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Nature Trust - FEE Malta's project "From Macro to Microplastics: What happens to litter and debris?" is funded in part by Ocean Conservancy's Small Grants Program."

Ocean Conservancy has been a catalyst for change for nearly 50 years, working with a global network of partners and supporters to protect the ocean from today's greatest global challenges. By working together, Ocean Conservancy seeks science-based solutions for a healthy ocean and the wildlife and communities that depend on it. Focus areas include the International Coastal Cleanup, sustainable fisheries, marine wildlife protection, ocean climate change, Trash Free Seas®, and more.

Nature Trust - FEE Malta is hereby announcing the results of the poster competition for students, which finalists will be used in a campaign on social media to raise awareness on marine litter, where it comes from, what happens to it and it's effect on nature and wildlife.

The finalists are as follows:

Category A - Distinguishing between manmade and natural materials (example: seaweed, feathers, roots and twigs are not litter)

No winning entry

Commended entries:

Mattia Zahra, St Paul's Missionary College






Category A: Distinguishing between Synthetic and Natural materials

# SYNTHETIC MATERIAL

artificially made material with specific properties.

**LITTER**

- ✓ Plastic (bottles, packaging)
- ✓ Cigarette butts
- ✓ Nylon (rope, fishing line)
- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ PVC

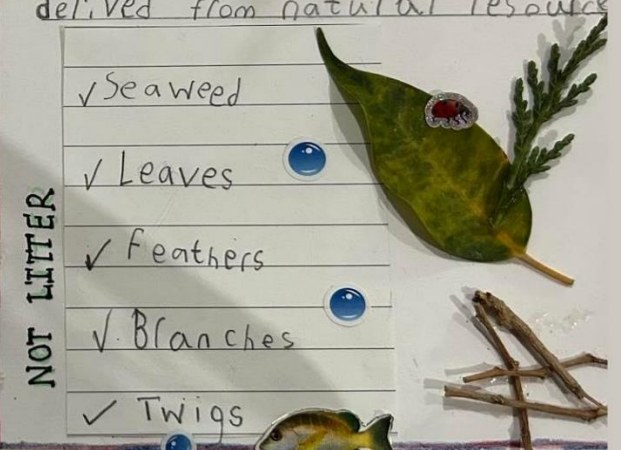


# NATURAL MATERIAL


derived from natural resources

**NOT LITTER**

- ✓ Seaweed
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Feathers
- ✓ Branches
- ✓ Twigs



# LET'S GO ZERO WASTE!



# Litter at the BEACH

## SYNTHETIC MATERIALS



These things are extremely dangerous for marine life, the environment and eventually effects humans.



## NATURAL MATERIALS

These things found at the beach are not harmful.







Category B - Provide information on misleading advertisements and labelling (example: the true meaning of compostable, biodegradable, etc., what they are made of, how long they take to decompose and that they can still be dangerous to wildlife for example)

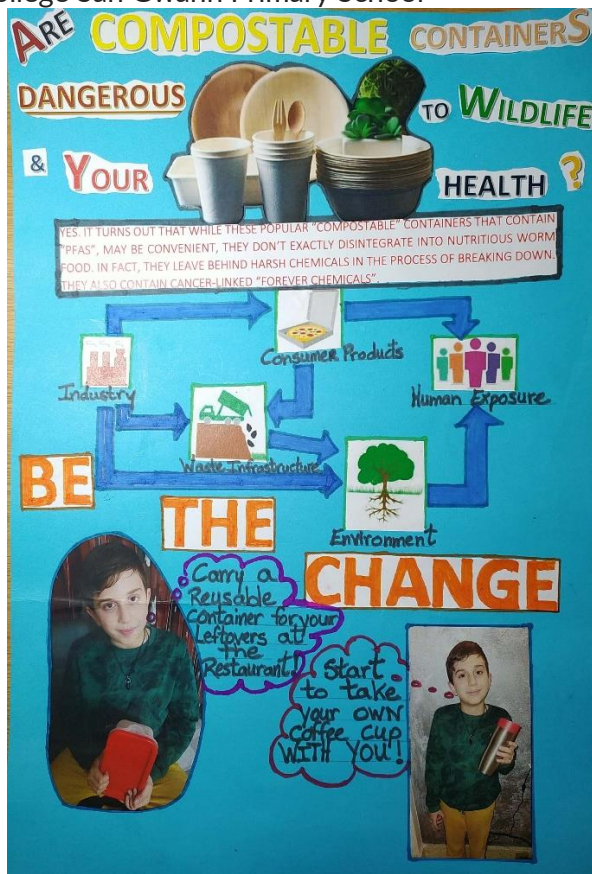
No winning entry

Commended entries:

Alexander Costingan, St Clare College San Ġwann Primary School



Luca Abdilla Parnis, St Clare College San Ġwann Primary School



Category C - Create awareness about “biodegradable” balloons, after effects of balloon releases and the true impacts these materials have on the environment.

Winning entry:

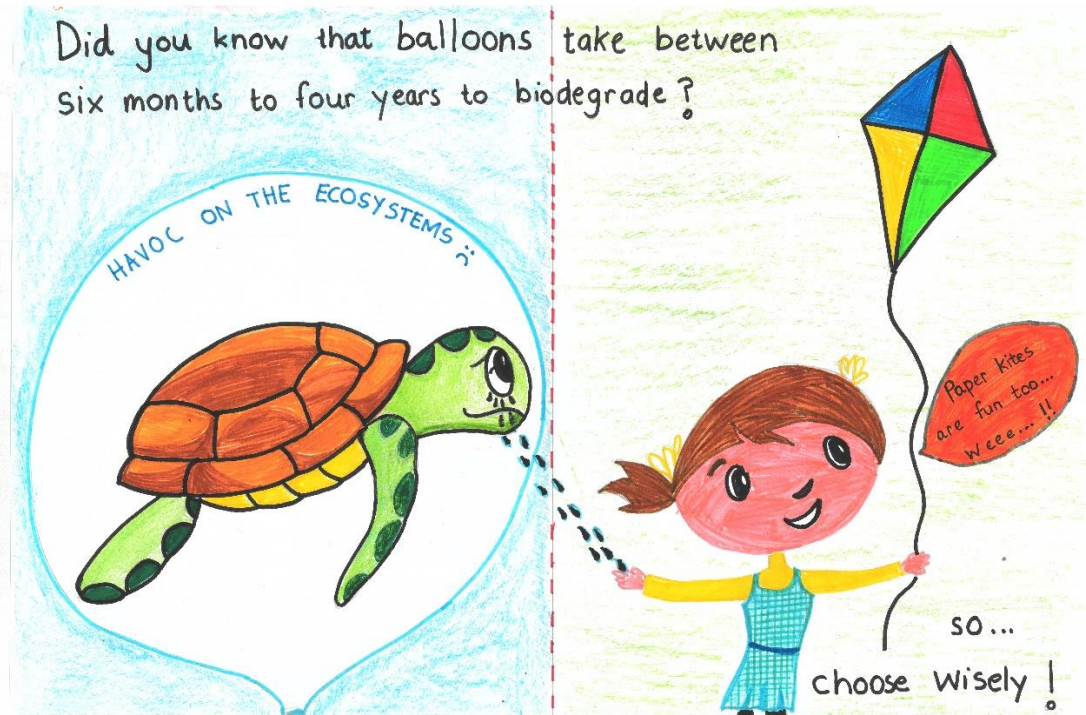
Florian Mizzi Vella, St Ignatius College, Qormi San Ġorġ Primary School





**Commended entries:**

Ellie Mercieca, St Francis School, Victoria



Zadelle Borg, St Margaret College Zabbar Primary School A

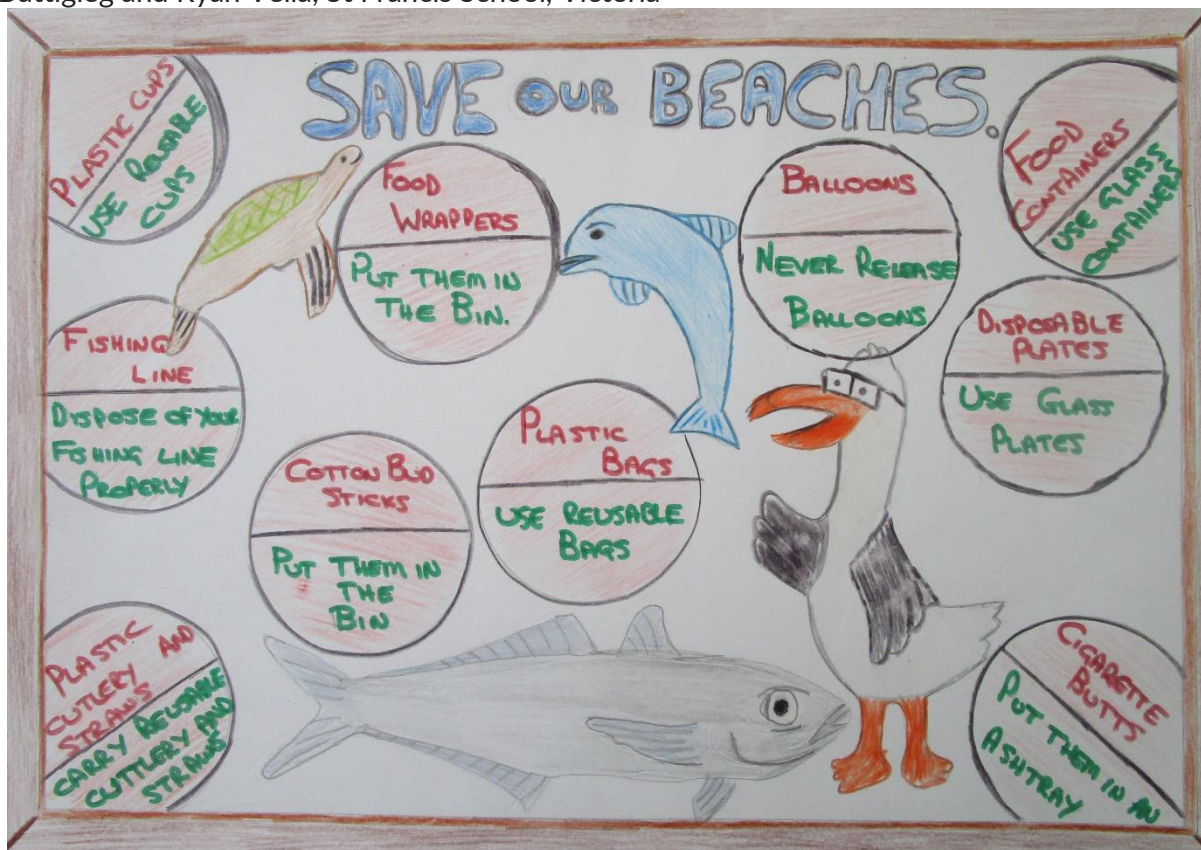




Category D - The top ten litter items found on local beaches and ways to control them – mainly: cigarette butts, single use cutlery, stirrers and straws (including bamboo), single use cups (including wax covered paper), bottle caps, etc.

Winning entry:

Logan Buttigieg and Ryan Vella, St Francis School, Victoria



Commended entries:

Jake Mallia, St Paul's Missionary College







Adele Formosa, St Francis School, Victoria





Michael Grech, St Clare College San Ġwann Primary School



Edoardo Baraggioli, St Clare College San Ġwann Primary School

