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Foreword



All preparations for Skolasajf have been finalised and we are now looking forward to welcome all the students on the 11th July, when Skolasajf officially opens its doors.

We can confirm that the response for Skolasajf 2022 has been overwhelming, with over 11K students enrolled to attend the 8-week summer programme.

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Over the past months FES embarked on an intensive recruitment exercise for prospective candidates to work during Skolasajf. A staff complement of around 2000 employees has been employed to deliver the Skolasajf programme. The employees fulfill various roles such as Centre Coordinators, Playworkers, Sports Playworker and Child Support Workers. The employees have all received training specific to their role, with the ongoing support of the staff at the FES Head Office and of the Regional Coordinators.

During Skolasajf, a the majority of the centres are offering not just the core service, but also the extended hours service for working parents. This year, for the very first time, FES will also be extending the service in the five Resource Centres, across the whole five days of the week.

The Team at FES wishes all the students an amazing time and a beautiful learning experience during Skolasajf 2022. We invite you to follow our Facebook page and the FES Newsletter, to learn more about our activities and services delivered in our centres by our dedicated team of workers.

Work with Skolasajf!

The Skolasajf service is a great opportunity for thousands of workers who would like to hold a part-time summer job.

Apply here: <https://recruitment.fes.gov.mt/Home/Profile?eq=Rfz3giC%2f9Zk%3d>

Are you 17 years of age and will be turning 18 by the 4th of July 2022?

Apply here : <https://recruitment.fes.gov.mt/Home/Profile?eq=TFHMtnmrwRg%3d>



PLAYWORKER

VACANCY

To work during Skolasajf
between 5th July and 2nd September 2022

Apply now at
<https://recruitment.fes.gov.mt/>

Childcare Centre Activity

Lightbox Activity at Il-Merill

Lightplay is the ideal activity to encourage a child to explore and develop creative imagination. The light effect cultivates curiosity which instills love for learning. This activity enables a child to learn to focus on a specific object, and at the same time it increases attention levels. As children direct their focus on the object displayed on the lightbox, they easily engage in the activity and under the guidance of the child care educator, they are encouraged to listen and follow instructions .

Il-Merill Childcare centre in Pembroke used a light-table activity to enhance fine motor and coordination skills. The activity transitioned and developed into a hands-on color learning opportunity. The children happily immersed themselves and actively participated, by labeling all the colours. Children are fascinated with shadows and colours, so it is only natural that they are automatically drawn to the lightbox to explore, play and interact. So many different resources can be introduced to develop different play activities and thus encouraging creativity. The use of rice and shredded paper not only helped to block the light but it enabled the children to use their fingers in order to further explore these media, and in the process expose the light. The activity presented the perfect set up for sensory exploration and investigation.

A great well-done and a merited Thank You to the Childcare Educators, and the Centre Coordinator Ms Noella Gauci at **Il-Merill**, for offering these learning experiences that encourage a multitude of developmental skills. It is a pleasure to watch our little tots as they master their fine motor skills, pre-writing skills, hand and eye coordination, colour recognition, and much more!



Lightbox Activity



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

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Tel: 21432348



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Klabb 3-16 Activity

The Enchanted Forest at Qormi Klabb 3-16

Our Klabb 3-16 Centres are bringing to an end a journey through an enchanted forest, which was the thematic programme for the weeks of June and July.

The diligent staff members at the Klabb 3-16 Centre of Qormi San Gorg , have used the art of origami to create butterflies to grace the skies, and fires to keep warm. Everything comes to life in an enchanted forest; like the wonderful roses that the students learnt to draw down to the smallest detail. These engaging activities provided not only an outlet for their artistic talents, but also an opportunity to learn about the science of nature and of perspective. All this under the watchful gaze of the owls of the forest, and of the Playworkers, Child Support Workers, and the Centre Coordinator Ms Marisa Ben Hadj Khalifa.

Dear students, may your journey through the enchanted forest be just the start to many more magical elements and wonderful adventures in your lives!



Meet Our Staff Members

Name: Jean Pierre Pirotta

Role: Skolasajf Centre Coordinator

This is your 13th Skolasajf. Which do you rate as your best experience?

This is my 13th experience as a Skolasajf Centre Coordinator. Every summer school experience is a journey for our children to discover friendship, skills and experiences. A particular Summer School experience which I will cherish the most, is the one spent in 2018 at the Qrendi Skolasajf Centre.

Besides the usual summer school activities, an activity was held in collaboration with the Qrendi Local Council, with the name of 'Sib in-niceċ u l-istatwi'. Children followed a trail, during which they had to find several niches and statues scattered around the picturesque streets of Qrendi. Pictures of these niches and statues were provided to students in a full-colour booklet, published by the Skolasajf Centre for this occasion. A copy of this booklet was presented at the end of this activity to the Honourable Local Council Mayor, and archived in the Local Council's library.

Summer in Malta or abroad?

From basking in the sun and weaving underwater through reefs and peeks, to festivals dedicated for beer and wine; a 4 month *festa* season full of street parties, street vendors, fireworks, music and churches decked out in their finest decorations; summer concerts across the islands and the unmissable annual break in the peaceful, scenic, quaint vibe Gozo..... all these tip the scales in favour of Malta as my preferred location during the hot summer months. Notwithstanding this, a short holiday abroad in summer is a must, and sustains my belief in living life and travelling, with no excuses.

What is your preferred activity to relax?

Photography is my passion. It is my window to the world, to see and express myself. Photography helps to bring focus to positive life experiences, while enhancing my self-worth and reducing the stress hormone cortisol. Whilst taking photos, time disappears! You forget yourself and become part of something larger. I particularly like to capture landscapes. I find this as a meditative task that draws me into a peaceful state.



Meet Our Staff MembersJean Pierre Pirotta

If you had to identify yourself with a fictional Character, which would it be?

I would identify myself with the character of Chandler from F.R.I.E.N.D.S. He might not be the most handsome man on the block, but he is the funniest and the most loyal. Chandler's awkward humor can light up any day with ease.

Choose an NGO whose mission you admire and support?

Band clubs in Malta are part and parcel of the social and cultural history of the Maltese Islands. Over the years, they have established themselves as an institution in the core of every town and village, aimed at spreading Maltese culture and music. Despite the fact that sometimes negative connotations surround the band clubs, I feel that such institutions help young people master a whole gamut of skills; from the musical training that underpins the purpose of a band club, to event organisation and organisational management.



*A beautiful and merry moment captured in a photo by **Jean Pierre Pirotta**, during Skolasajf 2018 at the Qrendi Skolasajf Centre. It was an event that celebrated the work and success of a festa, and the unity that is felt as it brings the community together.*

Meet Our Staff Members

Name: *Rodianne Gatt*

Role: *Skolasajf Centre Coordinator*

This is your 12th Skolasajf, which do you rate as your best experience?



Skolasajf allows kids to create lifelong memories, and also to uncover passions that will last a lifetime. In my opinion, sometimes a little input from the designated Centre Coordinator can turn an activity into a fantastic learning opportunity. As a coordinator I have a broad experience in managing small and large centres, hosting up to around 300 students. Personally, I prefer smaller Centres for the simple reason that it is easier to set aside enough time to address every student individually on a regular basis. So to answer the question about the best Skolasajf, I would answer in a somewhat cheesy, but honest, way, that each year provides a memorable experience.

Summer in Malta or abroad?

Summer is my favourite season! Perhaps the fact that I live by the sea has something to do with it!. Even though I work in the morning, I make it a point to go to the beach every single day. However, when it comes to packing my bags and travelling, winter is definitely my favorite time, especially during the Christmas holidays. I find it so nice to wrap up all warm and go for a stroll to take in the fresh, cold air on any given day or night.

What is your preferred activity to relax?

One of the best ways to respond to stressful times is by engaging in activities to destress. In summer I love to swim, and in winter a simple 40-minute walk breathing fresh air can make a huge amount of difference.

If you had to identify yourself with a fictional Character, which would it be?

I identify myself with Jo March of *Little Women*: outspoken, daring, principled and a dreamer.

Choose an NGO whose mission you admire and support.

My first teaching experiences was at Cospicua, and since then I admire the work of the *Missionaries of Mother Teresa*.

Ongoing Refurbishment

Žmeraldi Childcare Centre at Haż-Żebbuġ



At FES, providing excellent care to all the children attending our childcare centres, includes also creating a stimulating environment where children are encouraged to learn, enquire, explore, and develop their abilities.

All this is done within a safe environment that caters for the well-being of the children in our care. Therefore, in line with the National Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care Services (0-3 Years), at FES we are always making ongoing embellishments of our outdoor areas, to ensure that these outdoor resources are accessible and used effectively. To this aim, a canopy has been installed at the Žmeraldi Childcare centre in Haż-Żebbuġ, to provide shelter in the outdoor area dedicated to the babies under one year of age.

It is very important that in a childcare setting outdoor areas are used regularly, as outdoor play enables children to interact more and improve their social skills. The canopy will allow this section of the outdoor play area to be enjoyed over an extended period throughout the year.

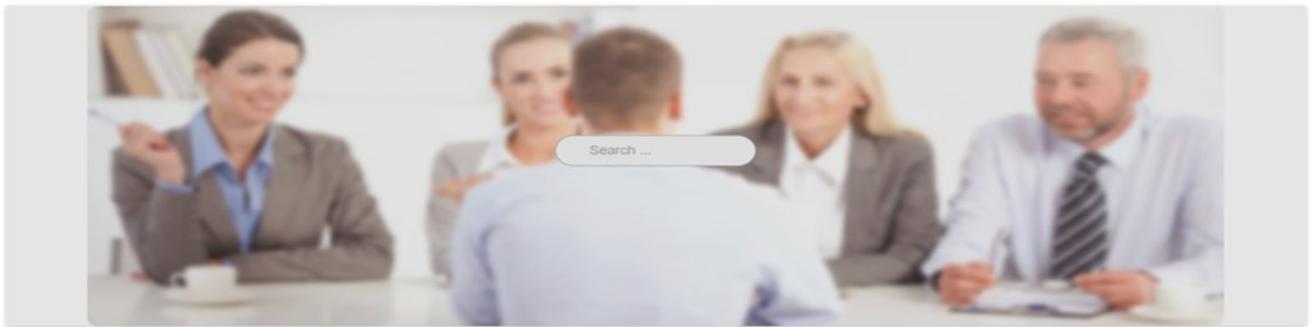
The outdoor areas in the FES childcare centres are a major asset to the service. They are large, safe and clean, allowing the children to engage in free movement, and to extend and vary their learning experiences according to their evolving interests.

Job Opportunities

The Foundation for Educational Services currently has a number of job vacancies.

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



Current Job Openings

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Also on offer are :

the [Playworker Development Course](#),

the [Child Support Worker Course](#),

Skolasajf Recruitment - Open Positions

[Playworkers](#), [Child Support worker](#), [and Sports Playworker](#)

Klabb 3-16 Expression of Interest

[Expression of Interest - Tutor Klabb 3-16 – Scholastic Year 2022-2023](#)

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