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Editorial Note

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter. Besides keeping you informed about local and foreign Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) projects available, our Newsletter is also a showcase of ESD initiatives organised within the Eco-Schools programme. Keep in mind that one of the criteria for achieving a high standard in sustainability (and consequently earning the Green Flag) is Informing and Involving. Make it a point to share your own examples of good practice and successes with the rest of the Eco-Schools community. Send us articles, news items and photos so that we can publish them on our Newsletter.

Eco-Schools Award Ceremony

In a ceremony presided over by H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta and patron of the Eco-Schools (Malta) Programme, Eco-Schools committee members from 40 schools were awarded the internationally acknowledged Green Flag Award for bringing significant changes towards sustainability in their respective school and surrounding communities. The total number of Maltese schools flying this prestigious ecolabel is now 77. Four other schools were bestowed the Silver and Bronze Awards. The ceremony was held on the 5th of October at St Ignatius College Siggiewi Primary School.



While congratulating the students, and their respective teachers and heads of school, for their high level of commitment and motivation, H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta, noted that over the years the focus of action of Eco-Schools has always been on Sustainable Development particularly on the UNESCO's Sustainable Development



Goals (SDGs). H.E. the President of Malta stressed that everything relating to sustainable development also relates to environmental justice, which is an integral part of social justice. She said: *"we cannot be champions of social justice, if we do not work to establish environmental justice."*

In his welcome speech, Vincent Attard, Executive President NTM-FEE Malta said that the Eco-Schools programme is growing worldwide every year as new countries join the FEE family. With over 19.5 million students participating worldwide, it is no wonder that Eco-Schools is recognised by UNESCO as a world-leader within the field of ESD and formally acknowledged as the largest international ESD network of teachers and students in the world.



7th Green Flag Winners



6th Green Flag Winners



5th Green Flag Winners



4th Green Flag Winners



3rd Green Flag Winners



2nd Green Flag Winners



1st Green Flag Winners



Silver & Bronze Award Winners

List of awarded schools:

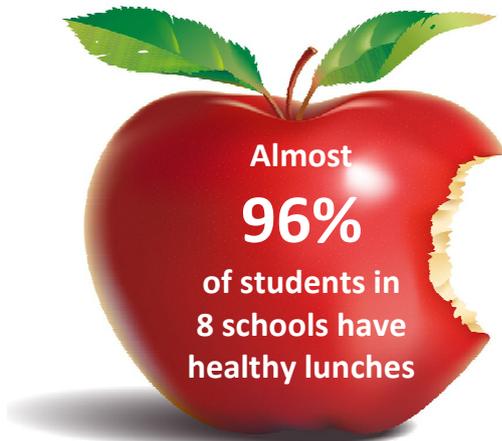
Received the Green Flag for the 7th time	
• St Joseph School, Blata l-Bajda	• St Joseph, Mater Boni Consilii School
Received the Green Flag for the 6th time	
• St Benedict College, Kirkop Primary School	• St Ignatius College, Siġġiewi Primary School
• San Ġorġ Preca College, Paola Primary A	• St Francis School, Sliema
Received the Green Flag for the 5th time	
• St Francis School, Birkirkara	• The Archbishop's Seminary
• St Benedict College, Mqabba Primary School	• St Thomas More College, Tarxien Middle School
Received the Green Flag for the 4th time	
• St Theresa College, Birkirkara Primary School	• St Joseph Senior School
• St Monica School, Gżira	• St Joseph Junior School
• St Benedict College, Qrendi Primary School	• St Edward's College
• St Benedict College, Safi Primary School	• St Dorothy Senior School
• Maria Regina College, Mosta Secondary School (Lily of the Valley)	
Received the Green Flag for the 3rd time	
• St Joan Antide School, Gudja	• Gozo College, Sannat Primary & Special Unit
• St Benedict College, Għaxaq Primary School	• St Francis School, Victoria
• Maria Regina College, Mellieħa Primary School	• St Margaret College, Żabbar Primary A
• Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, Young Adult Education Resource Centre	
Received the Green Flag for the 2nd time	
• St Theresa College, Birkirkara Middle School	• St Elias College
• St Aloysius College, Secondary School	• San Ġorġ Preca College, Valletta Primary School
• St Nicholas College, Dingli Primary School	• Gozo College, Middle School
• National Sports School	• St Ignatius College, Żebbuġ Primary School
Received the Green Flag for the 1st time	
• St Aloysius Primary School	• St Michael Junior School, Pembroke
• St Benedict College, Kirkop Middle School	• St Nicholas College, Rabat Middle School
• Maria Regina College, Mosta Sec. School (Żokrija)	• Convent of the Sacred Heart Junior School, St Julians
Received the Silver Award	
• St Margaret College, Cospicua Primary School	• St Margaret College, Senglea Primary School
• Maria Regina College, Naxxar Middle School	
Received the Bronze Award	
• St Margaret College, Vittoriosa Primary School	

Calendar of Events

26th, 27th and 28th November	FEE Fest
23rd January	Community Audit
8th March	Eco-Schools Young People's Summit
April (tentative)	Eco-Schools Parliament Session
All May	Green Flag Evaluation Visits
31st May – 3rd June (tentative)	Eco-Schools Award Ceremony

What is your impact on the environment?

Thanks to the continued commitment of teachers who believe in the power of students as change agents, Eco-Schools has been at the forefront in promoting sustainability in our Islands. Following the practices of our foreign colleagues, we at Eco-Schools would like to quantify the impact schools are having on our environment. We are therefore encouraging schools to keep records – as part of their Environmental Audit – about their actions for each scholastic year. Here is some data from last scholastic year collected from just a handful of schools:



European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA). The age limit to participate is 16 years and under. The competition will give students a chance to increase their knowledge on natural and technological hazards that they could face even outside of school. Students will learn the adequate behaviour in these situations and how to reduce/prevent as much as possible the potential impact of disasters. The Quiz is based on five of the hazards featured on the BeSafeNet website. Fifty multiple choice questions (10 for each of the 5 chosen hazards) requiring a single answer will be available online on **16th April 2019 at 09.00am GMT**. Registration of



participants will be open from 15 October 2018 until 9 April 2019 at 09.00am.

If interested visit the website on <http://www.besafenet.net/> and contact Prof Anton S Micallef on anton.micallef@um.edu.mt for more details.

Teaching Resources

More useful websites ideas for ESD related lesson planning and project work.

Learn more about Climate Change

These two sites are interactive chapters that provide a historic account of climate change and how the world reacted to this global environmental hazard.



<https://outrider.org/climate-change/timelines/climate-history-early-science/>



<https://outrider.org/climate-change/timelines/climate-history-world-reacts/>



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