

# In Touch

## Newsletter - Issue Special Edition

Zentrum Business Centre



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*So long summer ..... bye bye*



*Hello Autumn..... heading back to the classroom*

It's time to assemble back to a new routine!

Summer is over ! The last few days of the hot summer days have slowly faded away.

We will be sharing the last few images received from our skolasajf centres. The last few activities took place between the last week of August and beginning of September, ranging from fund raising activities to the 'Save the Blue' Project.

We loved to see that our Programme 'An I in Every Winner' has been utilized. The children had fun carrying activities in collaboration with our staff together and our partners.

Centres have also carried out fund raising activities. Kudos, to all the effort being put together by the Centre Coordinators, Playworkers, Child Support workers, Parents and Children. All the funds collected will go for a good cause.

The October programme, deals with 'Celebrations' and will centre around odd and quirky national days that we hope will spark joy, creativity and fun.

To another scholastic year !



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## Fund Raising Activities

# Skolasajf Siggiewi Centre

Staff and students at the Siggiewi Skolasajf Centre have organised a fundraising activity in aid of the Dar Tal-Providenza. On the day, children got creative and went to school wearing different and original hairstyles to keep to the day's theme of **Crazy Hair Day**. While the children had fun admiring the creations of their friends, they also contributed donations, and raised the sum of €240. The sum was presented to the Dar tal-Providenza Director, Fr Martin Micallef, by the Centre Coordinator Ms Rodianne Haber, and the PER Ms Charlene Agius.

**Well done Skolasajf Siggiewi Centre for this noble initiative.**



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# Climate Action Network Competition

**Climate Action Network (CAN)** is a global network of more than 1,500 civil society organisations in over 130 countries driving collective and sustainable action to fight the climate crisis and to achieve social and racial justice. CAN convenes and coordinates civil society at the UN climate talks and other international fora.

The purpose of the Climate Action Network Competition during Skolasajf 2021 was to bring more awareness on what the Maltese Government and businesses can do to improve our environment.

As individuals we can take bold and urgent action for the protection of the rights of nature.

The Climate Action Network Competition was organised by HSBC representatives. Each competing centre had to prepare a video and take part in a quiz.

**Skolasajf Siggiewi Centre won the quiz and received beautiful book gifts.**



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# A loving home for stray cats

Zurriq Skolasajf along with other activities prioritized the importance of giving something back to our community and helping those most vulnerable; including innocent animals.

This initiative focused on those in dire need of shelter, especially during the cold winter months. Our students took the initiative to restore an old and abandoned shelter and turn it into a loving home for our local stray cats.

The students gained several learning outcomes from this activity. They learned to think of others and help those in need. They also fostered respect to all society members and nurtured a greater sense of community.

During the making of this Cat Shelter, students were supervised by an adult at all times.



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# THE TRADITION CONTINUES.....

## 2021 MURAL FROM ZEJTUN SKOLASAJF

This year's mural consists of 3 main elements inspired by the pandemic and the logo for Skolasajf 2021:

- 1). **the pinwheel and vaccine** - The spinning movement of the pinwheel represents the fact that even though certain restrictions are still in place, thanks to the vaccines, we are slowly getting our lives back.
- 2). **the heart** - The heart represents the passion and love which motivate us to work together every year to create the mural by using recycled material, thus safeguarding the environment around us.



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# Saving the Blue Campaign

During Skolasajf 2021, one of our partners “ Saving our Blue Campaign “ organised a competition amongst all Skolasajf centres. The winners were then invited to participate in the World Clean-Up Day on 18th September 2021 and also got involved in some special environmental experiences during the day.

Special prizes were available; the possibility to join the Saving Our Blue Campaign for a day and get the opportunity to meet the Saving our Blue heroine, Meggie the turtle in person.

Students from Skolasajf Zebbug Centre participated in this event and also received special prizes after they won the competition.



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# Planting an Araar Tree

**Planting an Araar Tree** The final activity carried out by Skolasajf Attard Centre, was the planting of an Araar tree (tal-Gharghar) in the school grounds so that it can be enjoyed by the community. The tree was planted in the presence of the Mayor of Attard, Mr Stefan Cordina, and the children who had a hand in the digging and shoveling. Besides showing an appreciation for the end of another successful Skolasajf, the tree was planted to help children to instill the values of responsibility and respect towards the environment and their locality.

FES would like to thank all the staff who worked for the children's benefit, the School Administrative staff and the Attard Local Council. Their cooperation and support is an intergral part of the service we provide to the students attending Skolasajf.



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# Summer Carnival at Zurrieq Skolasajf 2021



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# ENDING SKOLASAJF IN STYLE



The students and staff at the Mosta Skolasajf Centre have outdone themselves this Skolasajf. True to the theme of Skolasajf 2021, 'An I in Every Winner', the PER Ms Christabel Cuschieri wrote the lyrics to a song titled "Ahna tal-Mosta, Ahna Number 1", and adapted it to the music of the Eurovision 2005 winner 'My Number One'.

All the staff members lent a hand to teach the individual classes the words to the song and the choreography.

Others took care of the stage and the props, designing and printing the backdrop for the video.

For full video you can click [here](#)



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# SKOLASAJF CLOSING EVENT

'Europe Direct Valletta' and 'Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta' participated in the government run summer school, Skolasajf by delivering 26 sessions to 9–14 years olds, between July 15 and August 19, 2021. The sessions, themed 'Building tomorrow, today' reached some 260 children attending 26 centres in Malta and Gozo.

Two children, Amy Lanzon and Naomi Farrugia from Fgura Skolasajf Centre, read a declaration on behalf of all the participating children saying they would like to live in a society in which they feel safe and protected. They would like to be surrounded by a healthy environment with more open spaces and have free time to practice sport and to spend time together.



## The End – Till 2022



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