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**To: All Heads of Junior Lyceums & Secondary Schools (State and Non-State) & Sections**

**Subject: Student 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 Student Council Annual Report (Scholastic Year 2005/6) provided from the feedback sent by the President and Secretary of the Councils.

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**STUDENT 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 Secondary Schools sent their feedback.

<b>State</b>	<b>Non-State</b>
Antonio Bosio BSS, Gzira	De La Salle College
Dun G. Zammit JL, Hamrun	Our Lady Immaculate, Hamrun
Dun Karm Psaila BSS, Zebbug	St Aloysius College, B'Kara
F.X.Attard BSS, Marsa	St Augustine's College, Pieta'
Guze D'Amato BSS, Paola	St Dorothy's Senior School
Guze Galea BSS, Qormi	St Monica School, Gzira
Kullegg San Benedittu, Kirkop	The Archbishop's Seminary, Tal-Virtu'
Lorenzo Gafa BSS, Fortini	San Andrea Senior School
M.A.Vassalli JL, Handaq	
Naxxar Secondary Boys	
Ninu Cremona JL, Victoria, Gozo	
Prof. Kurunell Lorenzo Manche', Floriana	
San Frangisk t'Assisi BSS, Sta Venera	
St Joseph Boys' Junior Lyceum, Paola	
Vincenzo Borg Brared BSS, B'Kara	
Vincenzo Bugeja BSS, Sta Venera	
Fra Diego Bonanno GS, Marsa	
G.F. Agius de Soldanis, JL, Victoria, Gozo	
Kan.P.Pullicino GSS, Rabat	
Maria Goretti GSS, Tarxien	
Maria Regina JL, B'Bajda	
Sir Luigi Preziosi GSS, St Andrews	
St Theresa JL, Mriehel	

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 Student Councils. The following Junior Lyceums/Secondary schools filled in this part:

<b>State</b>	<b>Non-State</b>
Antonio Bosio BSS, Gzira	De La Salle College, Vittoriosa
Dun G. Zammit JL, Hamrun	Our Lady Immaculate, Hamrun
Dun Karm Psaila BSS, Zebbug	St Aloysius College, B'Kara
F.X.Attard BSS, Marsa	St Augustine's College, Pieta'
Guze D'Amato BSS, Paola	St Monica School, Gzira
Guze Galea BSS, Qormi	San Andrea Senior School
Kullegg San Benedittu, Kirkop	The Archbishop's Seminary, Tal-Virtu
Lorenzo Gafa BSS, Fortini	
M.A.Vassalli JL, Handaq	
Naxxar Secondary Boys	
Ninu Cremona JL, Victoria, Gozo	
Prof. Kurunell Lorenzo Manche', Floriana	
St Joseph Boys' Junior Lyceum, Paola	
Vincenzo Borg Brared BSS, B'Kara	
Fra Diego Bonanno GS, Marsa	
Kan.P.Pullicino GSS, Rabat	
Maria Goretti GSS, Tarxien	
Maria Regina JL, B'Bajda	
St Theresa JL, Mriehel	

### **Number of council meetings held during scholastic year.**

The number of council meetings reported to be held during the scholastic year range from a good number of 25 meetings to quite a few, in some cases minimal, number of meetings. 20 State Schools claim holding students' council meetings, 4 in the case of church schools, and only 1 Independent School.

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

A wide variety of matters of interest and concern were discussed during meetings. Most popular issues brought up for discussion regarded the school environment, Council statute, Tuck Shop and food provided, Special day celebrations and school activities. Featuring prominently also were behavioural and disciplinary issues, uniform related and P.E. kit concerns, as well as fund raising.

Other important matters considered for discussion included:

- Networking with other schools
- Visits abroad and Comenius project
- Bullying support Group
- Safety measures
- Global voting
- School Magazine, Newsletter, Council leaflet
- Penalty shoot-outs and Pool Marathon
- Carnival and Christmas Party.

### **Activities promoted by council**

Many student councils promoted special days celebrations and activities (e.g. Casual Day, Sports Day, Panina Day, etc. Fund raising activities were also quite popular: aiming to make charity donation or to provide some money for the council itself or even for the school. Other group of councils promoted visits to charitable institutions and to children's and old people's homes.

Other activities common to a number of student councils were sports events, participation in the Comenius project, waste separation and recycling, participation in the Millennium Dream Campaign/White Band Day and Global Voting.

Other activities promoted were:

- A petition regarding P.E. kit
- Animal awareness
- Assembly committee
- Scoops activities
- Talent Show
- Christmas activities
- Ekoskola
- Reading encouragement
- Debate with students of other school
- Talent show

- Concerts and musical (aiming to foster students' artistic talents)

Of particular note was the setting up of a school student website and that of a Student Council national website.

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

Achievements claimed vary from one council to the other. However most interestingly a majority of councils significantly report a development of a personal and social nature. In fact they claim: having learned to be more responsible, expressing better their opinions, a positive feeling of belonging, increased confidence in public speaking, a direct experience of democracy ( increased students' participation and voicing of their opinions), having learned to work together as a team, as well as skills in leadership and in the organisation of meetings. Another important achievement was reported in the organisational set up: better co-operation with SMT, better school organisation in general, an involvement in school policies, better code of behaviour. A good number of councils reported raising money to be donated, with a mix of intentions, either channelled to their school or as funds for their own council, or for charity purposes.

Some of the other quoted achievements here follow:

- Promotion of health food
- Animal awareness
- Ekoskola
- Better school environment and cleaner classes
- More benches for use during Breaks
- Change in school uniform policy
- Improvement in Canteen food and hygiene standards
- An accepted and recognised statute
- Development of students' artistic talents through concerts
- Experiencing different cultures and promotions of friendship.

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

The vast majority of students' councils reported raising funds through various fund raising activities e.g. lotteries, car wash, fashion show, etc. Some of the activities are held during Christmas/Easter time, during Mother's Day, and in one particular case during break time.

One council claims it is supported by the school council when it comes to funds. Another council receives an initial sum from the Headmaster in addition to fund raising, whilst another council augments its fund raising with the Canteen annual rent.

Only 7 councils reported having a formal budget as part of financial planning.

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of council meetings held during scholastic year</b>
Antonio Bosio BSS, Gzira	6
Dun G. Zammit JL, Hamrun	16
Dun Karm Psaila BSS, Zebbug	8
F.X.Attard BSS, Marsa	13
Guze D'Amato BSS, Paola	11
Guze Galea BSS, Qormi	15
Kullegg San Benedittu, Kirkop	25
Lorenzo Gafa BSS, Fortini	5
M.A.Vassalli JL, Handaq	Once a week
Naxxar BSS	5
Ninu Cremona JL, Victoria, Gozo	20
Prof. Kurunell Lorenzo Manche', Floriana	4
St Joseph Boys' Junior Lyceum, Paola	20
Vincenzo Borg Brared BSS, B'Kara	14
Fra Diego Bonanno GS, Marsa	8
Kan.P.Pullicino GSS, Rabat	-
Maria Goretti GSS, Tarxien	6
Maria Regina JL, B'Bajda	25
St Theresa JL, Mriehel	24
De La Salle College, Vittoriosa	2
Our Lady Immaculate, Hamrun	-
St Aloysius College, B'Kara	-
St Augustine's College, Pieta'	15
St Monica School, Gzira	6
San Andrea Senior School	15
The Archbishop's Seminary, Tal-Virtu	10

<b>School</b>	<b>Matters discussed during council meetings.</b>
Antonio Bosio BSS, Gzira	Lockers; Code of Conduct; Prize Day; Comenius; Waste Separation; Educational visits
Dun G. Zammit JL, Hamrun	School environment; sustainability of students living in the school
Dun Karm Psaila BSS, Zebbug	Bullying; cleanliness in school and classes; activities to be organised; class behaviour
F.X.Attard BSS, Marsa	Council elections; planned activities; new roles; global voting; school problems
Guze D'Amato BSS, Paola	School lockers; school environment; dress code; bullying; school magazine and newsletter
Guze Galea BSS, Qormi	Council statute and logo; uniform
Kullegg San Benedittu, Kirkop	Uniform badge; penalty shoot out; end of year activity; P.E. Track suit; Suggestion Box
Lorenzo Gafa BSS, Fortini	Statute; Participation in Pool Marathon; Fund raising activity (selling of ice cream in Tuck Shop); Matters regarding school
M.A.Vassalli JL, Handaq	School uniforms; Students Council activities; School time table; 25th Anniversary Celebrations; Spring Day in Europe
Naxxar BSS	Amalgamation of Schools; Curriculum changes; Students visit to Bari; Tuck Shop; Environment
Ninu Cremona JL, Victoria, Gozo	School rules; Fund raising events; Council Statute; School cleanliness
Prof. Kurunell Lorenzo Manche', Floriana	School embellishment and maintenance; Welcoming guests; School newsletter article; Money collection for charity donation.
St Joseph Boys' Junior Lyceum, Paola	Statute and contract of membership; Council logo; Safety measures; School environment
Vincenzo Borg Brared BSS, B'Kara	Ways of how school can be improved; Changes in rules regarding P.E. kit;. Issues regarding lack of resources; Lockers; Organisation of fund raising activity; Fun Day.
Fra Diego Bonanno GS, Marsa	Help within the school; Lottery; Setting example for others; Tuck Shop.
Kan.P.Pullicino GSS, Rabat	School uniform; School environment; Fund Raising for charity
Maria Goretti GSS, Tarxien	Cleanliness in classrooms; Damage to classroom furniture, curtains, etc.
Maria Regina JL, B'Bajda	Winter uniform; Crazy uniform day; Mother's Day souvenirs; Networking with other schools; Questionnaire/petition re P.E. kit
St Theresa JL, Mriehel	School activities; School uniform; Discipline in school; Bullying and Bullying Support Group
De La Salle College, Vittoriosa	Aims for the Scholastic year
Our Lady Immaculate, Hamrun	Talent Show and Jeans Day; More library books; Tuck Shop; Improving school yard and garden; Club Day
St Aloysius College, B'Kara	Environmental awareness at college; Students' suggestions and complaints; Council Statute
St Augustine's College, Pieta'	Students' activities; Students' difficulties; Resources used; Organising Open Day
St Monica School, Gzira	Jeans Day; Carnival and Christmas party; Cafeteria during Parents Day; Winter School jacket, Code of behaviour
San Andrea Senior School	Canteen; Tests; Bathrooms and changing rooms; Camp; Fund raising
The Archbishop's Seminary, Tal-Virtu	Dress down days; Student Council leaflet; May fair activity; Exams timetable; Healthy food; Clean environment

School	Activities promoted by council
Antonio Bosio BSS, Gzira	Waste separation; Reading encouragement.; Animal Awareness; Preparation for Comenius Project; Badminton Marathon in aid of Community Chest Fund; Old People's home visit/ Christmas Concert; Visit to Local Council; Participation in Sports; Cultural Scoops activities; Participation in Comenius Project; Exhibition on Global issues and being a good pet owner
Dun G. Zammit JL, Hamrun	Casual Day; Bike marathon; EkoSkola; Active citizenship in Europe; Europe Day Conference at MCC; Spring Day in Europe.
Dun Karm Psaila BSS, Zebbug	Students helped in their class organisation and cleanliness, they also referred any queries to Student Council
F.X.Attard BSS, Marsa	Panina Day; Sports Day; Penalty Shoot out; Prize Day; Spring Day in Europe; Global voting; Millenium Dream Campaign
Guze D' Amato BSS, Paola	Citizenship week; Waste separation awareness; Christmas activities; Meeting with Local Council representatives
Guze Galea BSS, Qormi	Talent Show; Help in Parents' Day activity; Participated in organisation of Global voting activity
Kullegg San Benedittu, Kirkop	Charity collection for Albania; Penalty shoot out in Sports Fest 06; Playstation Challenge 06
Lorenzo Gafa BSS, Fortini	Fund raising in school, door to door in locality, door to door in other localities; One day playing billiards
M.A.Vassalli JL, Handaq	Meeting with Commissioner for Children; Debate with Students of St. Theresa GJL; Visits to various charitable institutions and Old People's home; Spring Day in Europe
Naxxar BSS	Mother's/ Father's Day activity; Visit to Local Council; Meeting with co-ordinator from other countries in a youth meeting
Ninu Cremona JL, Victoria, Gozo	
Prof. Kurunell Lorenzo Manche', Floriana	Mother's Day; Prize Day; Sports Day
St Joseph Boys' Junior Lyceum, Paola	Logo Competition; Form 1 elections
Vincenzo Borg Brared BSS, B'Kara	Fund raising activity; Fun Day for Student Council fund
Fra Diego Bonanno GS, Marsa	Lottery gifts prepared by Council itself include stained glass, lace, parchment, etc.
Kan.P.Pullicino GSS, Rabat	Games/sports events involving both students and staff; School newsletter; Visits to the elderly/children's homes; Fund raising for Community Chest Fund/Hospice Movement; Environmental education awareness; Waste separation and recycling; Anti-racist education.
Maria Goretti GSS, Tarxien	Drafted point system for keeping classrooms clean and tidy
Maria Regina JL, B'Bajda	Petition to ask students' opinion regarding P.E. Kits; Setting up of national web site together with other schools aiming to establish contact with other students both locally and from abroad.

St Theresa JL, Mriehel	Assembly Committee; Role of Tuck shop; Wardens and Prefects; Election of Student Council; Christmas activities; CHOGM orientation visit; U.S. Ambassador's visit; Commissioner for Rights of Child visit; School student website; Spring Day in Europe participation; World Children's Prize for Rights of Child; White Band Day.
De La Salle College, Vittoriosa	World Children's Prize voting; Fund raising activities (for families in the locality and for the Missionary of Charity); Meeting with Queen Elizabeth; World Children's Prize
Our Lady Immaculate, Hamrun	Talent Show; Tuck Shop; Jeans Day
St Aloysius College, B'Kara	Casual Day; Car Wash; Concert; Setting up and running of bars
St Augustine's College, Pieta'	PTA activities; Ladies Circle; Activities organised by Education dept., NGO, Etc.; Comenius
St Monica School, Gzira	Fund raising activities e.g Jeans Day, Carnival and Christmas party; Cafeteria during Parents Day; Teachers' Day
San Andrea Senior School	Fund raising through a boat party for Form3 -5 students
The Archbishop's Seminary, Tal-Virtu''	Dress down days; School clean-up activity; Christmas class decoration competition; May Fair; Visit to Health and Safety Expo; White Band Day

<b>School</b>	<b>What the Council has achieved</b>
Antonio Bosio BSS, Gzira	Increased love for reading; Awareness of animal needs and pet owner responsibilities; Increase in student participation and in understanding of democracy.
Dun G. Zammit JL, Hamrun	Casual Day; Photocopier in the library; Initiated Ekoskola
Dun Karm Psaila BSS, Zebbug	Organized the cleaning of classes
F.X.Attard BSS, Marsa	Creating a budget; Increased participation in activities by students; Promotion of health food
Guze D'Amato BSS, Paola	-
Guze Galea BSS, Qormi	Drawing up of a statute; Its acceptance and recognition by students and staff
Kullegg San Benedittu, Kirkop	Established Council's aims and targets; Organised two events for the whole school
Lorenzo Gafa BSS, Fortini	Council members learned to be more responsible and to express their opinion better; Students learned to help others in need; Donated money raised to the disabled
M.A.Vassalli JL, Handaq	Experience in public speaking; Involvement in school uniform and school policies
Naxxar BSS	Council managed to get help from University and Local Council
Ninu Cremona JL, Victoria, Gozo	Fostered positive feeling of belonging (being part of a school); Raised funds; Students can voice their opinion
Prof. Kurunell Lorenzo Manche', Floriana	Character formation; better school organisation
St Joseph Boys' Junior Lyceum, Paola	As per previously mentioned targets
Vincenzo Borg Brared BSS, B'Kara	Change in school uniform policy; Organised fund raising activity – Fun Day
Fra Diego Bonanno GS, Marsa	-
Kan.P.Pullicino GSS, Rabat	A cleaner and better organised school environment; More benches for use during Breaks
Maria Goretti GSS, Tarxien	Training in leadership skills and in holding meetings with specific agendas; Acquaintance with specific duties and roles
Maria Regina JL, B'Bajda	Learning to work together as a team
St Theresa JL, Mriehel	A prominent position in school policy
De La Salle College, Vittoriosa	Better co-operation with SMT; Better representation with students
Our Lady Immaculate, Hamrun	More capable of voicing opinion and views especially regarding students' matters
St Aloysius College, B'Kara	Proposals and suggestions were formulated and referred for further discussions within College Council; Fund raising proceeds channelled to College and Students' Council
St Augustine's College, Pieta'	Increased students' participation, decision making and organisational skills
St Monica School, Gzira	More profits for the school; Better code of behaviour
San Andrea Senior School	Consideration and implementation of reforms
The Archbishop's Seminary, Tal-Virtu	Greater involvement of students in school life; Making school a more enjoyable experience; Charity donation through fund raising

<b>School</b>	<b>How does the council raise funds</b>
Antonio Bosio BSS, Gzira	Supported by School Council
Dun G. Zammit JL, Hamrun	Through fund raising activities organised by school e.g car wash Budgeting LM50
Dun Karm Psaila BSS, Zebbug	
F.X.Attard BSS, Marsa	Through activities organised by School Council Budget of LM40
Guze D'Amato BSS, Paola	-
Guze Galea BSS, Qormi	-
Kullegg San Benedittu, Kirkop	-
Lorenzo Gafa BSS, Fortini	Through fund raising
M.A.Vassalli JL, Handaq	Through fund raising
Naxxar BSS	Through fund raising
Ninu Cremona JL, Victoria, Gozo	Through fund raising events Budget of LM25
Prof. Kurunell Lorenzo Manche', Floriana	-
St Joseph Boys' Junior Lyceum, Paola	-
Vincenzo Borg Brared BSS, B'Kara	Through fund raising
Fra Diego Bonanno GS, Marsa	Through lotteries
Kan.P.Pullicino GSS, Rabat	-
Maria Goretti GSS, Tarxien	-
Maria Regina JL, B'Bajda	Through organised activities throughout the year .e.g in Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day etc Budget of LM80
St Theresa JL, Mriehel	-
De La Salle College, Vittoriosa	Through fund raising activities during break time
Our Lady Immaculate, Hamrun	-
St Aloysius College, B'Kara	Budget provided
St Augustine's College, Pieta'	In house fund raising
St Monica School, Gzira	Through fund raising
San Andrea Senior School	Plans to raise funds through fund raising
The Archbishop's Seminary, Tal-Virtu	Through fund raising Budget of LM200

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