



The eTwinner

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Dear eTwinners,

Here we are nearing the end of the 1st term of the year. It has been quite an eventful time especially with the ongoing transition to the European School Education Platform where eTwinning is now hosted. We have also celebrated the brilliant partnerships and awarded projects, schools and educators during the eTwinning National Awards Ceremony 2022 on the 28th October.

Several online and onsite workshops and conferences such as the Initial Teacher Educator conference and the eTwinning Schools conference, have brought educators together providing professional development with very inspiring talks and workshops including shared practice.

We are now updating our local website -www.etwinningmalta.net- to include one-pager notes and instructions on using the new eTwinning platform so feel free to visit the site and learn about all the eTwinning activities, events as well as best practice shared by educators amongst others.



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Early Childhood Education & Care

eTwinning seminar for Kindergarten Educators in Bratislava, Slovakia 🇸🇰 10-12 November 2022

“Getting the skills for virtual collaboration in Kindergarten”

Dr Rose Anne Camilleri; eTwinning NSO for Malta and eTwinning ambassador & kindergarten educator Ms Charmaine Attard Maltese representatives 🇲🇹, were invited to present the keynote speech: *eTwinning and the Emergent Curriculum: Successful stories from Maltese kindergarten settings.*

Here they shared their journey about integrating successful eTwinning projects within the Early Years Maltese Emergent Curriculum. It included sharing knowledge and skills on how the ECEC community in Malta are increasing interest in participating with both local and foreign eTwinning partners, to enhance not only their teaching pedagogy but mostly to expand experiences beyond their classroom walls.

Several workshops were conducted during the seminar in-

cluding hands-on use of digital resources.

Ms Antonella Giles NSO & HoD - Digital Literacy and Ms Katya Jenkins - kindergarten educator also presented Malta at this seminar sharing good practice examples.



Discover more:

<https://youtu.be/dDT02mmucXQ/>

<https://fb.watch/hcH24KyQCD/>

You can watch the entire ceremony from here:

<https://vimeo.com/780712101>

The new European School Education Platform

As you all know the eTwinning platform has now migrated to the new European School Education Platform <https://school-education.ec.europa.eu/en>

You may find materials, with all that you need to know about it, in this link: <https://bit.ly/3Wb37pk>

We recommend that, if you haven't already done so, watch the webinar to help you make best use of this new integrated platform.

Celebrating the year with a bang ... eTwinning Awards 2022

The eTwinning National Awards 2022 took place on the 28th October 2022 at The Notch Conference Centre, Urban Valley, San Gwann. This event is organised by eTwinning Malta within the Directorate for Digital Literacy & Transversal Skills. During this ceremony we celebrated the success of both educators and schools in integrating eTwinning in the classroom as a transformative and innovative pedagogy.

Present to honour and award the educators and schools were: Mr. Matthew Vella, Permanent Secretary, Mr. Grazio Grixti, Director, Ms. Joyce Grech, Assistant Director and Dr. Rose-anne Camilleri eTwinning Coordinator and Education Officer.

eTwinning as a European vibrant community encourages educators to collaborate, network, develop projects, share good practices and find opportunities for professional development. In



Malta Twinning has evolved to a way of teaching which is engaging and motivating all learners. This year Malta boasts the highest number of registered eTwinners in Europe and also has the highest number of Schools who have obtained the School Label.

eTwinning National Quality Labels are granted to teachers with excellent eTwinning projects. They indicate that the project has reached a certain national and European standard. The outstanding projects from amongst those obtaining the Quality Label are then awarded during this ceremony. The main categories for the eTwinning National Awards 2022 were:

Awarded Projects:

- Best eTwinning Annual Theme project: Sustainable, Beautiful, Together
- Best collaborative projects

- Best fun project
- Award of Appreciation
- Best National Early Years project
- Best National Primary
- Best European Early Years project
- Best European Primary
- Best European Secondary
- New eTwinners

Awarded Schools – Categories

- Promoting National Language
- Best Innovative Use of ICT Tools
- Best eTwinning School 2021-2022
- Best Whole School Approach

During the ceremony the eTwinning Ambassadors presented their role and mission in schools and were awarded a token of appreciation.

The event was streamed live on eTwinningMalta Facebook Page: <https://fb.watch/gS3rMCR1zU/>



ETWINNING NATIONAL AWARDS Ceremony 2022

eTwinning Malta would like to thank all the eTwinning educators for their work, dedication and professionalism in the eTwinning projects submitted for review, whilst congratulating the winners for this year as follows:

Awarded Projects:

Best Annual Theme Projects – Sustainable, Beautiful, Together: *School Permaculture Garden SPG 5* – Marion Cutajar; *Green Act* - Mr Ramona Mercieca

Best Collaborative Projects: *Our Space Learning Adventure* – Roseanne Delceppo, Beverly Pace, Jeanelle Attard, Paul Anthony Rapa; *We are teach-shares* - Josianne Bugeja, Josefa Bugeja, Michelle Caruana, Roberta Agius, Elise Caruana, Joanne Galea, Raissa Scicluna Micallef, Sharon Abela Craus.

Best Fun Project: *Imaginary Creatures inshadows!-* Ms Melanie Jane Fenech Ishmael

Award of Appreciation: *Schoolovision* – Maria Antoinette Magro

Best European Early Years Project: *Dream by reading, explore with stem* – Romina Baldacchino;

Best National Early Years: *Travelling Angels* – Christine Buhagiar, Katya Jenkins, Romina Dingli, Vanessa Camilleri

Best European Primary: *What's your story?–* Nadette Camilleri; *Happy Kids with STEAM* Nadia Cremona, Mario Mifsud; My



European Schoolmates – Elaine Gauci

Best National Primary: *Tablet Collaborative Use in Social Studies* – Charmaine Mangion, Elaine Tabone Betts, Keith Farrugia

Best European Secondary: *Ojo con la información* – Charmaine Attard, Jessica Muscat, Marie Claire Tabone

New eTwinners: *We are Eco-friends* – Sarah Cuschieri, Grace Attard; *21st Century with STEM* – Raissa Scicluna Micallef; *Sharing Festivities* - Christina Barbara

Awarded Schools:

Promoting National Language: *Nitilqu Lsienna u naqbd u l-Lapes*

St. Clare College, Primary School, St Julians, St Clare College Primary School San Gwann, St Benedict College Primary School Kirkop, St Benedict College Primary School Safi.

Best Innovative Use of ICT Tools:

Treasures of our town - St. Thomas More College Marsaxlokk Primary School

Best eTwinning School 2021/2022:

San Gorg Preca College, Hamrun SS Primary School

Best Whole School Approach:

St. Clare College Primary School, Sliema

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Would you like to be featured on this newsletter?
Do you have practices and photos you would like to share?

Write about your experiences in eTwinning such as the highlights of a project or activity in eTwinning and fill in this [form](#).

Those whose articles are published in the next issue will get a wireless mouse.



Encuentro Multilateral de docentes de Secundaria en castellano Junt@s hacia una escuela diversa, inclusiva y sostenible



The Spanish NSO organized The Multilateral eTwinning Seminar for Secondary School Teachers in Madrid, between 27th and 29th October 2022, hosting teachers of Spanish from Czech Republic, Finland, France, Spain, Italy, Portugal and Malta. The Maltese delegation consisted of Mandy Borg from Stella Maris College, Analise Camilleri from St Thomas More College Middle

& Secondary School Zejtun, Jainis Debrincat from Gozo College Middle School.

The seminar kicked off with the plenary session by Aránzazu Hervás Escobar who specialises on the on the relationship between teaching-learning, technology and bilingualism. This was followed by another plenary session

by Isabel Redondo Vigil. From IES Escultor Juan de Villanueva; focusing on sharing of good practice in relation to the annual theme.

Other inspiring workshops followed on the other two days, that included sharing of various Web 2.0 tools, participation in an escape room, Safety within Erasmus+.

Teachers had opportunities to network, team up and plan their own projects that would be carried out during the scholastic year. These project ideas were then presented during the final plenary session on Saturday.

"...we will do exchanges and a possible Erasmus we already planned the whole exchange where we'll start by letting the students introduce themselves, then we pair them, then we'll do a Christmas project and an Easter one. Possible Erasmus exchange would take place too." **Jainis Debrincat, Gozo College Middle School**

"It was a very fulfilling experience for me as a teacher. I will definitely fit in as many ideas as I can into my lessons. I also met interesting hardworking teachers from abroad with whom I feel lucky to be working with this year. I would like to thank the ministry and the European Commission for making this experience possible. I would also like to thank Dr. Rose-anna Camilleri for all her help". - **Mandy Borg, Stella Maris College**

"It was a unique experience and a beneficial one for me and my school. From this experience I learned new and innovative ways on how to teach Spanish in a fun and more modern and inclusive way. I learned about different ICT tools that I can use in the classroom. My school will benefit from this experience because if I will be able to be involved in a project in which my students can participate in, they can communicate in a virtual way with other foreign students, in our case Spanish learners around the world. This will help students to enhance their communication, reading and writing skills. I look forward to use in my classroom what I have learned from this experience". - **Analise Camilleri, St Thomas More College Middle & Secondary School Zejtun**

Would you like to take your Erasmus+ to the next level?

Check what Dr Rose Anna Camilleri has to say!

On 29th November 2022, during the EU Funding Opportunities for Schools, organised by Servizzi Ewropej F'Malta (SEM), Dr Rose Anna Camilleri shared her expertise about why one should take up eTwinning too.

Let's start by saying that eTwinning provides abundant opportunities of networking and finding the right partners for eTwinning & Erasmus+ projects! It's a two way highway: one can either start off from an eTwinning project and upgrade it to Erasmus+, or else, find partners through the platform with whom one can work on both projects!

Here are some of the benefits that one can reap from such a merge between the two:

Blended Mobility: whilst Erasmus provides funds for physical mobility, eTwinning offers all the repertoire of tools needed for a successful digital mobility! Partners can hold regular meetings, whilst students can get to know their

partners in real time and so much better! Collaboration and communication are further enhanced using the digital platform!

The eTwinning platform provides a great space to have everything in one place: documentation, records of online meetings, digital collaborations...the list is endless.

eTwinning and Erasmus+ tools, when used in sync, create a synergistic effect that multiply teaching and learning by leaps and bounds. Collaboration, communication and cross curricular practices become super strengths.

If that wasn't enough, schools that obtain the prestigious eTwinning School Label have stronger chances of having their Erasmus+ applications approved!

Contact the Malta eTwinning National Support office, to see how you too can gain these benefits!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Webinar:
eTwinning Schools Application

Time: 17:00

Target audience:
All those eligible for the coming eTwinning School labels.

Thursday 2nd February 2023

Webinar:
The new European School Education Platform.

Time: 16:00

Target audience:
All eTwinners