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Foreword

As we find ourselves immersed in the festive spirit of the Christmas season and we bid farewell to another remarkable year, looking back, this year has been marked by growth, reflection, and our shared commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of all who use our services.

This year once again we accepted children up till three years old in our twelve child care centres. Some of these centres also offered extended hours from 6am till 6pm. We offered the service Klabb 3-16 in 31 centres and other two new centres which opened this year. Skolasajf 2023 opened its doors for more than 12,000 children both in main stream and resource centres. This year we introduced a new role within Skolasajf which is that of the playworker performing arts. This helped the children to delve further into their creative side. This idea was further implemented in Klabb 3-16 with the introduction of partnerships from the performing arts. Our plans for 2024 are to continue with our commitment to support an evolving society through a holistic service to the child.

To all our staff members, parents and children: your dedication, resilience, and commitment have been the driving force behind our successes. The magic of Christmas is not only in the twinkling lights and joyful carols but also in the sense of togetherness that permeates our centres during this special time of year.

Wishing you all a joyous and fulfilling holiday season and a Happy New Year!



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PART -TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES @ KLABB 3-16

Għandek aktar minn **17 -il sena?**

Lest li taħdem wara nofsinhar **bejn is-2pm u s-6pm**, fuq bażi part-time, mat-tfal?

Klabb 3-16 għandu post għalik!

Applika issa:

<https://recruitment.fes.gov.mt>



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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>

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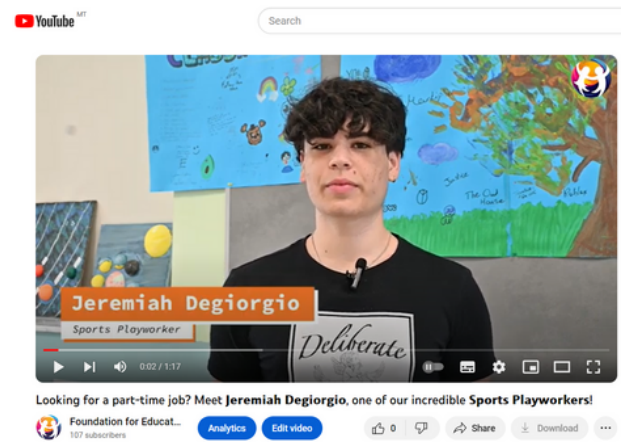
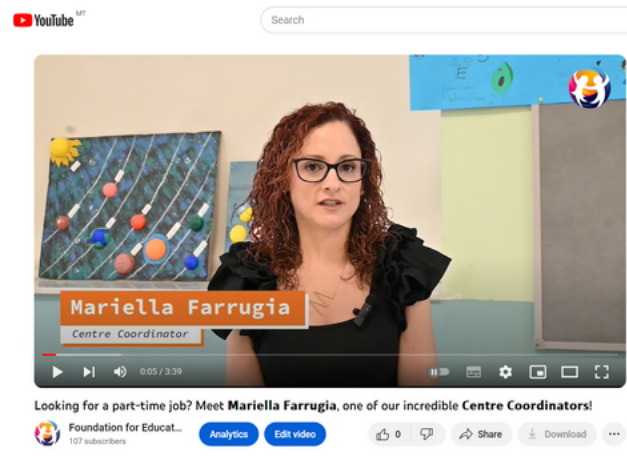
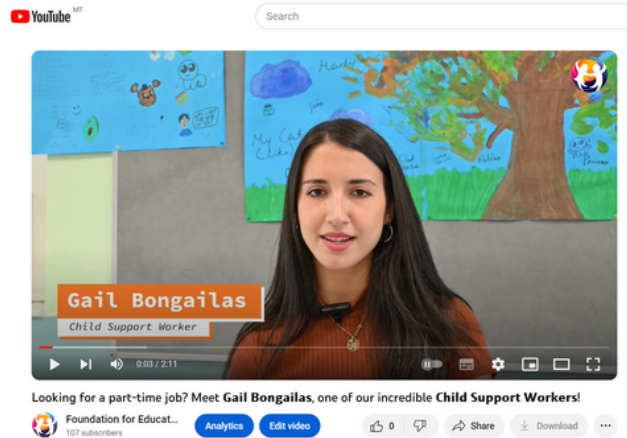
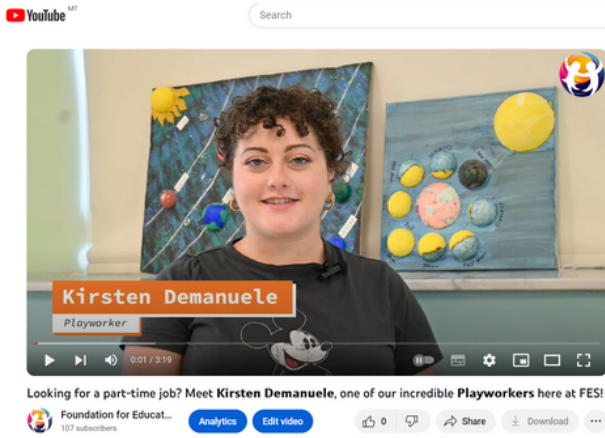
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WATCH: THE ROLES AVAILABLE AT KLABB 3-16

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/@foundationforeducationse7973>



HEAD OFFICE SEMINAR

The Head Office team organized a one-day seminar aimed at conducting an evaluation of Skolasajf 2023. During this event, each department engaged in in-depth discussions focusing on the different aspects of Skolasajf challenges associated with the each department. The seminar served as a collaborative platform, allowing each department to share insights, experiences, and perspectives related to their respective areas. Through these discussions, the team aimed to gain a holistic understanding of Skolasajf's performance, identify areas of improvement, and strategize for next year's Skolasajf. These discussions also provided valuable insights that will contribute to the ongoing enhancement and success of Skolasajf.



CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY AT HEAD OFFICE

At Head Office, we came together for a heartwarming fundraiser in support of the local food bank. Everyone wore their favourite Christmas sweater and brought food to donate, a thoughtful gesture to support those in need. The generosity and compassion displayed by staff members was truly inspiring.

The atmosphere was filled with holiday cheer and laughs. It was a reminder of the importance of giving back and helping those less fortunate. As we enjoyed each other's company, we were also reminded of the true meaning of the holiday season - spreading love, kindness, and joy to others. This event was not only a success in terms of the amount of food collected, but also in bringing the Head Office team closer together through a shared sense of purpose and generosity. We look forward to continuing to support our community in any way we can.



DONATION TO MCCF



Members from the FES Management Team and other staff members, paid an annual visit to H.E. the President of Malta, Dr George Vella, to present the FES donation for the Malta Community Chest Fund. This year the sum totalled €14,361.80, and it was collected thanks to the generosity of children, parents and staff of Skolasajf 2023.

The FES CEO Mr Michael Bondin presented the cheque and explained how this handsome sum was the result of a number of fund raising activities that not only inspired the children to be creative, but also to be altruistic and appreciative of all the things that enrich their lives.

H.E. Dr George Vella thanked everyone involved for the continuous support provided to the MCCF through the Skolasajf initiatives. He talked at length about the sterling work being carried out by the MCCF with the people who need its services. The expenses involved are on the rise with each passing year and the need for the ongoing support is crucial.

FES is proud to be part of this annual show of solidarity and encourages everyone to renew their support for the MCCF.



DONATION TO HOSPICE MALTA



The annual solidarity by the staff and service users at FES towards the Pink October and Movember campaigns, once again translated into a handsome sum of money that will support the services being offered by Hospice Malta.

The FES CEO Mr Michael Bondin, presented the sum of €2,777.00 to Ms Alexia Demicoli, Chief relations Officer at Hospice Malta, during a Christmas gathering for staff from Head Office and the Childcare and Klabb 3-16 Centres. Ms Demicoli thanked everyone for their generosity and spoke about how the funds will enable Hospice Malta to help more people in the area of palliative care.

The money was collected from the various initiatives organised during the months of October and November, which not only served to raise funds, but also to raise awareness about the need of a better lifestyle and care for oneself.

FES would like to thank all the children, parents, and staff who once again contributed to such a noble cause.



HEAD OFFICE TEAM BUILDING



Team building sessions can take many formats. What we experienced yesterday was a real treat, in more ways than one.

FES Head Office staff from different departments grouped together to discovery culinary talents, help each other achieve what may have been a new world to them, and in the end feed each other the fruit of the hours spent in the different labs. Under the expert guidance of chefs Mr Joseph Schembri (Pizza session) and Mr Robert Spiteri (Pastries session), and the mixologist Mr Jonathan Micallef (Cocktails session), FES staff produced mouth-watering almond pastries and classic Maltese trifles, dishes of deep pan pizza with different toppings, and a selection of mocktails and cocktails. On the table were not only the required deliverables (and reputation of each group), but also the enhancement of problem solving skills, improved communication and time-management, the unlocking of creativity, and the discovery and appreciation of colleagues' help and talents.

All in all, it was a memorable day where we once again delivered on our assigned projects.

Special thanks goes to Ms Maria Felice from FES for the coordination of the event, and to the ITS staff members, including Mr Randolph Penza (Manager – Training School).



FRENCH LANGUAGE AWARENESS PROGRAMME



**AMBASSADE
DE FRANCE
À MALTE**

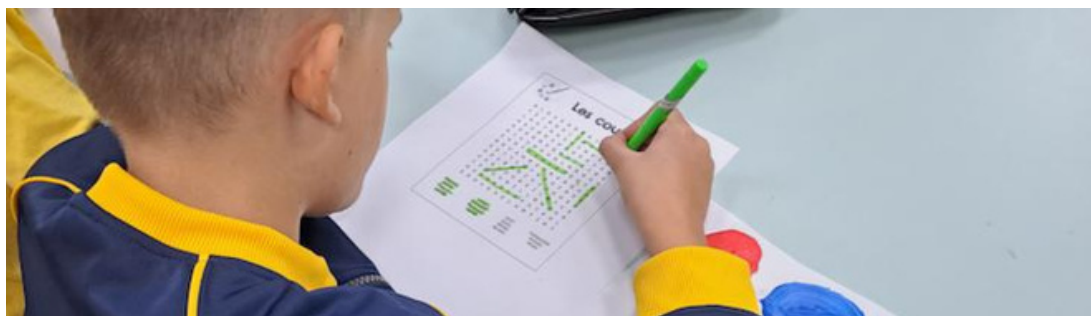
*Liberté
Égalité
Fraternité*



The **French Language Awareness Programme** at the **Pembroke Klabb 3-16 centre** is in full swing, and we are delighted at the enthusiastic response of the students who are taking part.

Their uptake of the new vocabulary is an enriching experience, not only for the student but also for their tutor Ms Delphine from Alliance Française de Malte. The Interaction with Ms Delphine, who is a French national, and the games and non-formal activities being implemented, are providing an enriching environment, allowing the students to expand their awareness about the French language and French culture.

Special thanks go to the Embassy of France in Malta for making this opportunity a reality, through their sponsorship of the programme.



KLABB 3-16 ACTIVITIES



An exciting volcanic adventure at **Żebbuġ Klabb 3-16 Centre!**

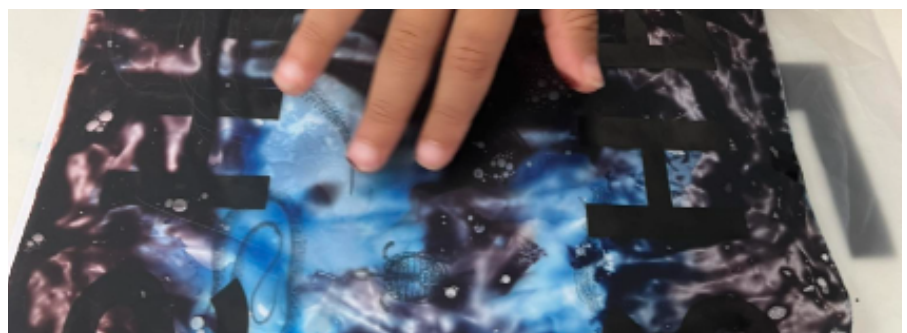
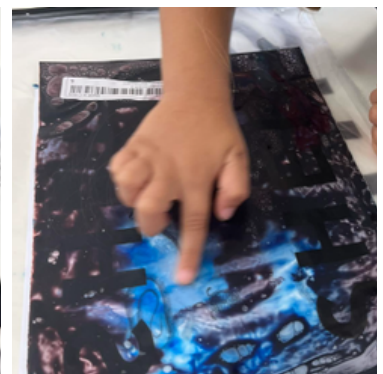
In this experiment, they embarked into the world of geology and chemistry, creating their very own volcano eruption using a simple but captivating method involving vinegar and baking soda.

The children also delved into a Dino Sensory Bag activity, made from recycled materials.



With eager hands, they explored the bag's contents, uncovering hidden fossils. This engaging activity seamlessly blended education, environmental awareness, and imaginative play, leaving the children with a memorable and enriching experience.

Well done to all the staff at Żebbuġ Klabb 3-16 Centre for preparing these wonderful activities for the children.



CHILDCARE ACTIVITIES

Sand, Sea Creatures, and Smiles at **Is-Sardinella Childcare Centre!**

The little adventurers at Is-Sardinella Childcare Centre embarked on an exciting journey to the depths of the ocean without leaving the comfort of their centre. They dove into a tuff tray filled with soft sand, spades and nets. They caught fish, explored sea plants, and filled buckets with wonder. Little hands, big adventures!

Thanks to all the staff for their hard work and dedication.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT OUR CENTRES



Mellieħa Klabb 3-16 Centre



Żebbuġ Klabb 3-16 Centre



Birkirkara Klabb 3-16 Centre



Id-Denfil Childcare Centre



Il-Merill Childcare Centre



Il-Bejta Childcare Centre



It-Tgħanniqa Childcare Centre



Il-Kuluri Childcare Centre



Il-Bebbuxu Childcare Centre

HEAD OFFICE SOPPA DAY

At our Head Office, Raymond, a culinary expert among our colleagues together with other members, concocted a delightful pumpkin soup. They served it in bread bowls with a cool presentation for everyone to enjoy. Their cooking not only made the office smell great but also made us feel happy together, making the office a better place.

Big thanks to Raymond and the others for making our work friends even closer with their awesome cooking skills! The soup was truly delicious.



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 THE CHILDREN



Christmas Wish list



Name: **Leah**
Age: **8 years**

For Christmas she would like Squishmallows, Stitch things and a new pair of pants.

Mellieħa Klabb 3-16



Name: **Amelia**
Age: **8 years**

For Christmas she would like a make-up set and an LOL house.



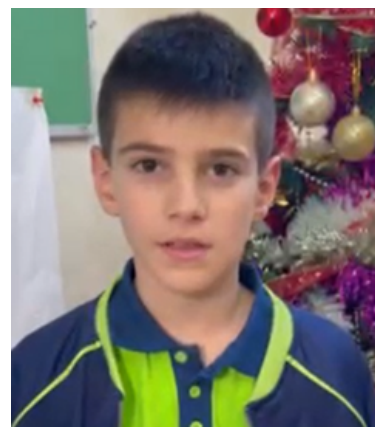
Name: **Jack**
Age: **8 years**

For Christmas he would like Pokemon figures.



Name: **Owen**
Age: **8 years**

For Christmas he would like a Playstation 5 and Jordans.



Name: **Zack**
Age: **8 years**

For Christmas he would like Air Jordans, clothes and a tablet.

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.

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

Jobsplus Permit Number: 53/2021



KLABB 3-16 - PLAYWORKER (PART-TIME) - REF. NO: 1078

Jobsplus Permit: 451/2021



KLABB 3-16 - CHILD SUPPORT WORKER (PART-TIME) - REF. NO: 1079

Jobsplus Permit: 251/2022

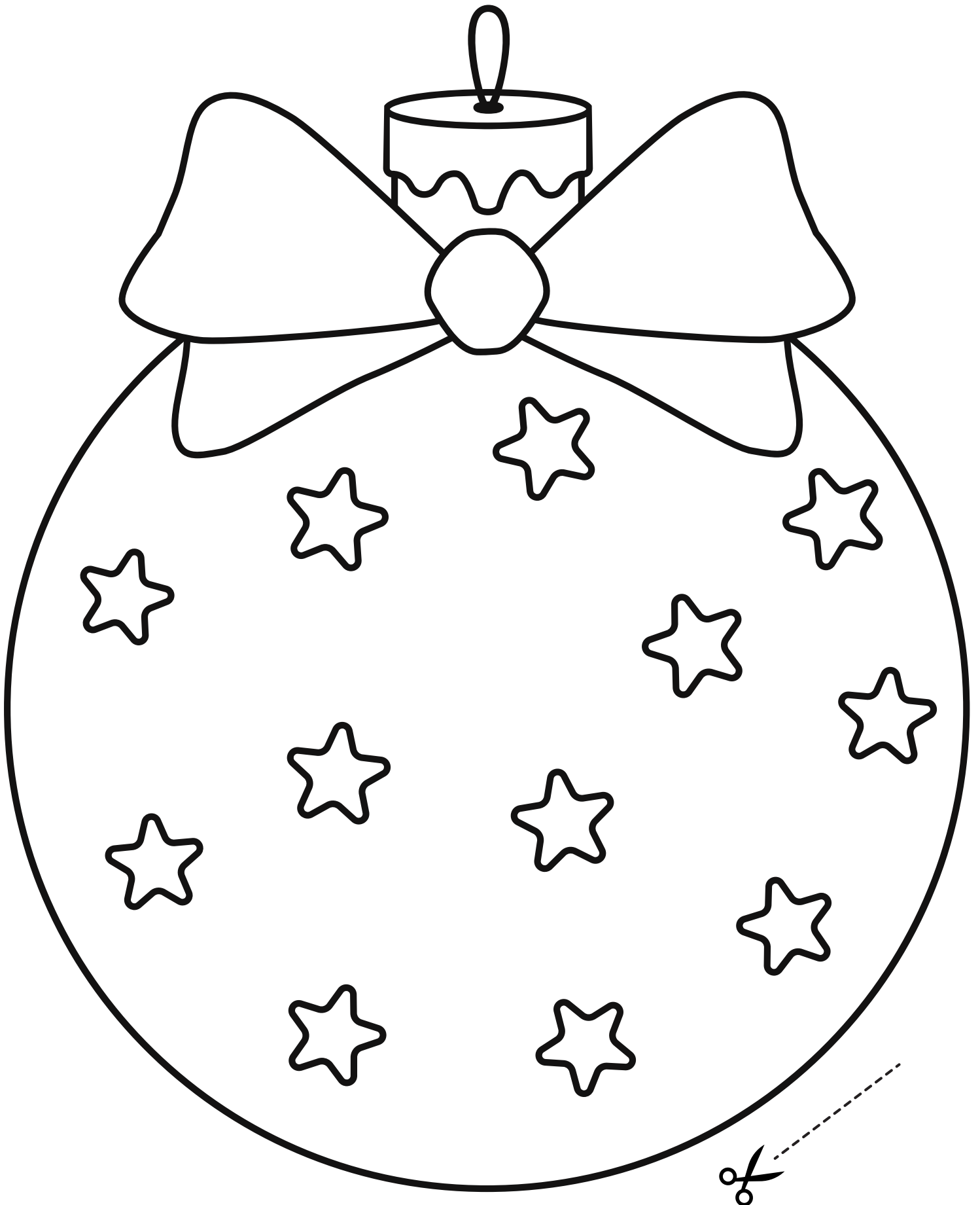


KLABB 3-16 - TUTOR (PART-TIME) - REF. NO: 1080

Jobsplus Permit: 248/2022



DESIGN YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT



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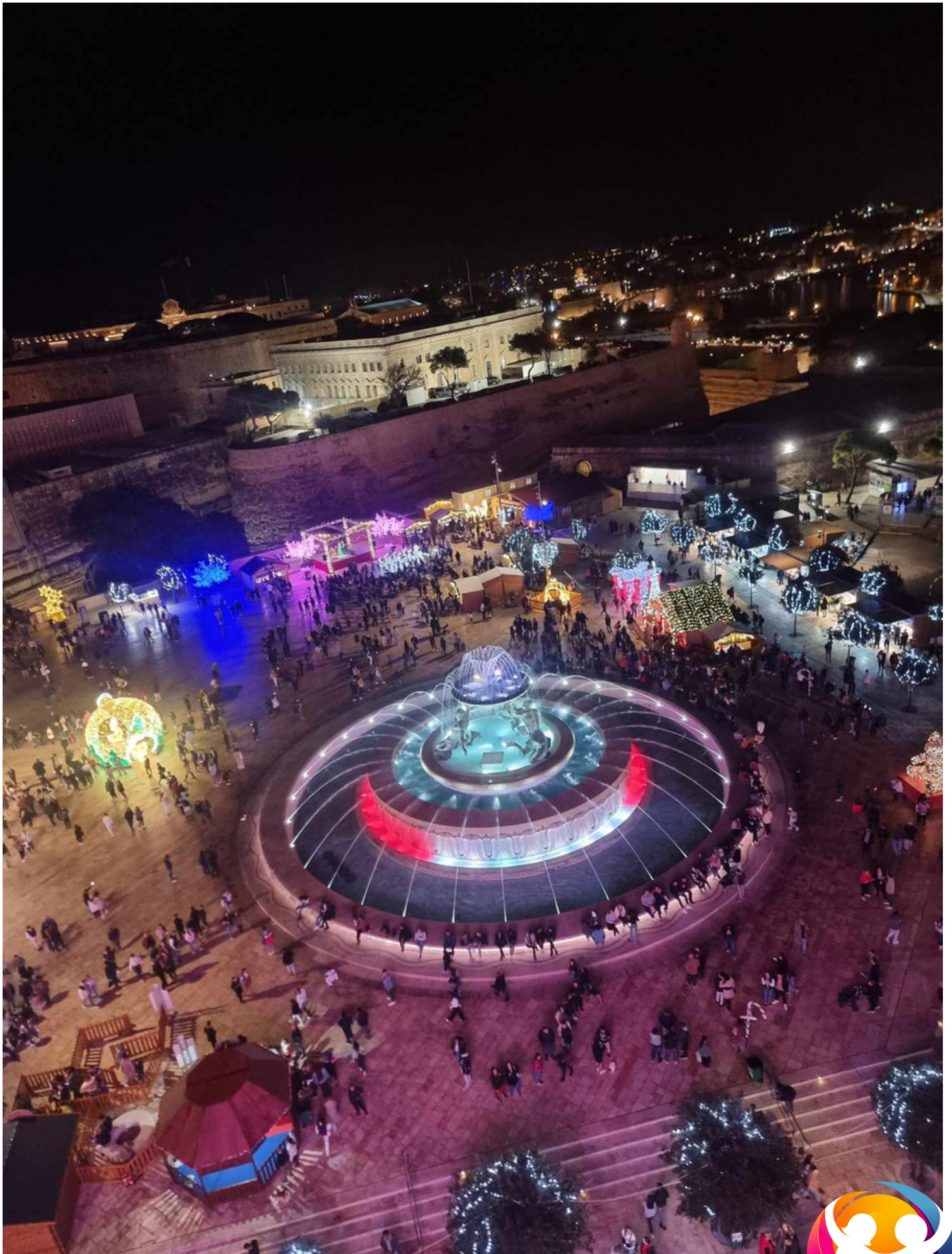


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