

Young Reporters for the Environment

Newsletter 2

International Website

The first term has already come to an end – and January will see many Young Reporters working hard on their projects. With the 31 March as the deadline for all projects, many students put all their efforts to finish their projects during the second term.

December saw the launch of the International Website, with many new ideas and criteria. For those who haven't yet done so the site is worth a visit: www.youngreporters.org. May I remind you that the local website: www.yremalta.org is being updated to reflect the new criteria. **ALL** local entries must still be uploaded on the local website. Uploading on the international website is optional, but it will display the entries to the whole YRE community.

I have already sent, in a separate email, the criteria adopted for this year. Those who have not received a copy should contact me as soon as possible. As already mentioned, there are some drastic changes this year which should be followed when uploading the YRE entries.

Please feel free to contact me if you need further information.

Malta Tourism Authority

The Malta Tourism Authority will launch its annual competition, which, this year, will have the theme: ***Let's Conserve Malta's Natural Habitat***. YRE entries will **automatically**, participate in this competition as well. All related entries: articles, videos and photos will be participating in this local competition, and stand a chance to win prizes. The winners will be presented with the prizes in May, with the opening of the Blue Flag beach season. Heartfelt thanks to the Malta Tourism Authority for believing in the programme and supporting the students' work through this initiative.

More information can be obtained through the authority's website link: www.visitmalta.com, where you can find an informative video on the same initiative.





Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/YREMalta>



The local facebook page has been launched as well. It is a closed group so feel free to join in and post comments / links whenever you like. The idea is to have a space where both teachers and students can post ideas and environmental concerns, and even network for joint projects. I am aware that there may be denied access from schools, but students and teachers who want to browse and post comments after school hours are free to do so. There are already some very useful posts to browse!

Mission in Portugal

YRE Portugal is inviting 2 students from Malta to participate in a Mission entitled **Rock in Rio** in May, where students will meet other young reporters for a music concert in Lisbon and report concerns on sustainability of organisation, musicians and so on.

Another opportunity is for 4 to 6 students to participate in an

environmental mission entitled **Mission in Our National Natural Park – “Peneda-Gerês”** in April.

For both missions, accomodation is already catered for, but we are still striving to find sponsors for the flights. However, I need to know who would be interested in participating if we manage to get the sponsor. Since both missions are after March, the entries for this missions will have to be submitted for scholastic year 2012-2013.

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year!

On behalf of FEE International, Nature Trust (Malta) and all members of the EkoSkola team, I wish to send my best wishes for the festive season. May you all have a joyful season and a well deserved rest.

Regards

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