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Foreword

As Skolasajf transitions into Klabb 3-16, we are excited to welcome back our students. We are committed to fostering their growth, creativity, and learning as they embark on this exciting journey with us.

Towards the end of September, we bid farewell to our little ones who graduated from childcare and moved on to kindergarten. It's incredible to see how much they've grown since their first steps into our childcare centres. Their boundless curiosity and innocent wonder have filled the days with joy, and they've left an indelible mark. We celebrated their milestone and wished them a smooth transition as they stepped into a new chapter of their educational journey.

The slots vacated by these little graduates are already being filled up by new entrants. Parents interested to use our childcare services are encouraged to contact us as soon as possible, as places are filling up quickly. Information on how to apply can be found in the coming pages of this newsletter.

The Klabb 3-16 service has also started and applications for the service during the November mid-term holidays are already out. Once can apply via services.fes.gov.mt, via servizz.gov.mt, or any of the [servizz.gov](http://servizz.gov.mt) hubs.

To all students, young and old, embarking on a new scholastic year, we offer our best wishes for a year filled with discovery, growth, and achievements. May your classrooms be places of inspiration, your lessons be windows to the world, and your friendships be bonds that endure. As the leaves change and the world transforms around us, may you find the strength and resilience to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

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PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES @ KLABB 3-16

Do you live near **St Paul's Bay, Qawra, Sliema and San Gwann?**



PART-TIME

Għandek School Leaving Certificate?

Tixtieq taħdem part-time mat-tfal wara l-hin tal-iskola?

Applika biex taħdem bħala Playworker mal-FES, u aħna nipprovdulek **il-kors u l-opportunità tax-xogħol.**

Tgħix hdejn **San Pawl il-Baħar, Qawra, San Gwann jew Sliema?**

Għandna postijiet vakanti speċifikament f'dawn iċ-ċentri u wkoll f'lokalitajiet oħra.

APPLIKA ISSA!



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Do you have a School Leaving Certificate and are 17 years of age?

Do you wish to work part-time with children?

Apply for the role of **Playworker with FES**, and we will provide the course and the job opportunity.

We have vacancies specifically in these centres...**and also in other localities.**

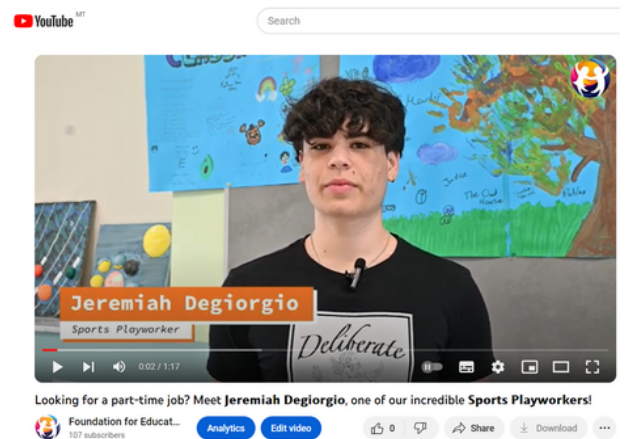
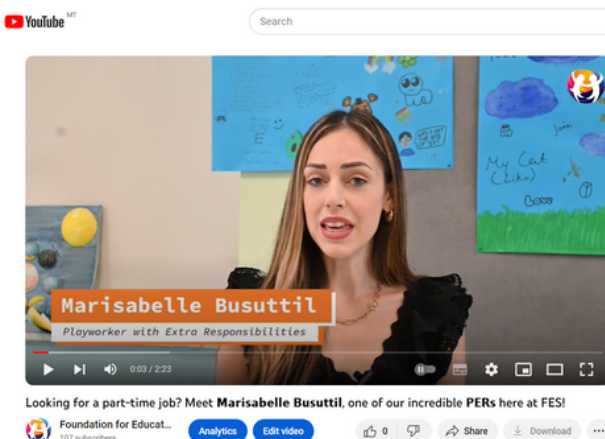
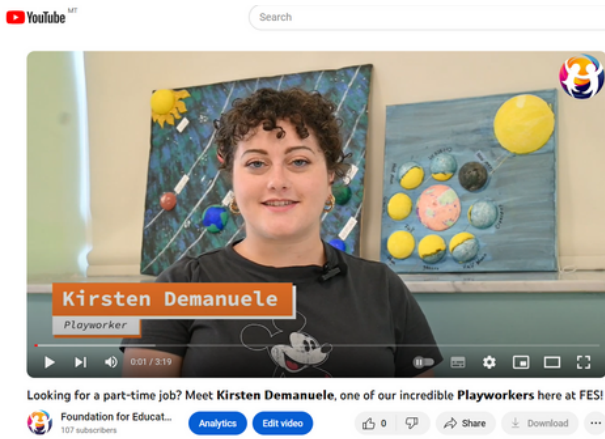
For more details and to apply, click here:

<https://recruitment.fes.gov.mt/Home/Profile?eq=RlrFNmELAQ0%3d>

WATCH: THE ROLES AVAILABLE AT KLABB 3-16

These videos aim to inform prospective applicants about the job opportunities at FES, offering a clear understanding of the responsibilities involved.

Click this link to view the videos and to learn about the different roles at Klabb 3-16/Skolasajf:
<https://www.youtube.com/@foundationforeducationalse7973>



WORLD FOOD DAY

One of the partners during Skolasajf was the Malta Food Agency, with the initiative to celebrate **World Food Day**, which this year will fall on October 16th. This is a yearly initiative overseen by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) throughout the world.

The aim of World Food Day is to promote worldwide awareness about hunger and promote action for the future of food, people and the planet. This was very much in keeping with the theme of Skolasajf 2023, **Peace by Piece**. Access to water is a way to resolve conflicts. In many parts of the world, competition for water is an ever-increasing cause of hostility that can escalate into open conflict. This is why FAO proposes projects to encourage meetings and dialogue between the various communities, helping to find solutions and improve community life so that all people can enjoy water.

The FAO organizes an international poster contest, and the Malta Food Agency joined the call by collaborating with Skolasajf. Children had to draw a poster underlining and depicting the **FAO World Food Day theme of 2023: Water is life, water is food - Leave no one behind**.

Selections of these posters were used to set up an exhibition in the Foyer of the House of Parliament in Valletta. This exhibition was inaugurated on October 2nd and remains open to the public till 21st October 2023. The winners of the poster competition were awarded a certificate and a token during the opening of the exhibition.

Winners -

3-6 years:

- 1 - Layston Tong (Mellieħa)
- 2- Adam Lia Smith (Birżebbuġa)
- 3- Jack Sultana (Birżebbuġa)

7-9 years:

- 1 - Mikaela Camilleri (Marsaxlokk)
- 2- Jaden Degabriele (Floriana)
- 3- Abby Aquilina (Marsaxlokk)

10+ years

- 1- Serah Maria Calleja (Żejtun)
- 2- Shnaisia Cassar (Birżebbuġa)
- 3- Calvin Bianco (Żejtun)



KLABB 3-16 APPLICATIONS



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APPLICATIONS FOR THE MID-TERM HOLIDAYS ARE OPEN!

The service will be provided from
the **1st - 3rd November.**

Apply till the 11th of October.

Apply at: services.fes.gov.mt or at the
servizz.gov hubs. Freephone: **153**

Apply for the **Mid-term Holidays** till the **11th of October 2023.**

The service will be offered between the **1st till the 3rd of November 2023.**

Apply at <https://services.fes.gov.mt/> or at one of the servizz.gov hubs.

The service will be provided subject to demand, between 7:00 and 17:30 (for mainstream schools) and between 8:00 and 15:00 (for Resource Centres – including transport).

The service is for working parents.

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KLABB 3-16

ACTIVITIES



The September Klabb 3-16 Programme dived right into the magical realm as Harry Potter and the Hogwarts community was the inspiration for the activities. Here we can see what the **Birkirkara Klabb 3-16** students created during their Bridge Holidays

Such activities can be a fun and engaging way to encourage the creativity and imagination, providing children with opportunities to socialize and make friends who share similar interests. The detail shown in the drawings of the different emblems is impressive, and the children enjoyed the sense of belonging as they discussed the different Houses of Hogwarts.

A big thank goes to our members of staff at Birkirkara Klabb 3-16 for providing an enriching and enjoyable way for children to learn, develop skills, and grow both intellectually and socially.



CHILDCARE ACTIVITIES

The toddlers at **Il-Ferrovija Childcare Centre** were delighted to engage in a captivating sensory activity right within their own center.

Their day was filled with wonder and curiosity as they gathered around a tuff tray to embark on the adventure of catching tadpoles (using recycled bottle caps). With tiny scoopers and gentle hands, they carefully scooped up these aquatic creatures, their eyes gleaming with excitement and fascination. This hands-on experience not only connected them with nature but also nurtured their sense of wonder and sparked countless questions about the tadpoles' world. It was a memorable day of exploration, learning, and joyful discovery for the children at the centre.

Thanks to the dedicated staff at Il-Ferrovija Childcare Centre for making this enriching and educational experience possible for our young explorers.



CHILDCARE GRADUATIONS



The graduation ceremonies at our Childcare Centres for toddlers transitioning from childcare to kindergarten were heartwarming events.



Dressed in tiny caps and gowns, the children charmed everyone with their smiles and enthusiasm. We celebrated their growth and achievements and will miss them dearly.

Wishing all the little graduates the best of luck on their exciting journey ahead. Goodbye, little ones, and may your path be filled with joy and learning!

More photos can be found on the individual facebook pages of the centres.

It-Tghanniqa Childcare Centre



Il-Bejta Childcare Centre



Il-Kuluri Childcare Centre



Żmeraldi Childcare Centre



Is-Sardinella Childcare Centre

CHILDCARE

REGISTRATIONS AND EXTENDED HOURS

Extended Childcare Hours

Monday - Friday
06:00-18:00

Birgu	Tel: +356 2180 9285
Birkirkara	Tel: +356 2598 5561
Naxxar	Tel: +356 2598 6820
Pembroke	Tel: +356 2137 6644
Haż-Żebbuġ	Tel: +356 2598 7681
Qawra	Tel: +356 2598 6996

FES Head Office TEL: +356 22586829



The FES Childcare Centres are offering the service **over a longer period of hours** in six centres.

The centers at **Birgu, Birkirkara, Naxxar, Pembroke, Haż-Żebbuġ** and **Qawra**, are now accepting children between **6am and 6pm, from Monday to Friday**.

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.

Registrations are also open for the remaining FES Childcare Centres at:
Bormla, Siggiewi, St Venera, San Gwann, Marsa, and Floriana.

A full list of the FES centres with all the contact details can be found at:
<https://fes.gov.mt/childcare-centres/>

Queries to FES can be asked on telephone **22586829** or via email to fes@gov.mt

HOW TO APPLY FOR OUR CHILDCARE SERVICES

1. Choose your preferred centre from the list found at:

<https://fes.gov.mt/childcare-centres/>

You can also have a look inside of the centres, by watching the videos at:

<https://fes.gov.mt/en/Pages/Child%20Care/Videos.aspx>.

2. You can download an application form from:

<https://fes.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Childcare-Registration-Form.pdf>

You can also contact the chosen centre directly, ask for a tour of the place, and get the application directly from there.



Children can be registered at the centre by handing over to the Centre Coordinator, the filled-in application form together with the necessary documents. Only one application per child is to be submitted.

The Centre Coordinators and the FES FB Messenger service are always available to answer your queries. The Centre Coordinators will also be available to help you fill in the application form.

The childcare service is offered to children until they are eligible to move on to the government Kindergarten on the 1st of February, while children who are three years of age by the end of December are eligible for Kindergarten on the 1st of October, of that same calendar year.

MEET OUR EMPLOYEES

Name: **Tamara Palazzo**

Role: **Homework Tutor Klabb 3-16**



1. If you had to compare your childhood to that of children today, which in your opinion is better?

In my opinion, both types of childhoods have their benefits and their drawbacks. However, I believe that my childhood was better. Over the time, many things have improved like technological advancements, yet this doesn't necessarily mean that a positive impact was left on the children of today. This is due to change in parenting styles, lack of outdoor areas and education methods. All of this brought upon too much exposure during such an innocuous stage of their lives. During my childhood, we had less, and we appreciated more the little things we had. And the same results were achieved just the same. Children nowadays have everything with just a touch of a screen, and do not grasp the real meaning of appreciation and sacrifice in order to achieve your goals. I am aware that technology is helping the lives of many young children, but I also believe that children are becoming more bound to homes and lazy activities, then actually enjoying the beauty of childhood.

2. Is your career what you always thought you would be doing in your adult life?

Honestly, my current job wasn't what I always envisioned, although I used to love playing as a teacher with my little brother when I was very young, which is why I always loved school and the scholastic environment. Different experiences in life may lead you to various paths, and when we are young, we tend to show interest towards various professions. When I enrolled at University, I also considered becoming a translator or interpreter, but I realized that I am not fit for the job for various reasons. I still like the idea of translation, but not on a full-time basis. I love my teacher life, I love embarking on new scholastic years, I love preparing and planning, new experiences, new student-teacher relations, and the school life. This is the career that was meant for me.

3. If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be and why?

If I were a tree, I would be an oak tree. Oak trees are known for their strength, resilience, and longevity. They can live for hundreds of years and provide a stable and nurturing environment for a wide variety of creatures. In my case, my goal is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for my own students. Oak trees also symbolize wisdom and knowledge, which aligns with my role as a teacher. Just as oak trees have deep roots, I strive to provide a strong foundation of knowledge and support for those who seek answers and assistance.

4. Savoury or sweet? Which is your favourite type of food?

I personally love savoury. I don't consider myself a sweet tooth. I do eat sweets, but I do not crave anything sweet. I would choose a warm savoury dish to satisfy my cravings a million times over something sweet. What can I say...my heart calls for pasta, not cakes! 😊

5. If you had to give a piece of advice to yourself at age 15 years, what would it be?

To embrace curiosity and not be afraid to make mistakes, as these are valuable lessons in disguise. I was, and still am, a type of person who asks a lot of questions. When I was younger, I used to feel bad for continuously asking questions, as I felt like I used to bother those around me, but now I don't anymore. Be kind to yourself and others, as kindness goes a long way in building meaningful relationships. I would tell myself to take better care of my physical and mental health especially, as they are the foundation of our well-being. Lastly, to remember that growth often comes from stepping out of our comfort zone, so don't be afraid to take on new challenges and adventures. The journey ahead is filled with endless possibilities, so make the most of it.

MEET OUR EMPLOYEES

Name: **Alexia Cutajar**

Role: **Childcare Educator**



1. If you had to compare your childhood to that of children today, which in your opinion is better?

If I had to compare my childhood to that of children today in my opinion my childhood was far better. The reason is that nowadays children rely a lot on digital devices to have fun. This results in spending less time being physically active and exploring less natural resources.

2. Is your career what you always thought you would be doing in your adult life?

This is the career I always dreamt of even though I worked in other sectors. Working with children in their early years was always at the back of my mind. Now I wouldn't even begin to imagine to change my career.

3. If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be and why?

If I were a tree I would like to be a cherry blossom and there is more than one reason. First of all its colours piques my interest. When I look at a cherry blossom all I see is life and peace. It blossoms in spring which is my favourite season. The cherry blossom has a short life span and this reminds me that life is too short, so live the day.

4. Savoury or sweet? Which is your favourite type of food?

Savoury or sweet? This is a tough question to answer as I like both, but if I had to choose just one it would be sweet.

5. If you had to give a piece of advice to yourself at age 15 years, what would it be?

I think that the advice would be, to be assertive. However, I don't have much regrets about past experiences, as they made me grow into the woman I am today.



KLABB 3-16 VACANCIES

Click on <https://recruitment.fes.gov.mt/> for the FULL LIST of vacancies, to apply, and get more information, including salary rates, eligibility criteria and job descriptions. For any queries, call **22586835**, or write an email to hr.fes@gov.mt.

CHILD SUPPORT WORKER COURSE - REF. NO:1063

KLABB 3-16 - CENTRE COORDINATOR (PART-TIME) - REF. NO:1064

Jobsplus Permit Number: 53/2021

KLABB 3-16 - CHILD SUPPORT WORKER (PART-TIME) - REF. NO: 1065

Jobsplus Permit no: 251/2022

KLABB 3-16 - PLAYWORKER (PART-TIME) - REF. NO: 1066

Jobsplus Permit Number:451/2021

KLABB 3-16 - TUTOR (PART-TIME) - REF. NO: 1067

Jobsplus Permit: 248/2022



Photo of the month

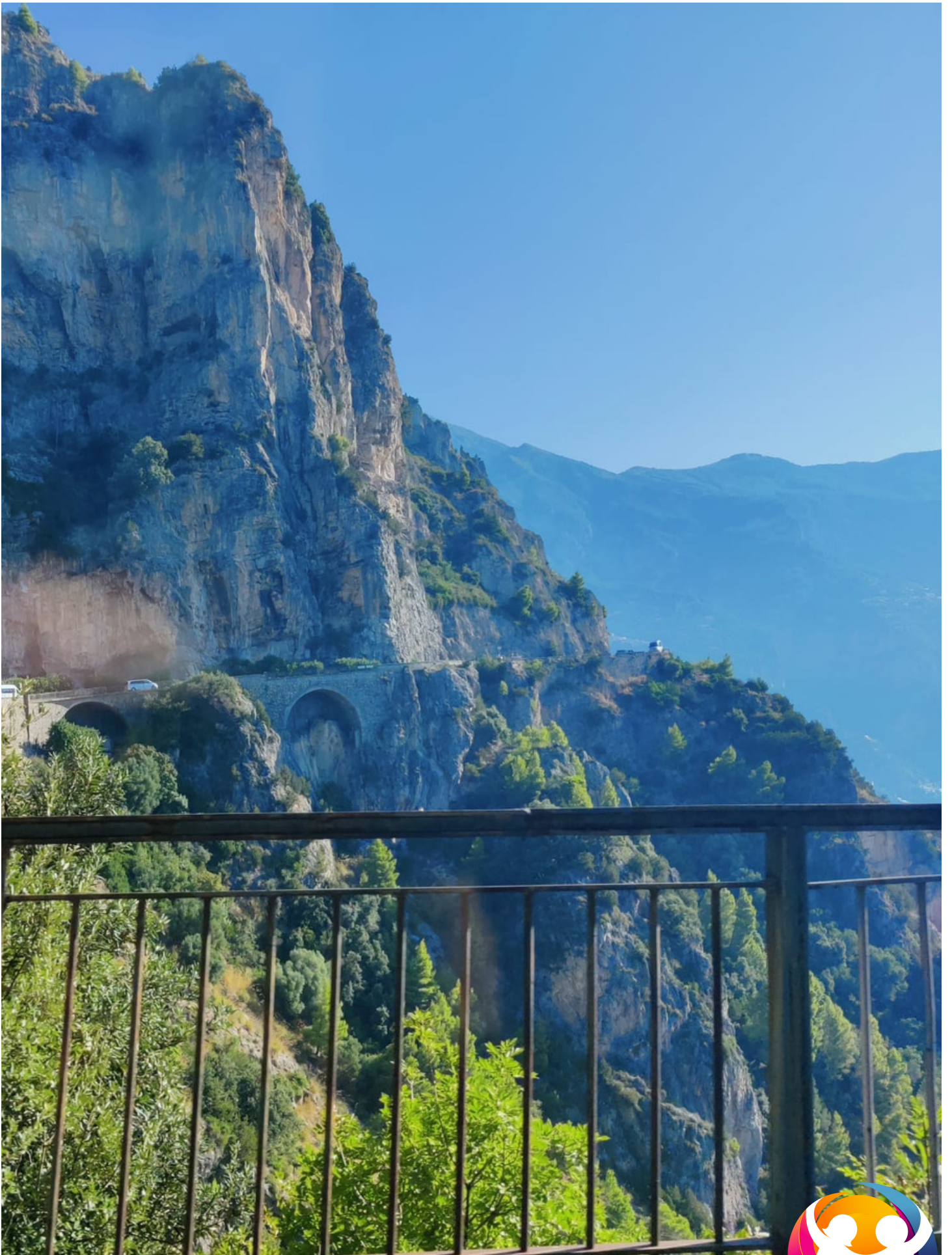


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