



## TO BETTER TIMES AHEAD

We started March 2021 with our services at our centres but half way through we had to revert to online learning.

As we hope for better times ahead of us, we would like to thank the staff who adapted immediately to online learning for the second time in a span of 12 months.

### Staff Training

Our work continues as we prepare for the bi-annual Childcare Seminar, and are also working on the recently launched Skolasajf Applications.

### Skolasajf Logo 2021

We have a new logo for Skolasajf 2021. We are announcing our three winners who have placed out of the many designs submitted. We appreciate every entry!

To better times ahead! Let's stay safe so we can open again our educational institutions, and hear the children's laughter filling the corridors in our centres and schools.

In the meantime we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter from the Chairperson, Board of Directors, the CEO, and all the staff at FES.



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# Little Buds

There were some beautiful moments recently in our childcare centres with the children exploring, digging, and sowing the beans provided to us by Little Buds.

And what a joy it was ! Seeing them open the boxes in awe, taking responsibility of putting soil into the recycled pots, watering them, taking care of them, and seeing the results.



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# Refurbishment in our childcare centres

Following the direction issued by the Health Authorities, the FES Childcare Centres closed their doors for the stipulated period of time. We took this opportunity to refurbish our premises with maintenance works, painting, and the regular spring cleaning of our centres.

The environment provided by the centres is an essential resource, not only for its structure as a building, but also as a learning resource in the programme of activities. Not only should it be safe, clean, and airy, but it should also be welcoming and conducive to the learning environment that we strive to build within each centre.

We can't wait to welcome our little ones back into the revamped premises.



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# Sardinella Childcare Centre

These photos at the Sardinella Childcare Centre (San Gwann) are an example of the measures taken to ensure that the children continue enjoying their activities while keeping to their own bubble. These included splitting a large activity area into two, and using furniture and curtains to section off other spaces.

Is-Sardinella is also the FES Childcare Centre which was once again opened for service during the closure of the educational institutions, to give a service to essential workers. Together with the Klabb 3-16 Centres of San Guzepp at MCAST, and Maria Bambina at Junior College, these centres are proving once again the commitment shown by the Ministry for Education and FES, towards the service to the community.



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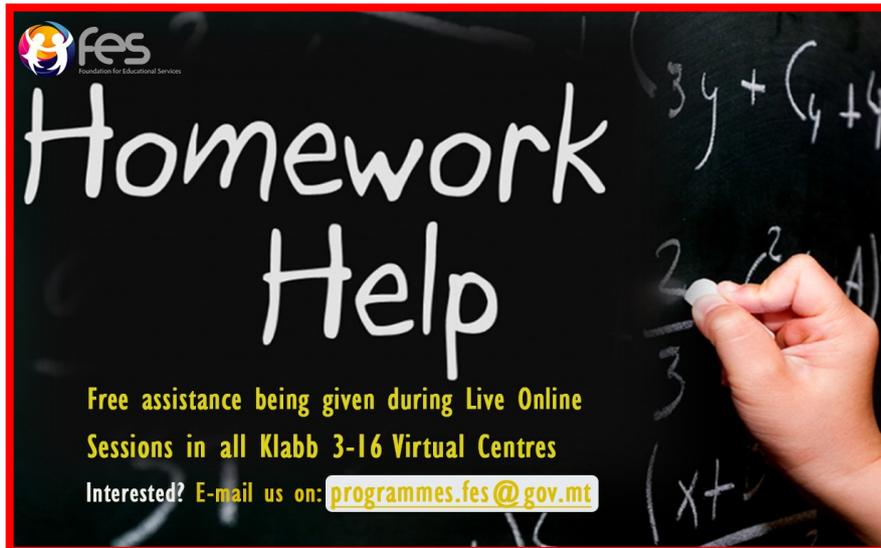


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# FES Services go online



With the closure of the educational services, FES too had to suspend its Childcare and Klabb 3-16 services, until further notice is given by the Health Authorities. However, to counteract this interruption, FES staff has gone online, in a bid to remain close to the children and students. Each Klabb 3-16 centre is still delivering online activities and also live online help with homework.

Childcare educators are also uploading daily activities on the individual centres' Facebook pages, enabling parents to carry out the same activities with their children in the safety of their homes. We are also sharing them on the main Facebook page of FES. Another service is the regular live connection with the children and their parents, giving the children an opportunity for live interaction, and also acting as a support group for the parents.



Vanessa-Marie Sammut Borg ► Il-Merill Childcare Centre

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“And the winner is.....”



# SKOLASAJF 21

*An I in every wInner*

We are proud to launch the new Skolasajf 2021 Logo ,representing the theme ‘An I in Every Winner’. This logo was inspired by the design which placed first in the Skolasajf Logo Competition for 2021.

The first three winners are :

**1st – Dasa Kitic**

**2nd – Nikolai Galea**

**3rd – Sophie Said**

Well done to all the winners!

These young artists won vouchers which were sponsored by:



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# Skolasajf Applications 2021

Applications for the service of Skolasajf 2021 are open till 2nd May 2021. Parents and legal guardians wishing to register their children can do so online by visiting the sites [services.fes.gov.mt](http://services.fes.gov.mt) or [servizz.gov.mt](http://servizz.gov.mt). One can also apply by visiting one of the servizz.gov hubs. A short video, as a guide through the application process, is available on the website of the Foundation for Educational Services (FES) at [www.fes.gov.mt](http://www.fes.gov.mt).

While clients are encouraged to apply for the Skolasajf service, it is to be noted that the delivery of the service will depend on the circumstances and on the advice of the Health Authorities, at the time. For this reason, applicants will not be asked to pay the registration fee at the application stage, but when the service commencement is confirmed by the Health Authorities.

This year Skolasajf will operate from 12<sup>th</sup> July till 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021. Commencement of Skolasajf will be staggered over two days, the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Children from Year 1 and over will start Skolasajf on Monday 12th July 2021

Children in Kinder 1 and Kinder 2 will start Skolasajf on Tuesday 13th July 2021.

All guidelines issued by the Health Authorities, to secure a safe environment, will be in place.

## Skolasajf Applications 2021

Opening : 24th MARCH 2021

Closing : 2nd MAY 2021



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*An I in every learner*

Online applications: [services.fes.gov.mt](http://services.fes.gov.mt) or at [servizz.gov.mt](http://servizz.gov.mt)  
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# Making Friends Bringing Friends

## The Last Chapter

March 2021 marks the end of an ambitious project by the Migrant Learner's Unit, held in collaboration with FES. This was the **Making Friends, Bringing Friends Club** project, which sought to bring together different cultures for an appreciation of different traditions and practices, and an understanding of the common values of friendship and respect.

This last MFBF Club was held at Klabb 3-16 St Paul's Bay, with the sterling support of the Centre Coordinator **Ms Julie Galea**. The last session gave the participating children the opportunity to connect with their parents online, and showcase the activities that they had prepared during the MFBF Club hours.

The Foundation for Educational Services would like to thank **Ms Jane Farrugia Buhagiar**, **Mr Daniel Meilak**, and **Ms Mariella Hili**, from the Migrant Learns' Unit, for their trust in FES and for their continued co-operation.



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**Join our Dynamic Team**



**We are now recruiting  
for Skolasajf 2021**

**The Foundation for Educational Services has  
the following vacancies for Malta & Gozo:**

- **Centre Coordinators - Jobsplus Permit No: 53/2021**
- **Centre Coordinators - Resource Centres - Jobsplus Permit No: 36/2021**
- **Child Support Workers - Resource Centres - Jobsplus Permit No: 54/2021**
- **Playworkers with Extra Responsibilities - Jobsplus Permit No: 55/2021**
- **Playworkers with Extra Responsibilities  
Resource Centres - Jobsplus Permit No: 52/2021**
- **Playworkers - Jobsplus Permit No: 49/2021**
- **Regional Coordinators - Jobsplus Permit No: 37/2021**
- **Sports Playworkers - Jobsplus Permit No: 51/2021**
- **Child Support Workers - Jobsplus Permit No: 50/2021**

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**Deadline : 14th April 2021at noon**

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The Foundation for Educational Services is seeking to recruit a:

## **Co-ordinator Finance (Accounts Executive)**

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Deadline : **6th April 2021**

Jobplus Permit No: **19/2021**



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