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## Compost Making at Siġġiewi Primary

It was back in January 2007 when the Ekoskola committee at St Ignatius College Primary Siġġiewi decided to begin making compost at school. A special compost tank was bought and placed in the sun in a corner of the school yard for this purpose. We prepared a handout depicting how to produce compost. The info sheet was photocopied with the help of the Siġġiewi Local Council and we gave a copy to all students who took it home so that even parents would be aware of what we were doing.

We prepared a list of things students could get from home and during the assembly we explained what staff and students could do to help. The list was displayed on each class notice board so that teachers would remind pupils every now and then. Both students and staff got organic material from home and the process began immediately. This was done during break-time so that all pupils could participate. Twice a week we topped up the compost tank with the material brought from home, and stirred the contents of the bin. This was repeated for five months until the tank reached the required level.



In October the compost was ready to be used, so during a committee meeting, we discussed how we could make the best use of it. We decided to do a repotting exercise since some of the plants we had at school were in small pots. Towards the end of November we decided to plant new trees and saplings to enhance the school environment with the help of Ms Annabelle Bonello - School Council member.

## Tree planting activity at Mellieħa

On Friday 19th October, our school participated in the great week-end event organised by the Ministry for Rural Affairs & the Environment. Many school children from various schools in Malta gathered near the Red Tower in Mellieħa to participate in this wonderful activity. We were greeted by roving animators dressed up as animals or trees and the well-known character Xummiemu was as usual the main attraction. A group of children from Mellieħa School gave a welcome speech.



A group of young drama teachers put up a short play called "Is-Siġar u l-bnedmin" sending a very clear and effective message about the importance of safeguarding our trees. A group of members from our EkoSkola committee gave a presentation about their experience in Sweden as finalists in the Great Volvo Adventure. The programme ended with our school choir singing the National Anthem.



As soon as the programme finished, our Senior 1 and Senior 2 classes were guided down to Foresta 2000 where they planted a large number of trees. Meanwhile as a gesture of support to this wonderful initiative, our Grade 6 pupils flew kites which they had prepared at school from recycled materials while Grade 3 put on masks which they also had prepared at school. When a nation gets together for such a great cause no words can describe the positive affects and good feelings! Let's all lend a hand to sustain the beauty and integrity of our island!

*Written by Francesca Ebejer, St Joseph, Mater Boni Consilii School, Paola*

On the 26th October 2007 we had a school outing to go and plant trees. We met near the school, then the coaches came for us and we went to Mellieħa near the Red Tower. We climbed a steep hill and we saw the lovely view of Mellieħa Bay from above. One of the persons in charge told us that 13,000 trees were going to be planted that weekend. After a short speech we all watched a performance on stage. Live actors performed a play. This play was about trees and a King who wanted to ruin all trees to make space for more buildings. It was a musical play. When the performance finished, we all went down and waited for a while before we planted our trees. First we dug a hole in the soil. Then some people gave us a little tree in a pot. We put the tree in the soil and started putting soil on the tree so it would stay straight. We were arranged in groups of three: our groups involved Jacques and Ayrton; and Anthea and Karim. We all had fun planting trees because this activity does not happen everyday. We hope there will be more trees to plant so we will have a better place to live in.

*Written by Roberto Buttigieg and Alexia Attard, EkoSkola Committee Members,  
St. Bernadette Primary School B, San Gwann*

## Together We Grow: The Smart Healthy Way

Every year our school organises an Open Day for parents. This year it was organised on the 23rd October. This year the subject was "Together We Grow: The Smart Healthy Way". Our parents came to our school. We had a special assembly and then our parents came with us in our classroom. The teacher made a PowerPoint presentation about healthy food. After the presentation we had to make a leaflet on healthy food to send to our school friends in Poland, with whom we are chatting on an e-twinning project about healthy food.

When we finished the leaflet we started preparing our healthy lunch. In the meantime our parents went to the library to watch another presentation on healthy living. We did a saladwich pocket. The saladwich pocket is type of salad in between two slices of pitta

bread. We got lettuce, 4 slices of chicken breast or turkey, some slices of low fat cheese and salad mix. We mixed all these ingredients together and put them in pitta bread.

In the meantime our parents returned. Then a parent of a classmate showed us a recipe we could eat for a healthy breakfast. We had to get a light yoghurt, cereal, a banana and an apple. First we put the cereal in a bowl, then the sliced apple and sliced banana and the yoghurt on top. It was very nice but at half past ten we had to stop. We had a nice day and we all wish that such activities happen more often.

*Written by Roberto Buttigieg and Reece Hendrix Galea, EkoSkola Committee Member, St. Bernadette Primary School B, San Ġwann*

## **Environmental projects at Rosa Magro, Xewkija Primary**

**An eco-friendly wind-vane:** The wind-vane on the roof of our school showed us the wind's direction. Although quite useful the wind-vane was in the form of a hunter in the act of shooting. Last year, while conducting the environmental audit, the students noted that the presence of this image clashed with our school's environment. So during the following committee meeting we decided to keep the wind-vane, but to remove the image of the hunter. During the first scholastic term, Savio (a boy from Year 4) gave a new facelift to the wind-vane which now has resumed its place on the school hall's roof. The image of the hunter was affixed to the EkoSkola notice-board.



**The Crocus Project** is an international project that promotes the planting of Crocus bulbs in remembrance of children who were killed in last World War. The students of Rosa Magro, Xewkija Primary School decided to participate in this project. To express our sentiments of love towards the memory of these children we decided to shape the patch, in which we were going to plant the bulbs, in the form of a heart.

For the children of Year 2 this was a new experience – although not a unique one – in which they sowed bulbs in soil. These children have now the responsibility of caring for these plants. They are now looking forward for March – when their project will yield.

**Our school gets a face-lift:** As part of our efforts to improve our school environment, students brought Sunflower seeds so that we can decorate the garden in front of our school. The mother of one of our children helped us out by giving us advice on how to go about our plans. Children prepared the peat mixture so that we could fill the trays in which we were going to sow the seeds.



After planting the seeds, children were in charge of watering them regularly. After a few days the plants sprouted and were ready to be transferred into pots. Once these plants get stronger they could be planted in the garden. We think that it won't be long till we can see these plants growing tall with their dazzling yellow flowers making our school's image more beautiful.



**Clean Up the World:** For this special day students from Year 1 to Year 4 chose to clean up the gardens surrounding the school from the waste that had accumulated. Children were given gloves and large black plastic bags and each class was assigned a particular area in the grounds. Dr. Monica Vella, the mayor of

Xewkija, presented the school with a Compost Bin so that we can start composting. This activity was one of the children's favourite.

### **An EkoSkola Maltese Garden**

Being a Maltese student attending St. Monica School Gżira, it gave me great pleasure to be present for the inauguration of the Maltese Garden which was held on the 6th November 2007. Honourable guests, parents, teachers as well as my fellow students were all gathered for this special occasion.

The Ekoskola Committee of which I am a member was involved greatly in the realisation of this project. Together we worked on various aspects of the Maltese Garden which eventually led to its finalisation. Fellow students will also be taking care of the garden in the years to come and therefore they will be involved directly in its preservation.



The Maltese Garden is split up into various Maltese ecosystems and in each area there are a number of species which belong to the respective ecosystem. All the species found in this garden are endemic or indigenous. Many people will be benefiting from this project especially us students as the garden will be used during Environmental Studies and Biology lessons. This will therefore be giving us a more practical insight into the study of nature. By caring for our Maltese Garden us students will be learning how to appreciate our environment and this will instil in us a better understanding of how to protect it.

*Written by Corinne Farrugia, EkoSkola Committee President, St. Monica School, Gżira*

### **Xrobb il-Għaġin adventure activity**

Our EkoSkola Committee with the help of our School's PTA and NatureTrust Malta organised an adventure activity at Xrobb il-Għaġin on Sunday, 18th November 2007. In spite of the inclement weather, the Headmistress Sr. Lucienne Cachia s.j.a decided to proceed with our programme which turned out to be most worthwhile. Our day started off with a Mass at the Capuchin's Friary in Kalkara. Later on several students and their families proceeded to Xrobb il-Għaġin where 70 trees were planted by all who attended the event.



Once the trees were planted and photos of the occasion taken, Mr Orland Bonavia gave a short speech where he explained in detail Nature Trust's project plans for this area and then presented certificates to all families who sponsored a tree. After this he took everyone present on a nature walk across the unspoilt garigue and along the rugged cliff edges where we were amazed with the sight of two rainbows crossing each other across the cloudy sky over the breathtaking sea views.

The group eventually had to race to base to escape a sudden strong downpour of rain after which some families lingered on to complete the afternoon with a pot of hot coffee and home-baked cakes, which completed our outdoor adventure in true style!!



*Written by Kristina Critien, St Joseph, Mater Boni Consilii School, Paola*

## **Qortin Family Recreational Park**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5.00pm we had a public consultation meeting regarding the Family Recreational Park at Qortin. We went to this meeting to represent the EkoSkola Group. We were very welcomed by the Xagħra Local Council and the Ms Giovanna Debono, Minister for Gozo. During the meeting we were treated as very important persons and we were surrounded by cameramen! We were seated in the front row. A representative of Wasteserv Malta Ltd introduced the meeting addressing the important issues regarding the proposals for the Park. When our turn to speak came, our comments were very appreciated.

In our proposals we suggested the development of a family park and a nature reserve in which several endemic plants and trees (such as the Sandarac Tree) are planted. We also suggested sports grounds, bicycle tracks, picnic areas and pathways for long walks among the greenery. A large pond with fish would also make the place look better.

In his speech, Mr Joe Cordina, the Mayor of Xagħra, said that he was willing to help us as the EkoSkola of Xagħra. Ms Giovanna Debono, Minister for Gozo, also referred to our ideas in her speech. Mr Antonio Olivari D'Emanuele from Wasteserv offered his help and said that he would send us information about the organisation. This was an unforgettable experience for all of us.

*Written by Ryan (PRO), Chantelle (Sub-committee leader), Jeremy (Vice-president) & Sara (President), EkoSkola Committee – Xagħra Primary*

## **Climate Change**

Our teacher told us that the Gudja Local Council was organising a "Reading Day". For this special day our class (Year 4) wanted to prepare an exhibition on Climate Change. We used the computer to look for information. Our teacher also helped us in our search for information about climate change. We printed this information at home. At school we discussed what we can do to prevent global warming. In groups we made charts and drew pictures. Every group also worked on a model. My group's model showed how to get energy from wind. The day before the exhibition we produced a book about climate change. In the book we fixed pictures about things that cause climate change.



When we finished our work we presented them on a table. We also fixed charts onto the doors of our class. That day (7<sup>th</sup> December) was filled with various activities. Besides the exhibition we repropose a play called "The Drops of Life". The students from St Joan Antide schools came to see our work. We really enjoyed ourselves setting up this exhibition. I learnt to take care of the environment.

*Written by Michael Abela (Year 4), Kullegġ San Benedittu, Gudja Primary School*

## **Sigġiewi Ekoskola Committee and the community**

The student members of Ekoskola committee at St Ignatius College Primary Siggiewi decided to meet the Siggiewi Local Council. In the absence of the Mayor Mr Robert Musumeci, they met the Council Secretary Mr Nikola Baldacchino on the 29th November, 2007. They were accompanied by Ms Abela who co-ordinates Ekoskola Project at Siggiewi Primary. The meeting began with the usual introductions and Tyrone Cardona, the Ekoskola Secretary explained what Ekoskola is all about and what is being done by the

school. The Council was also asked to fill in the membership renewal form and pay the Lm5 annual fee. The Secretary accepted wholeheartedly and the papers and cheque were prepared there and then. Another request was for sponsorship of the Bookmark Competition which was organized at school. All students were asked to prepare original bookmarks from recycled material about nature, particularly small creatures like the butterfly, the frog and the ladybird. The committee asked for six prizes, one for every year group at school. Mr Baldacchino presented our request at the next council meeting where it was met and the Council forwarded six attractive books as prizes.



Towards the end of the meeting, students discussed the state of cleanliness in Siggiewi and particularly the bring-in sites. They put forward suggestions to the Local Council which were taken note of. Mr Baldacchino said this was definitely a fruitful meeting and invited the committee to hold another similar meeting in the near future.

The committee has also received support from "Ta' Frencu" and "Narcisa" Pet Shops who were quite ready to donate plants to our school. On behalf of our school, I would like to heartily thank them for their generous gifts.

*Written by Mark Vassallo, President, EkoSkola Committee, Siggiewi Primary School*

## **A Clean School in a Clean Village**

We, students at Għaxaq Primary School always say: "Cleanliness is not meant to be maintained only at home and at school ... we wish that our whole village will be kept clean". We, as citizens are working for a clean country which starts first and foremost by keeping our neighbourhood clean. We are students who wish to give a good example to grownups by caring for the beauty of our village and keeping it clean.

For Clean Up The World 2007, (Friday, 30th November) we the 'Friends of the Environment', asked the school administration and our teachers to clean the surroundings of Għaxaq known as "ix-Xagħra." The area is surrounded by Maltese countryside and is visited regularly on Sundays by many. Unfortunately there are people who leave unwanted material behind them every Sunday. Our school caretaker, Mr James Dalli, a resident of Għaxaq, took us to this place a few days before the event and showed us all the waste there is and we understood the problem that exists in these unique surroundings.

On Clean Up the World day we left school and headed for the areas we had talked about and investigated beforehand. From around the football ground we picked up bags full of plastic bottles, cigarettes and packets of sweets. The school Assistant Heads, Ms. M. Mamo and Ms. M. Montebello explained that plastic is non degradable and so it will lie there for many hundreds of years. When this material is burnt it transforms itself into ashes and toxic gases which spread into the air. We wish that the areas which we have cleaned up will remain as we left them. We wish to encourage all those who go to the football ground to avoid throwing away bottles. We encourage them to separate and recycle waste (as Xummiemu teaches us) and never throw unwanted material on the ground. May we always remember that "the environment is mine and yours!"



*Written by Martina Axisa (Year 4), Maria Saliba (Year 4), Clare Borg (Year 5), Maria Caruana (Year 5), Samuel Grech (Year 6), Rudy Cassar (Year 6)*

## Our busy Action Plan

This year our school has to be re-evaluated after having been awarded with the Green Flag in 2005. Therefore, this year we carried on with our work in our school, participated in various activities while also reaching the wider community. The following is a short summary of the work we did during this year's first scholastic term. As soon as we started school we accomplished a task which was started during last scholastic year. In fact, we managed to standardise all the bins in our school: all the good rubbish bins in all the classes are now green, all the paper bins are white, all the bad rubbish bins are grey, etc. This was done in order to facilitate the separation of rubbish in our school and to make it easier especially for the younger ones and children with special needs.

Various members from our EkoSkola committee participated in various activities outside school. Each and every member was responsible for a particular role. Peppijna Dalli and Gabriella Mifsud attended the launching of the Dinja Waħda activities. Martina Cuschieri, Sarah Spiteri, Hazel Mallia, Sandrine Borg, Kristina Critien, Emma Attard and Peppijna Dalli were invited on the TV programme "Teen & Co" where a group of them talked about our school's EkoSkola experience while another group talked about global warming. Kristina Critien, Gabriella Mifsud and Niamh Dalton participated in the EkoSkola's parliament follow-up where along with other girls from different schools they presented a memorandum of understanding for political parties and a detailed report arising from a questionnaire which was carried out in schools participating in the EkoSkola programme. Finally, Francesca Ebejer and Martina Cuschieri attended the EkoSkola national seminar held at St.Monica's School in Gzira. It was quite a hectic term but we all learned a lot from it, besides, being in the EkoSkola committee of a Green Flag school also means to actively support national initiatives while also sharing what we are experiencing with other schools.



*Written by EkoSkola Committee, St. Joseph Mater Boni Consilii School, Paola*

## The World is in My Hands



"The World is in My Hands" was the title of a competition organised by Media Today in conjunction with MB Solco. A girl from St Joseph, Mater Boni Consilii School, Paola, Maria Rosa Ciantar under the guidance of her teacher Ms. Marika Betts, placed first in the 12-13 years category in this competition. In her essay, Maria Rosa not only brought to light what global warming is all about but she wrote several practical suggestions related to what one can do in order to reduce global warming. The Minister for Rural

Affairs & the Environment, George Pullicino presented Maria Rosa with her award which was a solar water heater kindly donated by MB Solco.

As the EkoSkola committee we would like to congratulate our friend Maria Rosa Ciantar and the teacher for this wonderful achievement. WELL DONE! For more details about this competition kindly visit <http://www.maltatoday.com.mt/midweek/2007/12/12/t3.html>

## Green Christmas!

As part of the Christmas activities held at the Patri Mattew Sultana, Xagħra Primary School, the EkoSkola committee together with the students' council organized an exhibition and a Bring and Buy of recycled Christmas cards made by the children

themselves. Around 150 students from all the school participated by creating a Christmas card with the help of parents at home.

This exhibition was filmed by CVC Productions and showed on Education TV programme on TVM on Monday 17th December 2007. Together with this exhibition, cribs made by children from different classes were exhibited in the schools' foyer. The Art Teacher together with two experts from Xagħra helped the children in this activity. Besides this, all classes from Kinder 1 to Year 6 were involved in a project of Christmas recycled crafts. Each class had a different item such as cribs, angels, snowmen, Christmas village, streamers, etc. These were then exhibited in the school's foyer and also at the local cribs' exhibition held at the M.U.S.E.U.M. Boys at Xagħra.



The children were very enthusiastic and showed a lot of motivation to make this exhibition a successful one!!

### A Gift to Malta

This Christmas the EkoSkola Committee wanted to show that it is very easy to put into practice one of the 3R's – REUSE. We decided to make a huge Christmas tree out of plastic bottles which we usually throw away. With the help of artist Mr. Joe Barbara we made the plan of how the tree will look when finished. In the meantime we started collecting as many plastic bottles as we could.

All the school took part in this project. Some classes had to fill in bottles with bits and pieces of left over plastic from Playmobil. These would make the base of the tree to keep it stable. Some classes helped to make huge circles of 90 bottles each to make the middle column of the tree. We needed 10 of these! They were really heavy! Other classes had to make 26 rows of 26 bottles into each other to make the sides. These bottles had to be cut from the bottom and fitted into each other with wire. Finally we had to make the decorations. We



*Our plastic Christmas Tree in the morning (left) and all lit up at night (right)*

used more than 4,000 bottles in all.



*H.E. the Bishop of Gozo, Mario Grech, meeting the EkoSkola Committee members (left) and during the thanksgiving mass (right)*

It was amazing to see all the school working together to finish this project in time. Our determination was rewarded because the final result was amazing. This tree was blessed on the 14th December 2007 by His Excellency



the Bishop Mons. Mario Grech and will be lit every evening in front of our Parish Church till the 6th January 2008. Then it will be put at the National Park Ta' Qali for everyone to see and appreciate.

*Written by Mariel Cauchi, EkoSkola Committee Member,  
St. Bernadette Primary School B, San Ġwann*

### **Tree giving and caring activity at Qala**

January 22nd was a special day at the Gozo College, President Anton Buttigieg, Qala Primary School. Each child attending the school from Kinder 1 up to Year 6 went home with a tree to care for, for the following four months. It all started when Helmut and Penelope Wille, a foreign couple residing at Qala, decided to donate all the money received on their wedding to help develop a recreational park/picnic area next to the local recreational grounds known as Ta' Grunju. They gave the money to the Qala Local Council who in turn chose to involve all the children of the locality in this project. On this



occasion Sandarac Gum Trees, Pine and Olive trees – 120 in all – were handed over to the children during a ceremony organised by EkoSkola.

Besides highlighting the importance of trees, health related issues and care for the environment, the children went home happy to be involved in this project, knowing how to care for their tree and also knowing more about endemic trees in Malta and Gozo. Later on, in May the children themselves will plant these same trees in the recreational park planned. These trees will then each be labelled with the child's name and surname and the type of tree.

### **A Scrapbook of your work**

This is a new section in our newsletter in which we intend to include a selection of photos, drawings and writings that you send us.

#### **Jiena Siġra**

Jiena Siġra tal-Għargħar li qiegħda f'Wied Għollieqa f'San Ġwann. Bħala siġra jiena kbira mhux ħażin u jgħidu li jien is-siġra nazzjonali ta' Malta. Ma nafx kemm hu veru, għax ma tantx nisma' nies li jafu bija, forsi kieku kont xi Ħarruba jew xi siġra taċ-Ċitru forsi kont inkun aħjar.

Nismagħhom jgħidu li fl-antik kien hawn ħafna bħali speċjalment f'San Ġwann. Jien ili noqgħod f'dan il-wied sabiħ xi erba' snin, meta grupp ta' tfal mal-għalliema tagħhom ġew iħawluni hawn. Fil-fatt jien jisimni Violet, isem li tawni t-tfal stess. Għandi ismi sabiħ ħafna u jogħgobni. Is-siġar ta' ħdejja jgħiru għalija meta ngħidilhom x'jisimni, u ġieli ma jemmnunix.

Ma nafx x'tahom dan l-aħħar il-bnedmin, kemm qegħdin iħawlu siġar. M'ilux ġie fuqi għasfur tal-bejt u qalli bil-pastazata li għamel il-bniedem, meta qaċċat ħafna siġar għal xejn b'xejn. Bzajt naqra għax ħsibt li jigrili l-istess, u għamilt naqra f'qalbi. Imma darba minnhom l-istess għasfur reġa' ġie u qalli li ħawlu ħafna siġar ħdejn it-Torri l-Aħmar, il-Mellieħa, u qalli wkoll li ra ġurdien kbir imlibbes mat-tfal. Naħseb li ħolom. Indunajt li mhux il-bnedmin kollha huma bla qalb.



*Sigra ta' l-Gharghar (Sandarac Tree)*

Hdejja hemm hafna sigar oħrajn, pjanti u fjuri sbieħ. L-ghaxqa tagħna hi meta tfeġġ ix-xemx, ghax għandna bżonnha, għalkemm fis-sajf taħraqna. Ir-riħ idejjaqni u jweġġaghli rasi u r-ragħad ibeżżaghni. L-ikbar ħabiba tiegħi hi l-Balluta, u vera ħabiba ghax sigriet taf iżzommu. Għandi ħbieb oħrajn bħall-farfett l-aħmar, in-nannakola, il-qanfud u l-ghasfur il-griż. Niddejjaq hafna meta jiġu xi tfal imqarbin jiddendlu miegħi u jqaċċtuli l-weraq u jweġġghuni. Tgħidx kemm nibki.

Nieħu gost meta jiġu xi tfal ħelwin jagħmlu 'bark rubbing' u tgħidx kemm nitgħarrax. Ma nafx kif qatt ma semgħuni nidħak. Jiena

kuntenta hafna li jiena sigra u li qieghda f'ambjent sabiħ, arjuż u kwiet. Nixtieq inwassal messagġ lill-bniedem: "Ħudu ħsiebna ghax intom għandkom bżonna u nsebbħulkom l-ambjent u ma nafx x'fastidju nistgħu nagħtu ghax aħna ta' ftit kliem."

*Miktuba minn Kirsty Willow Debono, St. Bernadette Primary School B, San Ġwann*

### **Poezija**

Fl-iskola tagħna rridu nżommu d-dixxiplina  
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ma rridux naħsbu biss fina  
ghax l-iskola mhux biss għalina

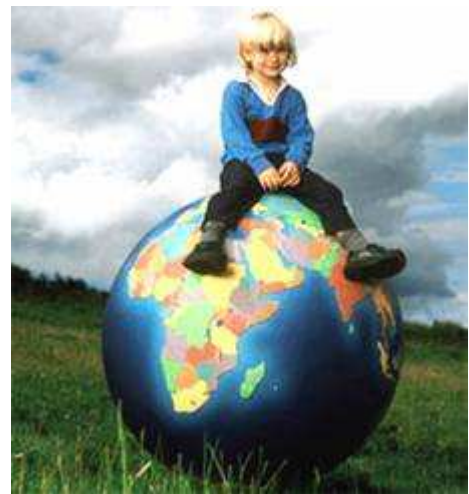
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ħalli rwejjaħ tajbin inxommu  
għalhekk m'għandniex nitfgħu ma' l-art  
anzi nippruvaw nisseparaw l-iskart

Importanti li l-pjanti ma naqtgħux  
l-ixtieli ma nweġġghux  
anzi rridu napprezawhom  
ghax forsi ġo skejjel oħra m'hemmx bħalhom

Fil-klassi ma nħammgħux  
l-oġġetti ma nkissrux  
id-dawl meta noħorġu nitfugh  
u l-ilma wkoll nagħlquh

Irridu wkoll inżommu n-normi  
Waħda minnhom ta' l-uniformi  
Il-bitħa ma nħammgħux  
Eżempji ħżiena ma nagħtux

*Miktuba minn Deborah Baldacchino, Margaret Mortimer, GJL - Sta Lucia*



### **Il-Ħarġa għas-Seminar ta' EkoSkola**

Illum jiena u l-president ta' EkoSkola flimkien ma' Ms Farrell morna l-iskola ta' Santa Monika. Hemmhekk kellna lagħqa biex nitgħallmu nisseparaw l-iskart. Il-lagħa kienet interessanti u tgħallimt hafna affarjiet ġodda bħal: liema skart irrid nitfa fil-Bring In Sites. Tgħallimt ukoll kemm hu mportanti li nisseparaw l-iskart ghax inkun qed nibza għall-ambjent. Wara brejk qasir morna naraw puppet show ta' Xummiemu. Xummiemu qalilna storja sabiħa dwar il-ħabib tiegħu li jismu Peter. Hu beda jgħidilna x'garalu. Darba waħda Peter beda jħoss il-bard u ddecieda li jmur fil-kampanja u jaqta' ftit zkuk ħa jixgħel il-fireplace. Hu mar sab sigra kbira imma s-sigra qaltlu "Le tqacċatnix ghax inkella ma tkunx tista' tiekol iċ-ċirasa". Hu qallilha

li jhobb hafna ċ-ċirasa u baqa' miexi. Imma kull darba li jsib sigra din bidet tghidlu hekk u għalhekk iddeċieda li jiehu l-izkuk mis-siġar mejtin. Jien tghallimt li m'għandix naqta' fjuri jew zkuk għax inkella nkun qed inkisser in-natura.

*Miktuba minn Amy Baldacchino (Year 3.4), Paola Primary A*

### EkoSkola Meeting

We went to St Monica School and we met Xummiemu, the Minister for Environment, George Pullicino and many EkoSkola members. This meeting was about how to take care of the environment and our school. We have to think of many ideas how we can make a better school and then we can request the Green Flag. It was interesting and afterwards we had drinks and cakes.

*Written by Bernard Mallia (Year 3.2), Paola Primary A*

### The Xrobb I-Għajin Experience as seen by Paola Primary A students



*Kay Darmanin Farrell (3 years 8 months)*



*Cheris Spiteri (Year 1)*



*Kurt Theuma (Year 3.1)*

#### Harġa ma' ta' EkoSkola

Nhar il-Ġimgħa morna Dellimara biex iħawlu s-siġar. Kien hemm hafna tfa'l minn skejjel oħra. Kulhadd beda' iħawwel xi sigra. Kien hemm siġar tal-Ballut, taż-Żebbuġ, Ġummar u tal-Ħarir fost l-oħrajn. Fl-aħħar ħadna ritratt flimkien.

*Miktuba minn Kelly Pisani,  
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## Ħabib l-Ambjent Fil-Karnival Kuntent

Aħna t-tfal Għaxqin fil-Karnival għaqdin ... studenti "Ħabib l-Ambjent", ġenituri voluntiera, għalliema u amministrazzjoni, il-purtinara ta' l-iskola u membri tal-Kunsill Lokali bdejna flimkien minn kmieni nheggu lill-istudenti kollha biex jiġbru kaxxi taċ-ċerejali, għotjin tal-fliexken, materjal bħal biċċiet ta' suf, ħjut u drappijiet użati. Imlejna kamra sħiħa!



Bdejna niltaqgħu kważi kuljum fil-brejk ta' nofsinhar ... meta beda joqrob il-Karnival bqajna wkoll wara l-iskola. It-talenti u l-kapaċitajiet sbieħ tal-membri tagħna rnexxielhom joħolqu "biċċiet artistici" mingħajr ma xtrajna jew użajna oġġett wieħed ġdid. Żejjinna s-sala sħiħa b'arti frott ta' riċiklaġġ. F'din is-sala stess tellajna programm ta' divertiment mniedi mill-Kunsill Skolastiku ta' l-istudenti. Kellna biżżejjed materjal biex tellgħajna wkoll esibizzjoni tal-Karnival f'waħda mill-klassijiet tagħna li kienet miftuħa wkoll għall-ġenituri u l-

komunità ta' Ħal-Għaxaq. Ħadna gost, fraħna u tgħallimna. Għaddejna wkoll messagg lill-komunità tagħna li filwaqt li nkomplu ngeddu u nkatru l-kultura tagħna, nibqgħu wkoll nibzġu għall-ambjent ħalli ngħadduh ukoll għal dawk ta' warajna!

*Miktuba minn Rudy Cassar, President, EkoSkola Committee,  
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