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Foreword

2nd September marked the last day of Skolasajf 2022. The day marked not only the end of 8 intensive weeks for 11434 students in our 57 centres, but also the end of a special experience for children and staff members. The former will be returning to their school desks armed with good memories, news skills, and useful knowledge. For the latter, Skolasajf marked the end of their summer job, and a return to their studies or full time employment. Together with our invaluable partners, FES staff have managed to deliver an interesting programme to all the students attending Skolasajf. In the name of the FES Chairperson Ms Pamela Schembri, the Members of the FES Board, the CEO Mr Michael Bondin, and the rest of the team at FES Head Office, we express a sincere **THANKYOU** to all the staff members and partners for the hard work and commitment, making this edition of Skolasajf a success.

Preparations are now underway to launch the **Klabb 3-16** service and programme for scholastic year 2022/2023. Applications for students to use the service are **OPEN**. In parallel is an intensive **recruitment exercise** to employ **Playworkers, Child Support Workers** and **Homework Tutors**, to work in one of the many centres across Malta and Gozo. The employment will be offered on a part-time basis, offering flexible hours between 2:00pm and 6:00pm. In addition, FES is continuing offering the free of charge courses for Playworkers and Child Support Workers, helping prospective workers in their employment journey.

This year FES is offering the Klabb 3-16 service in **two new centres, Mosta Annex and Zabbar B**, thus facilitating access and reaching more clients. Extension is also being effected in the **Childcare service, with six centres extending the opening hours during the week and also on Saturday**.

All the required information and links are in the pages of this Newsletter. However, we invite you to also follow the FES website **fes.gov.mt** and the official Facebook page for any future news and updates about our services.

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KLABB 3-16 JOB OPPORTUNITIES



FES Job Opportunities

Part-time employment after school hours? Join us!
Work as a Playworker, as a Child Support Worker, or as a Tutor.

Where?

In the local primary schools close to where you live!

Flexible hours between 2pm and 6pm.

All employment benefits in place.

On offer is also the free of charge Playworker Course,
which guarantees you the job.

For more information, call 22586811/25/30 or
check out our website
<https://recruitment.fes.gov.mt/>

Terms, Conditions and Eligibility Criteria apply.

Jobsplus permit numbers

Playworker: 451/2021

Child Support Worker: 623/2019

Tutor: 248/2022

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EXTENSION OF CHILDCARE HOURS

The Foundation for Educational Services (FES) is introducing longer hours of service in **6 of its childcare centres**. Whereas up till now the service was between 7:30am and 4pm, now current and prospective clients will have a wider window of hours to accommodate their needs.

Parents can now choose their hours of service between **6am and 6pm on weekdays, and from 6am till 12pm on Saturdays**.

This extended service is going to be offered in the centres located at:

Birgu, Birkirkara, Naxxar, Pembroke, Ғaḓ Ғebbuḡ, and Qawra.

Parents interested in using this service are encouraged to contact FES, or any of the chosen centres, or visit the service.gov hubs, for more information.

Queries to FES can be asked via telephone on 22586829

or via email to fes@gov.mt



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Extended Childcare hours!

Where?

The Childcare Centres at:
Birgu, Il-Kuluri
B'Kara, Il-Ferrovija
Naxxar, Pizzi Pizzi Kanna
Pembroke, Il-Merill
Ғaḓ-Ғebbuḡ, Ғmeraldi
Qawra, Ix-Xemx

When?

Monday - Friday
6:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday
6:00am - 12:00pm

How?

Birgu - Tel. 2180 9285
B'Kara -Tel. 2598 5561
Naxxar -Tel. 2598 6820
Pembroke -Tel. 2137 6644
Ғaḓ Ғebbuḡ -Tel. 2598 7681
Qawra - Tel. 2598 6996

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FES Head Office Tel: 22586829 or on 

FES CHILDCARE CENTRE REGISTRATIONS



Scan the QR Code
to choose a centre

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR
OCTOBER 2022 at the
12 FES CHILDCARE CENTRES

Queries? Call 22586829 or



FES CHILDCARE CENTRES



The FES Childcare Service is available at the following locations

Birgu, l-Kuluri Childcare Centre
Tel: 21809285

B'Kara, l-Ferrovija Childcare Centre
Tel: 25985561/2

Bormla, l-Bejta Childcare centre
Tel: 21807090

Floriana, t-Tgħanniqa Childcare Centre
Tel: 25982611

Haż-Żebbuġ, Żmeraldi Childcare Centre
Tel: 25987681

Marsa, l-Pespus Childcare Centre
Tel: 25987150

Naxxar, Pizzi Pizzi Kanna Childcare Centre
Tel: 25986820

Pembroke, l-Merill Childcare Centre
Tel: 21376644

Qawra, x-Xemx Childcare Centre
Tel: 25986996

San Ġwann, s-Sardinella, Childcare Centre
Tel: 21372851

Santa Venera, l-Bebbuxu Childcare Centre
Tel: 21443855

Sigġiewi, d-Denfil Childcare Centre
Tel: 21432348



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CHILDCARE CENTRE ACTIVITY

Summer time @ Id-Denfil



Id-Denfil Childcare at Siggiewi organised an Ice cream day for the children attending the centre. It was a very interactive hands on activity associated with the Summer season, and also integrated as part of the main activity by all the centre.

The objective of this activity was to provide the children with a holistic learning experience through the exploration of different hands on learning opportunities. Under the nurturing guidance of the Childcare Educators, the children happily prepared a healthy ice cream alternative by replacing the cream with Greek yogurt and vanilla essence. Afterwards, they enthusiastically decorated the ice cream with fresh seasonal fruit such as melon and peaches.

The fun did not stop there as the children engaged in some role play selling ice cream. The child care educators together with the children prepared the stand, and the children were perfectly immersed in this activity as they engaged in pretend play. The children actively participated in selling the ice cream, taking in turns to be sellers and buyers, stopping to eat their purchase in between.

Through this activity the children had the opportunity to learn more about food and the importance of healthy eating. This was mainly carried out by preparing various colorful visuals depicting food items and in the process expanding their vocabulary by learning new words. It was a great session to target different areas of learning and development such as coordination, social communication, and motor skills.



Thankyou to SKOLASAJF 2022

Skolasajf has come and gone! 2 months of evaluation + 7 months of preparation + 3 months of implementation. Was it exhausting? Yes! Was it rewarding? Yes and Yes!

And the reward comes also in such Thank You messages that lift our spirits and makes it all worthwhile !

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I would also like to give credit where credit is due, the summer school of birkikara was very well executed this year, under Ms Maria Pia Abela, I found it was a smooth transition this year, I was updated regularly with emails, and when I had requests, I was listened to and understood. I have faults for Birkikara primary this year! Excellent service provided and my daughter, thoroughly enjoyed going, all staff were amazing and super kind, understanding and caring throughout, special thank you to Mr Michael, he really is the best kind of teacher you want for your child's education, he's very good at his job and you can see he truly enjoys it, always smiling and very helpful when needed. I hope my feedback will be passed along to the right people.

Thank you [REDACTED]

Good morning. I wanted to say thank you for all the free lunches at Skolasajf Zurrieq. Thank you to everyone for another great Skolasajf with lots of fun activities. It was lovely to see the return of outings and class concerts.

I would like to thank Mr Grima for the excellent coordination of Summer School and Ms Kristina ,for your dedication,also miss Jodie if one can pass the message to her as I don t have her email,also the person who used to send us activity sheet each week.

You kept our children happy,always on the go and helped them pass a wonderful summer,also helping us in using material we already had at home to make us spend much less,you' ve no idea how much that was appreciated.

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SKOLASAJF ACTIVITIES

Earth Heroes at M'Xlokk think like Scientists!

The activities carried out during Skolasajf touched upon different domains, including Science.

At **Skolasajf Marsaxlokk**, our Earth Heroes donned their white cape and safety glasses to become scientists for the day, using the sun as their prime source of energy.



The main topic here was how solar energy can be collected and used to heat buildings and generate electricity. Taking advantage of our sunny days, the M'Xlokk Earth Heroes learnt how the Sun can help us create clean energy by following some simple steps to create a solar oven.

Using recycled cardboard boxes, foil, some glue, paint, and brushes, each student built their own solar oven, and then proceeded to toast a cheesy tortilla. The first stage was the design of the oven, as they poured over different oven designs discussing the merits of each one. Once they decided on their individual preferred design, they built the ovens, and then proceeded to paint the box black and cover it in foil.

The tortilla was then placed in the box and a twig was used to keep the lid open. The oven was then placed in a sunny spot, and the students checked on the progress of their tortilla every five minutes.

The observations were recorded and together the students could conclude which oven design was the most efficient one, according to which tortilla cooked in the least amount of time.



SKOLASAJF ACTIVITIES

Maltese Traditional Games at Skolasajf Luqa

A Sports Day was organised at SkolaSajf Luqa, with the theme of “Loghob Tradizzjonali Malti”. The list of games included classics such as *Cirku*, *Passju*, *Bocci*, and *Dawra Durella*.



It was an intriguing programme, offering children the opportunity to engage in an intensive schedule of games and activities that delve into Malta’s past traditions. These very well organised traditional Maltese games, helped our children revive the playful spirit of past generations, where fun meant being outdoors with friends, and being creative with the least of resources

The students were delighted to discover, or re-discover, traditional games which were so popular with their parents and grand-parents. Some of the games are uniquely Maltese, some adapted from other nations around the Mediterranean, and others are borrowed from further afield. The games were simple to learn and play, yet allowed the children to engage together and bond over a physical activity, while still triggering their competitive spirit.

The cultural aspect holds vivid and charming memories for many adults. Revisiting these games and teaching them to our younger generation will surely help to keep these much loved traditions alive.



SKOLASAJF ACTIVITIES

FESTA *time at Skolasajf Imqabba*

The traditional Maltese “Festa” during the summer months is a strong example of our Maltese culture. For this reason, the **Mqabba Skolasajf Centre** decided to once again organise the festa celebration. The event was an arduous task of planning and preparation, but the result was a successful celebration of religious devotion, merriment, and creativity.

The festa started with a procession with the statue of the Holy Mother, held aloft by a number of students. The colourful sight of the students wearing their favourite festa shirt was a lovely sight to behold, as they went through the streets of Imqabba on their way to the village square. There they posed for photos in front of the church, before proceeding back to the school. The ‘Ave Maria’ and popular band marches were played on loudspeakers along the procession. The children waved flags as they were accompanying the statue of the Holy Mother, many accompanied by their parents who joined the procession too.



The festivities continued once everyone was back at the centre, in the school’s main yard, where a traditional festa march was organised. During this time, popular band marches were played on the loudspeakers, children laughed as they threw shredded paper in the air, and enjoyed the aesthetics of the school’s main corridor, which was beautifully decorated for this occasion.

SKOLASAJF ACTIVITIES

Art for our Environment at Skolasajf Valletta



The students at Skolasajf Valletta have outdone themselves in a piece of exceptional creative artwork, commemorating their environmental concerns and their role as Earth Heroes during Skolasajf 2022.

With the support of the Valletta Local Council, the staff and children rolled up their sleeves as they set to work to build a tree made up of wood and papier-mâché. All children were involved according to their age group, taking part in the different stages of the production. The final colourful touch was the cutting and painting of 300 hand shapes, representing the helping hand that we need to give to make sure that our environment is well taken care of.

From this.....



These are some images that show the different stages of the creation of the Tree. More details and more photos can be accessed at [https://fes.gov.mt/.../News/Calling All Earth Heroes.aspx](https://fes.gov.mt/.../News/Calling_All_Earth_Heroes.aspx)

These students have really shown that a beautiful environment starts with each one of us, as confirmed by the Head of the Valletta Primary School, **Ms Victoria Spiteri**, when she complimented the students for brightening up an unadorned area of the school.

...to this.....



....and FINALLY this!

SKOLASAJF ACTIVITIES

During Skolasajf 2022 our centers enthusiastically carried out different activities under the theme of **Earth Heroes, Unite!** Living as Hero proved that anyone can be a hero! The following is a snapshot of some of the lovely activities carried out during Skolasajf also with the support of our partners.



A BOTANICAL TOUR!



CIVIL PROTECTION



PRAYER SPACES



COMMUNITY POLICE



A HISTORICAL TOUR

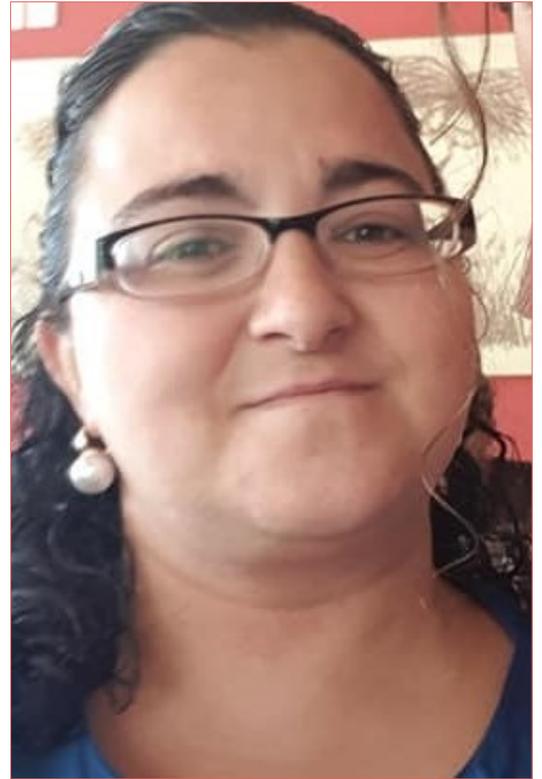
MEET OUR STAFF MEMBERS

Name: Charlene Zarb

Role: *Childcare Educator*

Do you recall a film that has impressed you and why?

The Pursuit of Happyness is by far one of my favourite movies. Its main storyline is inspiring as it delivers the messages that no matter how low you may be feeling in life, if you continue to pursue happiness, things will turn around eventually. As they say there is always light at the end of the tunnel. The film is based on the real life story of a man who faced a nearly year long struggle being homeless. The fact that the plot is not totally fictional makes it even more special. The spelling of *Happiness* as **Happyness** is also a sweet connection for me. The 'incorrect' spelling features on a mural outside the childcare centre where the son of the main character attends.



What led you to pursue your current career?

I chose to work in childcare because I really enjoy working with young children. For me, childcare is extremely gratifying. Each day brings new achievements in the children's lives, and I get to be a part of a community that helps children learn, grow, and develop to their greatest potential. Working as a childcare educator, I have the opportunity to help children to get a good start in life. Among other things, I can assist them to develop social skills in a safe and caring atmosphere, that fosters learning through play.

Do you do any sports or recreational activities?

I love outdoor activities and social gatherings. Being out in nature helps me to face things in a positive way, and makes me feel better about myself.

Do you like cooking? What's your favourite dish to prepare?

Yes, I do love cooking especially oven baked dishes. My specialty is lasagne. My son adores lasagne as well, so it is a frequent dish at our home. It is also a dish that you can spice up to your wishes so it can be varied at will.

What do you do on a typical weekend?

During the weekend I love to spend some quality time with my family. We do a lot of outdoor activities together such as going out for walks, picnics, or going to the beach. Our weather makes it a pleasure to be at one with nature. It is also a good way of getting some exercise and fresh air.

MEET OUR STAFF MEMBERS

Name: Pamela Buttigieg Leonard

Role: PER at Klabb 3-16 Attard



Do you recall a film that has impressed you and why?

That must be the film **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**. This movie impressed me throughout, with its gripping story about the forbidden friendship that the little German boy had with a Jewish boy, though they were separated by the barbed-wire fence of the concentration camp. The film portrays self-honesty and friendship from Bruno, the main character. In the end, Bruno dies within the camp as he was mistaken for a Jew. He died still not understanding why the people and children behind the fence all wore the same pyjamas, and why they had to be separated from the rest of the people going about their daily lives. He died for friendship, but also as a consequence of the insane inhumanity of Holocaust.

What led you to pursue your current career?

I am a teacher by profession, and I teach Geography and Environmental Studies. I chose this career due to my love for children. I chose the subject due to my late grandfather. He instilled in me the love for the subject at the tender age of 8 years. We used to watch numerous documentaries of David Attenborough together, and the television was always set on National Geographic, Animal Planet, or the History Channel. He used to share with me his worldwide adventures of when he was working on military submarines abroad and explain/teach me things about the places he visited. Moreover, I had been working with FES throughout my degree for 4 years, before enrolling for my Master's in Teaching and Learning. Enrolling for the Master's course was further inspired by working with FES both a playworker and as a PER, where I got to have my own class of students. It was an experience that helped to assure me that I'm on the right track with my career goals.

Do you do any sports or recreational activities?

Yes, I take regular walks by the sea or in natural areas, and go to the gym regularly every week.

What do you do on a typical weekend?

It really depends on the season, however I always enjoy going out. I either go to the beach, walks or picnics. Sometimes to a restaurant or out for drinks.

Do you like cooking? What's your favourite dish to prepare?

I totally enjoy it. It is my hobby, especially making pastries and desserts. My favourite dish is a char-grilled ribeye steak with pepper sauce and sides. As for desserts, it has to be chocolate fudge brownies.

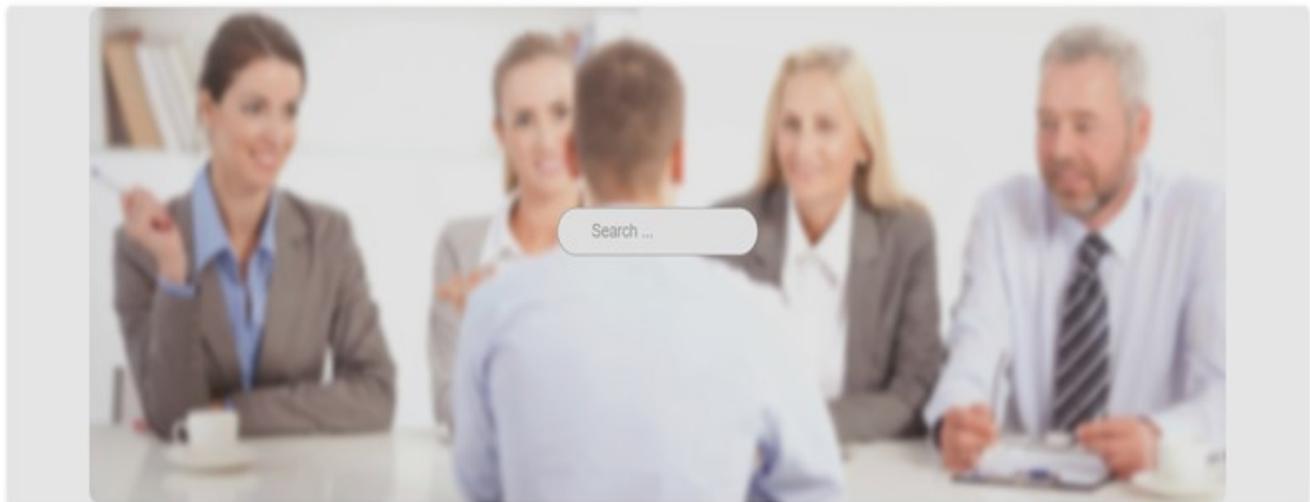
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Foundation for Educational Services currently has a number of job vacancies within the Klabb 3-16 service.

Immediate employment for eligible applicants.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more and apply for the job most suited for you.

For any queries, call [22586830/35](tel:22586830/35). We will be very happy to assist you.



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