always supports these children and gives them opportunities to excel and be motivated to grow up into independent and fully educated citizens of tomorrow. Just as Ignacio Estrada once said, "If a child cannot learn the way we teach, we teach the way he learns."

The refrain, which was written in Maltese, was inspired by the much-loved musical "The Sound of Music". In this musical we come across Maria, who takes a job as a governess to a family of seven children and manages to make the children happy through her love and passion for music.

In this project, we do not understand each other's languages, but music does it all. Music is truly "a language everyone knows" and "it has no borders." Music connects people."

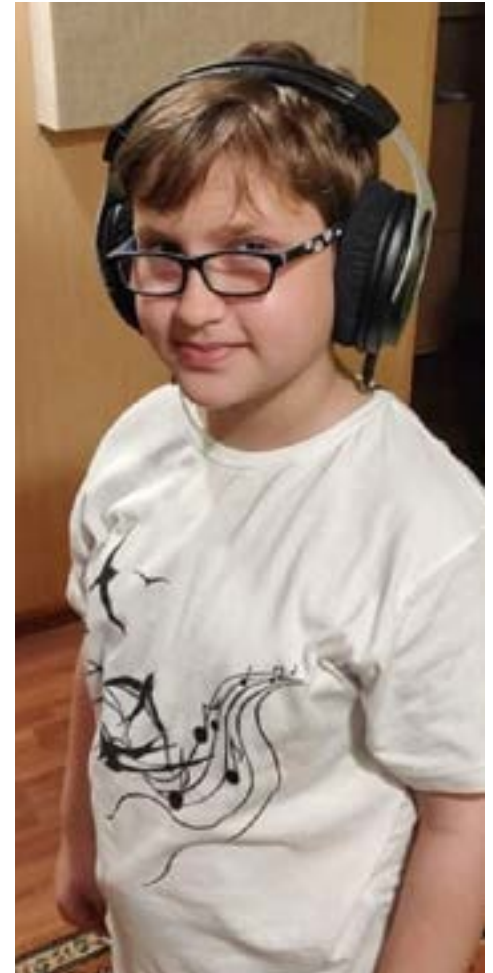
"When children listen to music, they don't just listen. They melt into the melody and flow with

the rhythm," Michael Jackson once said.

Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to imagination and life to everything. People who experience music are happy people because music can be magical and "washes away the dust from everyday life." Music has the power to touch us emotionally where words alone can't. "Without music life would be . ." Music never dies. Muzika, inti ma tmurt qatt."

Our video can be visible here: <https://schoolovision2022.blogspot.com/search/label/Malta>

Another article about Schoolovision 2022 can be found [here](#).



Spreading a Message of Peace

Maria Elisa Scicluna
KGE K2.1

During the second term of this scholastic year, people all over the world including our students, were shocked with the sudden war between Russia and Ukraine.

Coverage in media that showed how family fathers had to leave for war worrying that this may be the last time they would see their families, and, footage of kids who were hiding in the underground subways to avoid bombs, made a strong impression on our students, so much so, that they kept bringing the subject up, at the start of every lesson.

Since all of what was happening became a concern for the school community, it was agreed that this issue needed to be addressed. A Peace Day at Maria Regina College Mosta Primary A, was organised on 23rd March 2022. All students and educators were invited to dress

up in white.

As a KGE, together with my K2.1 students we decided to use the e-Twinning logo from our eTwinning project: "*Futur Sabih u Sostennibli Flimkien*" and link it to Peace Day.

To complement the activity, we made our own peace hats which we wore to sing a song together, called "We are the World, We are the Children." This theme was chosen since our children are tomorrow's future.



PENNAMICI DEL 2022

Our year 8.2 students, are participating in a project called PENNAMICI DEL 2022, in which students communicate with penfriends through writing letters.

To get to know each other, students wrote a short description of themselves, which they uploaded on a Padlet embedded in Twinspace, along with an avatar of themselves which they created.

With Ms Marilyn Mifsud supporting them all the way, students wrote their first letter to their Italian partners in Italian. The latter students, then replied in English.



BRIDGE THE GAP

Ms Marilyn Mifsud, MRC Middle School, Naxxar



This is Bridge the Gap eTwinning Project, that includes both local and foreign partners, working together simultaneously on 4 different languages: French, German, Spanish and Italian. Class 7.2 was chosen to participate in the Italian part of the project, together with other partner schools.

A padlet was created, where students, each uploaded their avatars along with a presentation about themselves that included a description about their hobbies, favourite food and favourite colour among other things.

Students had to vote for their favourite project logo, among 20 that were created. 2 of these logos were designed by two of our students in class 7.2.

As planned, students in the following weeks, were to work on video in class together.

Thanks to Ms Marilyn Mifsud for her motivation and dedication towards our students.

eTwinning Day FUN ACTIVITIES



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The eTwinner Newsletter Competition Winner

Dear Competition Participants,

We thank you for your participation in last issue's competition. We are happy to say that most of your submissions were correct, it seems that, gladly, you're getting very familiar with our website. However, we have to have only 1 winner being awarded a prize by the Malta NSO...who is... drumroll:



Ms Nikita Borg from St. Ignatius College, Primary School, Siggiewi.

We'll return with more competitions, next scholastic year. In the meantime, we'd like to thank you for your participation and interest in our competitions.