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**To: All Heads of Primary Schools (State and Non-State) & Sections**

**Subject: Pupil Council Annual Report – Scholastic Year 2005/6**

**From: Ms Josephine Vassallo, Education Officer – Democracy and Values Education**

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Attached kindly find the Pupil Council Annual Report (Scholastic Year 2005/6) provided from the feedback sent by the President and Secretary of the Councils.

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in the absence of Director Student Services and International Relations

**PUPIL COUNCILS  
ANNUAL REPORT  
SCHOLASTIC YEAR 2005/6**

A Survey on Education for Democratic Citizenship in the Life on the School was sent to State and Non-State schools during the scholastic year 2005/6.

The following State and Non-State Primary Schools sent their feedback.

<b>State</b>	<b>Non-State</b>
Bahrija	St Francis School, Cospicua
B'Kara 'A'	St Joan Antide, Gudja
B'Bugia 'A'	Stella Maris, Balzan
Dingli	Theresa Nuzzo, Marsa
Fgura 'B'	
Floriana	
Gharghur	
Gudja	
Gzira	
Hamrun (GP)	
Hamrun (SS)	
Kirkop	
Lija	
Luqa	
Marsa	
M'Scala	
Mellieha	
Mosta 'A'	
Mqabba	
Msida	
Mtarfa	
Naxxar	
Paola 'A'	
Pieta'	
Qormi (SG)	
Rabat 'A'	
Rabat 'B'	
Safi	
San Gwann 'B'	
Senglea	
Siggiewi	
St Paul's Bay	
Tarxien	
Vittoriosa	
Zabbar 'A'	
Zabbar 'B'	
Zebbug 'A'	
Zebbug 'B'	
Zejtun 'B'	
Ghansielem	
Kercem	
Qala	
San Lawrenz	
Victoria	
Xaghra	
Zebbug	

One of the main aspects that offers a rich opportunity to learn about citizenship in practice, knowledge and procedures of representative democracy is the Pupil/Student Council. A section of the survey was addressed to the President and Secretary of the Pupil Councils. The following primary schools filled in this part:

<b>State</b>	<b>Non-State</b>
Bahrija	St Joan Antide, Gudja
Gudja	Theresa Nuzzo, Marsa
Gzira	
M'Scala	
Mellieha	
Mqabba	
Qormi (SG)	
Rabat 'B'	
St Paul's Bay	
Tarxien	
Zebbug 'B'	
San Lawrenz	
Victoria	
Xaghra	

#### **Number of Scholastic Meetings held during scholastic year**

14 State Schools have reported holding council meetings through the scholastic year: the frequency of which ranges from a good number of regular meetings to a few and at times, minimal number of meetings. Three other schools reported they are still in the process of setting up the council.

2 Church Schools have reported holding council meetings.

#### **Matters discussed during council meetings.**

Most popular issues brought up for discussion were of an environmental nature: school cleanliness, waste management and recycling, saving on electricity, compost making.

Amongst other matters discussed were:

- Bullying
- Better functioning of pupil councils
- Fund raising and charity activities
- Behaviour and school discipline
- Improvement of school buildings
- Organising games during Breaks

### **Activities promoted by council**

Of particular prominence were activities related to the environment. This mainly concerned waste management strategies, the collecting of organic material for compost making, tree planting activity, the appointment of Green Wardens, and strategies for increasing cleanliness. Animal awareness also featured. Also popular was the involvement of council members in the holding special days like Parents' Day, Prize Day, Casual Dress Day, Ftira Day, etc. Of particular note was an activity regarding e-twinning with foreign schools and a Comenius project (communicating with European countries).

Other promoted activities include:

- Fund raising especially for charity
- Christmas programme
- Easter Festival
- Sports Day
- Role play re bullying

### **What the council has achieved**

In general, the promotion of a better (physical) school environment and contributing towards developing the school community were the great achievements of most of the councils. In some cases the councils' work led to a football pitch with turf, better embellishment, more cleanliness, less water and electricity wastage.

Other very important achievements reported were:

- Better communication with their peers, parents and staff
- More democracy
- Better behaviour during Breaks
- An experience in leadership and in organising things
- A sense of self fulfilment and empowerment.

### **How does the council raise funds?**

Three pupil councils have reported raising funds through various fund raising activities like Panina Day, and sale of books. Three other councils claim to be provided with some funds by the School Council. Only 2 councils reported having a formal budget to make use of.

<b>Name of School</b>	<b>No. of meetings</b>
Bahrija	15
Gudja	4
Gzira	10
M'Scala	2
Mellieha	14
Mqabba	5
Qormi (SG)	8
Rabat 'B'	4
St Paul's Bay	9
Tarxien	4
Zebbug 'B'	1
San Lawrenz	5
Victoria	3
Xaghra	9
St Joan Antide, Gudja	3
Theresa Nuzzo, Marsa	10

<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Matters discussed during council meetings</b>
Bahrija	Setting up school inspectors for monitoring environmental cleanliness; Its promotion through book marks; How to welcome guests; Formulating message for Arbor week and Animal Awareness Day
Gudja	Embellishing the school environment; Good behaviour in school; Importance of learning; .Ecoschool
Gzira	Bullying; Behaviour in School; Parents' Day (Ushering); Cleanliness in school; Organising Library Day.
M'Scala	Responsibilities; Sports; School cleanliness; School Discipline
Mellieha	Responsibilities; Sports; School cleanliness; School Discipline
Mqabba	Behaviour; Class Rules; Responsibilites; Supporting each other; Participation.
Qormi (SG)	Code of good behaviour; Policy for fund raising activities; Use of school yard; Activities for pupils
Rabat 'B'	Prize Day; Library
St Paul's Bay	School cleanliness; Staff-pupils relations; School uniform; Work by minor staff
Tarxien	Better discipline during breaks; Organising of games during breaks; How committee functions; Danger areas in yard; Facilitators for low achievers.
Zebbug 'B'	Environment; Hygiene; Water and Electricity; Plants; Our Village.
San Lawrenz	Recycling of plastic and paper; Saving on electricity
Victoria	The functioning of Pupil Council;.Promoting positive behaviour in the playground; Continuation of classroom upgrading programme
Xaghra	Strategies re waste management in school; Embellishing classrooms and school corridors; Making compost from organic matter; Preparing for Eko Skola activities; Projections for next scholastic year.
St Joan Antide, Gudja	Bullying; Manners
Theresa Nuzzo, Marsa	Activities for school children; Training of council members; School rules; charity activities; School Improvement

<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Activities promoted by Council</b>
Bahrija	Short play; Discussion; Presentation regarding issues related to environment and to animals; Fund raising; Sports Day; Distribution of Book Mark to pupils' families re environmental cleanliness; Helped in money raising for charity; Organised talk for parents and library display on World Book Day.
Gudja	Increasing cleanliness in our environment; Reducing wastage of hand towels, liquid soap, water electricity; Involving pupils as Green Wardens; Paper waste monitors; Energy savers; Weekly meter readings (water & electricity)
Gzira	Animal awareness Day; Parents' Day; Library Day; Prize Day (through ushering); Tree Planting; Jum il Gzira; Presentation of cheque to Community Chest Fund; Feature article on the Times
M'Scala	Aimed to encourage pupils to keep school clean; Participate in sport and co-operate with Local Council
Mellieha	Fund Raising Activities
Mqabba	-
Qormi (SG)	Animal Awareness Day; First Holy Communion and Confirmation; Christmas programme; Easter Festival; Prize Day; Council elections; Welcome to Tuvalu representative at CHOGM
Rabat 'B'	Involvement in Prize Distribution; Leadership (yard and in transport); Leaders for Special Awareness Days
St Paul's Bay	-
Tarxien	Introduction of bowling alleys, basketball court, football hockey area.
Zebbug 'B'	Project about safeguarding sea and water resources; Village cleanliness; Caring for our environment; Comenius Project-communicating with some European countries
San Lawrenz	Collection of paper in classroom of batteries, organic material for compost making; Sharing of ideas and initiatives taken in school; School e-twinning with French, Scottish and Czech Schools; Discussing school environment with an Australian school
Victoria	Council set up in May 06
Xaghra	Pupils were asked to talk about waste management strategies at home (promote mentality change)
St Joan Antide, Gudja	Role plays concerning bullying and manners
Theresa Nuzzo, Marsa	Casual Dress Day; Ftira Day; Art competition; Voting for film on Foundress Day

<b>Name of School</b>	<b>What the Council has achieved</b>
Bahrija	A better school environment; A further experience in responsibility and management for pupil council
Gudja	Better communication with pupils, parents, staff; A better embellished environment; A better school image
Gzira	Experience in school management; Experience in activity organisation
M'Scala	Experience in the running of a council
Mellieha	Formulated proposals regarding school improvements; Money donation to school-following fund raising activities
Mqabba	Empowerment in being pro-active
Qormi (SG)	A better relationship with the administration
Rabat 'B'	A sense of leadership/how to handle authority
St Paul's Bay	Self fulfilment
Tarxien	Better behaviour during breaks; Council's disposition to help; Fostered more understanding between pupils.
Zebbug 'B'	Awareness re classroom cleanliness; Awareness re need of saving on water and electricity.
San Lawrenz	A football pitch with Turf; Use of compost in school gardens; Sharing our experience with other schools
Victoria	Council set up in May 06
Xaghra	-
St Joan Antide, Gudja	-
Theresa Nuzzo, Marsa	More democracy through voting for council members and through the suggestion box

<b>Name of School</b>	<b>How does the council raise funds?</b>
Bahrija	Through organising promotional days like 'Panina Day'
Gudja	-
Gzira	-
M'Scala	School Council provides
Mellieha	Through fund raising (a budget is provided to the council)
Mqabba	-
Qormi (SG)	Donated by School Council
Rabat 'B'	Through sale of books (a budget is provided to the council)
St Paul's Bay	-
Tarxien	-
Zebbug 'B'	-
San Lawrenz	School Council helps when required
Victoria	-
Xaghra	-
St Joan Antide, Gudja	-
Theresa Nuzzo, Marsa	Through activities

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