



**DEPARTMENT FOR CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT**

**LETTER CIRCULAR**

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**To:** All Heads of State Primary Schools  
and Sections  
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**Subject:** Assessing Achievement in Primary Science

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As a result of the pilot project carried out last year by the Primary Science Peripatetic Unit (see circular DCM 52/2006 dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006), performance task assessments will be carried out twice this year in all primary year 4 classes before the half yearly examinations, as well as before the annual exams. The pilot project indicated that this type of assessment is pupil friendly and at the same time helps the classroom teacher measure the children's achievement in Science. It gauges, in a more effective way, both the physical and mental activities involved in scientific investigations. It also helps the teachers to evaluate the teaching methods they are using in the teaching of science.

This scholastic year, all performance task assessments will be carried out by the Primary Science Peripatetic Unit who will also provide all the materials necessary for this assessment. The class teachers need to be present at all times. They are expected to be involved in the assessment process since, in coming years, it is expected that this assessment will be carried out by the class teachers themselves.

The assessment will take place as follows:

Date	Session 1 (09:00- 10:00)	Session 2 (11:15 -12:15)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb '06	Safi; Kalkara; Kirkop; Sliema; Mgarr; Qrendi; Gzira; St. Julians; Senglea; Floriana; Bahrija	Gudja; Xghajra; Gharghur; M'Xlokk.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	Cospicua; Dingli; Hamrun SS; Valletta; Mqabba; Pieta	Vittoriosa; Mtarfa; Marsa; Lija; Tarxien; St. Venera
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	Ghaxaq; Pembroke; Qormi SG; Mellieha; Marsascala;	Luqa; Msida; Qormi SS
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	Attard; Hamrun GP; B'Kara; Zejtun	Naxxar; Rabat B; Zebbug B; Zurrieq B
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	B'Bugia B; St. Paul's Bay; Paola B	Fgura B; Siggiewi
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	San Gwann B; Zabbar B	Mosta B

Schools in Gozo:

Date	Session 1 – 09:00-10:00	Session 2 – 11:15 -12:15
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	Gharb; San Lawrenz	-----
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	Kercem; Xewkija	Qala; Zebbug
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	Ghajnsielem	Nadur
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	Sannat	Victoria
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb '06	Xaghra	-----

The Science peripatetic teachers will be visiting the schools prior to the assessment dates to make any logistical arrangements required with the schools.

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