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**Blongun
Sekond**

Hahaha!
Hsibtu platt
spagetti jien!

Biz-zalza!
Hahahahaha!

Psst! Sikkithom
lil dat-tnejn sur
Editor.

Hei Huttaf...

Il-pittma pjanta stramba hafna.
Stramba ghax nistennew li
pjanta tkun hadra u bil-weraq,
mhux hafna h'jut homor!
Imma l-pittma hija parassita.
Ma taghmilx fotosintesi ghax
in-nutrijenti li ghandha bzonn
tisraqhom minn pjanti oħrajn.
Tosta hux!



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Spiss nisimgħu fuq sigar li
jinqerdu mill-bliet u l-kampanja
– donnu hawn gwerra shiħa
kontrihom.

Imma kultant tara affarijiet u
tinduna li mhux kulhadd kontra
s-sigar. Hawn nies li vera
jhobbuhom u jirrispettawhom.

Pereżempju l-ġimgħa l-oħra mort
passiġġata Ta' Qali biex noqgħod
nisma' l-isturnell, il-pitirrossi u
l-vjolini tax-xitwa (u ngawdi ftit ħdura
wkoll). Ħin minnhom għaddejt minn
passaġġ bil-madum u nnutajt li
f'post minnhom il-ġenb tal-passaġġ
ma kienx dritt, imma kif taraw mir-
ritratt kellu bħal dahla, biċċa nieqsa.

Naħseb indunajt u għaliex saret
dik id-dahla! Hekk hu, ghax fiha kien
hemm sigra sabiħa taċ-ċipress. Din

is-sigra kienet hemm qabel ma sar
il-passaġġ. Meta ġew biex jgħaddu
l-passaġġ, min kien qed imexxi
l-proġett seta' qal:

“U iija ntajru s-sigra ħalli
l-passaġġ jgħaddi dritt!”

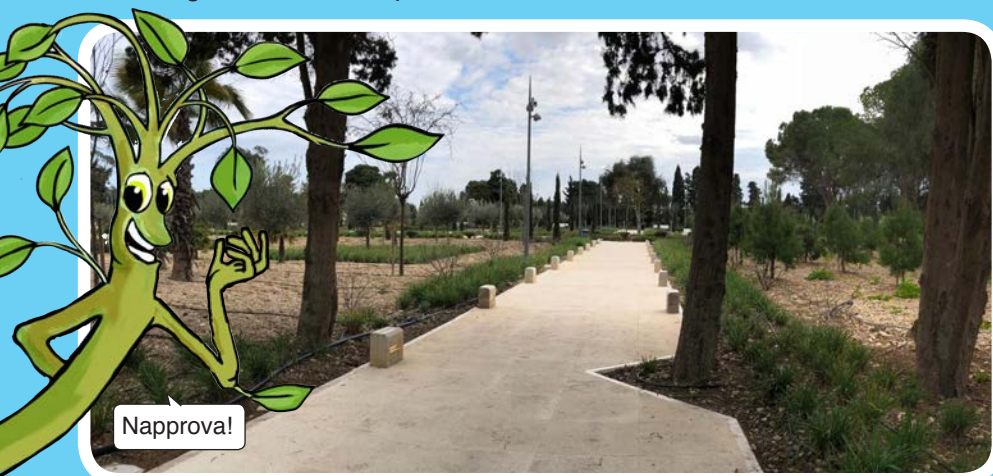
Imma flok hekk, din il-persuna
rriřpettat liċ-ċipressa, u lill-
ħaddiema qaltilhom biex il-passaġġ
idur b'mod li ma ssirilhiex ħsara.

Waww! Nixtieq naf min kienet
din il-persuna ħalli mmur noħdilha
b'idha u ngħidilha: Prosit!

Min jaf, forsi dan ix-xiħadd kien
membru fi Klabb Huttaf meta kien
zghir!

Victor

Victor Falzon
L-Editor



Victor Falzon

Blonġun Sekond

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

Il-blonġun sekond jiffaċċa fil-harifa, imma xi ftit minnhom anke
jgħaddu x-xitwa magħna wkoll. Biex jagħmlu dan naturalment
iridu jsibu fejn jgħixu bla tfixkil, u jridu jsibu x'jieklu wkoll (ħut
zghir, gambli, eċċ.). Ir-riservi naturali tal-Għadira, Is-Simar u
s-Salina huma ideali għal dawn l-ghasafar simpatici.



Ritratt ta' Aron Tanti

Zizka bil-ġżuz!

Roost count tajba



Fil-11 Jannar ingabru l-Belt Valletta 25 membru tal-BirdLife. Marru jiehdu pizza? Le, marru jghoddu z-zizka!

Kull xitwa fis-sigħar ta' **Pjazza Assedju** fil-Belt jidhlu jorqdu kuljum filghaxija eluf ta' **zizka bojod**. U kull sena l-BirdLife naghżlu ġurnata u mmorru nġhodduhom.

Il-voluntiera tqassmu mas-swar madwar il-Belt u kif beda jbexbex iz-zizka bdew deġlin u l-membri bdew jghodduhom: min tella' mijiet min tella' eluf. Meta z-zizka daħlu kollha, il-voluntiera ngabru u ħarġu total ta' **14,780**. Numru sabiħ ħafna, għalkemm inqas minn tas-sena l-oħra.

Dis-sena minbarra l-Belt, għoddejna wkoll iz-zizka f'żewġ roosts oħra: waħda l-**Qawra (1526 zakak)** u l-oħra l-**Mosta (803 zakak)**. Dawn ir-roosts huma ħafna iżgħar minn tal-Belt.

Fir-roost count tas-sena l-oħra għoddejna **16,182** u kienet sena rekord.



Kienet f'Il-Fluttafa 180

Iz-zakak abjad (*white wagtail*) għasfur żgħir u eleganti, b'denb twil, forma żnella u "uniformi" pulita. Iz-zakak abjad jasal Malta fil-ħarifa minn artijiet keshin. Il-klima fietla tagħna (u nħawi oħrajn tal-Mediterran) jsibuha komda u ħafna zizka jghaddu x-xitwa magħna.

Binhar iz-zizka jinfirxu fl-ghelieqi, fil-pjazez u fil-ġonna jfittxu l-insetti. Imma filghaxija jingabru fi gruppi kbar biex jorqdu flimkien f'sigħar għall-kenn. Dawn il-postijiet nġhidulhom **roosts** u l-ikbar roost taz-zakak abjad f'Malta qieghda l-Belt.

Park li jista' jikber sew

F'Diċembru nfetaħ **Park Wied Inċita** f'Ħ'Attard, park ġdid b'mijiet ta' sigħar, arbuxelli u mogħdijiet (u xi żewġ gazebos). L-area tal-park hija **20,000m²**, xi daqs żewġ grawnds tal-futbol. Prosit Ambjent Malta tal-inizjattiva.

Issa hdejn dal-park hemm Wied Inċita nnifsu, li bħalissa jinsab fi stat tal-biki. Kif taraw mir-ritratt, hemm barriera enormi li belghet l-art fuq kull naħa tal-wied, il-wied qasmitu min-nofs u fgatu bit-terrapien.

Għalhekk issa nheggu lill-awtoritajiet biex jagħmlu ¹*rewilding* ta' Wied Inċita nnifsu. DAK ikun park ta' kiesaħ eh – **240,000m²** ta' natura, sigħar, fjuri, insetti u għasafar.

Forsi xi darba...



Il-park il-ġdid...

... u l-park li qed jistenna!

¹*rewilding*. Meta art li tkun intużat (u spiss inqerdet) mill-bniedem titreġġa' lura għan-natural

il-Likeni

Il-likeni jikbru f'ambjenti difficili, pereżempju fuq il-wieċ mikxuf ta' blata. Dan kapaċi jagħmluh bis-saħħa tat-*teamwork*!

Qatt rajtu bħal tbajja' sofor, orangjo, ħodor, griżi jew suwed fuq ċint qadim jew fuq blat fil-kampanja? Dawk mhumieq tbajja' imma affarijiet haġġin, u huma speċjali haġġa. Dawk huma likeni.

Tnejn mhux waħda!

Meta nharsu lejn likena, forsi nahsbu li nkunu qed naraw *living thing* waħda. Imma fil-fatt likena hija għaqda ta' żewġ affarijiet haġġin qed jgħixu flimkien. Eżempju perfett ta' *teamwork*! Dan għaliex il-likena tkun magħmula minn **funġu** u minn **alga**.

Dawn x'inhuma? U għaliex jgħixu flimkien? Jgħixu flimkien għax it-tnejn jagħtu xi haġġa lil xulxin.

il-funġu

Il-funġi huma ħlejjaq komuni, fosthom dawk li minnhom jikber il-faqqiegħ (*mushrooms*). Is-soltu l-funġi jikbru f'postijiet mudlama u umdi, imma fil-likeni l-funġi jikber fil-mikxuf fuq blat jew zkuk. Fil-likena xogħol il-funġu hu bħal tal-bennej: joħloq 'dar' għall-alga u jipproteġiha mix-xemx u min-nixfa. Il-kulur li tara meta tħares lejn likena huwa s-'saqaf' tal-funġu, għax l-alga tkun taħtu. Imma alga x'inhom?

l-alga

L-algi huma pjanti li s-soltu jgħixu fil-ilma, fil-fatt naraw haġġa minnhom fil-baħar. Barra mill-ilma l-algi jinxfu u jmutu, imma l-algi li jgħixu fil-likeni ma jinxfu. Kif? Għax hemm il-funġu jipproteġihom min-nixfa. Prosit! Allura l-alga x'tagħmel għall-funġu?

Bħall-pjanti l-oħra, l-algi jagħmlu dak li ngħidulu fotosintesi, jiġifieri

jużaw id-dawl tax-xemx biex jagħmlu ikel għalihom infushom haġġi jikbru. Il-funġi mhumieq pjanti u ma jagħmlux fotosintesi, għalhekk il-funġu ta' ġol-likena jiehu min-nutrijenti li tkun qed tagħmel l-alga. U b'hekk l-alga u l-funġu jgħinu lil xulxin.

bil-mod haġġa

Il-likeni m'għandhomx għeruq, għalhekk ma jistgħux itellgħu l-ilma mill-art bħalma jagħmlu l-pjanti. Jieħdu ilma biss mix-xita jew min-nida. Minha bba f'hekk il-likeni jikbru bil-mod haġġa, f'sena forsi jikbru 1-2mm! Meta tara likena wiesgħa 10cm, jaf ikollha bejn 5 snin u 10 snin.

nisgħa tal-hajja

Bħal kull haġġa fin-natura, il-likeni huma parti min-nisgħa tal-hajja. Hemm annimali zghar immens li jgħixu fihom. Il-likeni kapaċi jgħixu f'artijiet

fejn tagħmel haġġa kesha u silgħ, bħal fit-tramuntana tad-dinja.

F'dawn l-artijiet keshin is-sigħar iwaqqgħu l-weraq fix-xitwa, tant li l-erbivori ma jkollhomx x'inaqqru. Għalhekk fix-xitwa annimali bħal ċrief u renni (*reindeer*) jispiċċaw jieklu l-likeni li jikbru qishom twapet jiksu l-art, u spiss ikollhom jigirfu fil-borra b'saqajhom sa ma jsibuhom. Li ma jkunux il-likeni haġġa minn dawn l-annimali aktarx imutu bil-ġuħ.

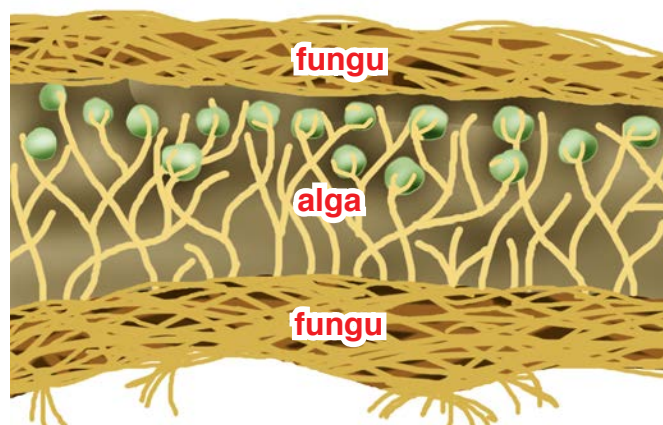
Mela meta tergħgħu taraw dawk it-tbajja' fuq il-blat, harsu lejhom b'rispett, għax dawk huma eżempju ta' żewġ ħlejjaq li dejjem jaqblu ma' xulxin!

¹erbivori. Annimali li jieklu l-pjanti



Mnalla jkunu l-likeni għalina!

Il-likena tkun **generalment** magħmula qisha **sandwich**: il-**ħobz** huwa l-funġu, u l-mili ta' **gewwa** huwa l-alga.



L-Ghasafar KOLLHA ta' Malta

F'Malta s'issa dehru **406 speċi** ta' ghasafar. Xi speċi huma komuni, ohrajn rari, uħud iżuruna ftit granet fis-sena, ohrajn jgħixu magħna s-sena kollha. F'dis-sensiela qed ingibu l-lista kollha, u dawn huma **Numri 171 sa 180...**

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Isem Malti
Ċirlewwa tal-Baħar
Isem Ingliz
Common Tern
Isem xjentifiku
Sterna hirundo

176



Isem Malti
Skuwa tal-Artiku
Isem Ingliz
Arctic Jaeger
Isem xjentifiku
Stercorarius parasiticus

172



Isem Malti
Ċirlewwa tal-Artiku
Isem Ingliz
Arctic Tern
Isem xjentifiku
Sterna paradisaea

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Isem Malti
Skuwa
Isem Ingliz
Pomarine Jaeger
Isem xjentifiku
Stercorarius pomarinus

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Isem Malti
Ċirlewwa tal-Libja
Isem Ingliz
Lesser Crested Tern
Isem xjentifiku
Thalasseus bengalensis

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Isem Malti
Skuwa Prima
Isem Ingliz
Great Skua
Isem xjentifiku
Catharacta skua

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Isem Malti
Ċirlewwa tax-Xitwa
Isem Ingliz
Sandwich Tern
Isem xjentifiku
Thalasseus sandvicensis

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Isem Malti
Purċinell
Isem Ingliz
Atlantic Puffin
Isem xjentifiku
Fratercula arctica

175



Isem Malti
Skuwa Denbha Twil
Isem Ingliz
Long-tailed Jaeger
Isem xjentifiku
Stercorarius longicaudus

180



Isem Malti
Mus
Isem Ingliz
Razorbill
Isem xjentifiku
Alca torda

Lista approvata minn BirdLife Malta. Għalkemm xi speċi magħrufin b'iktar minn isem wiehed, dawn huma l-ismijiet uffiċjali bil-Malti li tuża BirdLife Malta. L-ismijiet bl-Ingliz u xjentifiċi huma dawk li tuża BirdLife International (www.birdlife.org)

We're SPYING on the BIRDS!



Ravenous robin!



Starving sparrows!

Kids at San Anton School are super excited about a new gadget they have at school. It's a **SPY CAMERA** that BirdLife helped them set up on the bird table in their new Dinja Waħda Garden. The camera is online so the kids can now watch birds visit their bird table **LIVE** on their classroom screen. Well done San Anton!

Every day the students put out cake and biscuits on their bird table for birds to snack on. They even built a small birdwatching hide in the garden. Sparrows and robins visit the bird table every day, as you can see from the spycam pictures.

Maybe your school can do the same!

LOOKING LIKE DOLPHINS BEFORE IT WAS MAINSTREAM

WHAT IS THIS STRANGE DOLPHIN-LOOKING ANIMAL?

This is an **ICHTHYOSAUR**, a marine reptile that lived during the age of dinosaurs, between 250 and 90 million years ago.



IT LOOKS LIKE A DOLPHIN, BUT IT IS NOT A MAMMAL, AND EVEN THOUGH IT HAS FINS, IT IS NOT A FISH EITHER. SO, WHAT IS GOING ON?



To understand this, we must first explore why many marine animals look alike, despite not being closely related.

- Dolphins, Mako Sharks, and Tuna all appear “fishy” because they are fast swimmers.
- The most efficient way to move quickly through the water is to have a torpedo-like shape, which is highly hydrodynamic.

THE LAWS OF PHYSICS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AT PLAY, SHAPING THESE MARINE REPTILES TO RESEMBLE FISH OVER TIME.

- They also have a **bottle nose**, like dolphins do.
- This snout allows to easily capture slippery prey, such as fish and squid relatives.

**STOP COPYING
MY LOOK,
FLIPPER!**



SOME ICHTHYOSAURS REACHED GIANT SIZES!

- In 2020, a father and a daughter found a **giant Ichthyosaur jawbone** in Somerset (UK).
- Paleontologists think this animal could reach **25 meters**. The **biggest** found, yet.
- They named it *Ichthyotitan severnensis*, meaning “giant fish lizard of the Severn.”



Ichthyotitan severnensis

DID YOU KNOW?

- One of the first female scientists was a paleontologist.
- She collected and studied various English Ichthyosaurs.
- Her name was Mary Anning, and she lived from 1799 to 1847.

X'ihammarr...

Victor Falzon



**PEPRIN TAL-
LANŻIT**
bristly poppy

Desirée Falzon



GHAJN IS-SERDUQ
pheasant's eye

Fost il-mijiet ta' speċi ta' pjanti li jikbru fil-kampanja Maltija, f'tit ħafna jagħmlu fjuri ħomor. Fjuri sofor, bojod, roża u vjola għandna kemm trid imma fjuri ħomor ma tantx. Dawn is-seba' speċi fost l-iktar li jikkwalifikaw bħala ħomor!

Desirée Falzon



PEPRIN KOMUNI
common poppy

Aron Tanti



PEPRIN TAL-ISTAMI SOFOR
Mediterranean poppy

Victor Falzon



DERU
lentisk

Mark Anthony Falzon



FIGĠIELA HAMRA
winged pea

SILLA
sulla

Ċiefa

Scopoli's Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea*





Staguni

Gheżież tfal, kif intom? Kemm qed inħoss li ilni ma nkellemkom! Illum ghandi ahbar vera sabiha ghalikom!

Il-BOV bhala parti mill-progetti ta' Rebbiegha se johrog ktieb jismu Staguni ghal tfal minn 8-10 snin! Dan il-ktieb qed isir b'kollobarazzjoni ma' Write Deal Association u meta ha johrog ha tarawh idur fil-klassijiet madwar Malta u Ghawdex.

Jien vera joghgboni l-kotba! U dan aktar ghax se jitkellem fuq l-ambjent ta' madwarna u kif ahna nistghu niehdu hsiebu mill-ahjar li nistghu! Il-karattri tal-ktieb se jkunu tewmin ta' 10 snin, tifel u tifla u magghom se naraw kif nistghu ngħinu lid-dinja ta' madwarna timxi 'l quddiem.

Kull storja fil-ktieb se tkun taht stagun partikolari. Jien kollha joghgboni l-istaguni imma l-istagun favorit tieghi huwa r-Rebbiegha. Niehu vera gost nara l-fjuri jinfethu u l-hdura ta' madwarna tiehu l-hajja. Intom liema stagun huwa l-favorit taghkom? Kif tafu ghandna erba' staguni: Il-Harifa, ix-Xitwa, ir-Rebbiegha u s-Sajf.

Insomma hbieb se nhallikom ghal-lum ghax nahseb ghidt bizzejjed. B'igri nara dal-ktieb f'idejkom ghax cert li se joghgobkom hafna!

Inselli ghalikom!

Petitu
(l-ghasfur tal-bejt)



Colour me!



Victor Falzon



Spurġe Hawkmoth



Least Flycatcher
Kryssa Vella 13

أصغر طائر

Send us your nature drawings so we can publish them here!

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Tixtieq tagħti donazzjoni lil BirdLife Malta?

Il-BirdLife ikollha ħafna spejjeż biex tmexxi l-attivitajiet u biex taħdem għan-natura.

Minn dal-QR code tista' tagħmel donazzjoni onlajn. GRAZZI!



Għadek m'intix membru fi Klabb Ħuttaf?

- Tixtieq tidhol fil-Klabb?
- Tixtieq iġġedded?
- Tixtieq iddaħħal il-familja kollha?

Minn dal-QR code tista' tingqeda kollox onlajn. GRAZZI!



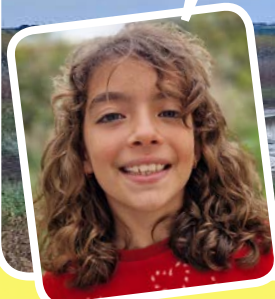
n Days! Club Days! Fun Days!



In Klabb Ħuttaf we do lots of fun activities and adventures for you and your family. Check out our website for our next exciting activity!

www.birdlifemalta.org/events

Hi! I'm Chiara and I'm 9 years old. I started birdwatching when I was little as I used to join my dad, a passionate birdwatcher, on his birding adventures. I have many activities during the week but I still find time for birdwatching. Spotting different birds, noticing their behaviours and their sounds, is only a small part of the adventure, an adventure I now share with others my age thanks to the Young Birders Club.



Riserva Naturale Biviere di Gela

One of the highlight events of the club was **a day trip to Sicily** last January (my third time going). We boarded the catamaran very early in the morning, arriving at Pozzallo at sunrise. A bus took us to the **RISERVA NATURALE BIVIERE DI GELA**, the largest coastal lake in Sicily. This is an important site for tired migrating birds to rest from their long journey. In summer these birds nest in northern Europe, but then migrate to southern Europe or Africa to spend their winter, where it's warmer. Some birds spend winter at this nature reserve.

At the reserve a local guide showed us around and we visited several bird hides. My favourite birds here were **greater flamingoes**, a flock of **common pochards** and a couple of **booted eagles** that soared majestically over our heads. We then had a delicious lunch, with locally made pies that the guide brought us.



Grey Heron



Giant Orchid

After lunch, the bus took us to the **GELOI WETLAND**, which is a very recent nature reserve with freshwater ponds and marshy habitat. Here we observed good numbers of ducks, especially **common teals** and **northern shovelers** flying low above us. We also saw three **white storks** and a pair of endangered **Bonelli's eagles** flying in the hills overlooking the wetland. I observed these through my dad's telescope as they were too far for my binoculars. One highlight of this trip was a **praying mantis** I found walking on the ground. We all gathered to observe this fascinating insect, then we left it in peace. Just before boarding the bus back to Pozzallo, a couple of **hen harriers** and **pallid harriers** flew low over the marshes to roost in the area. What an end to a great day!

We observed **a total of 72 bird species** that day, adding a few to my ever-growing checklist. Another fun thing to do: keeping lists of birds!

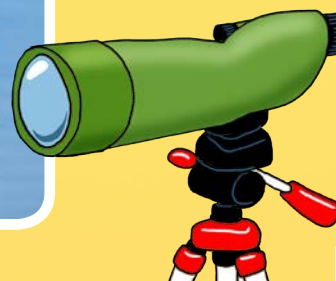


Praying Mantis



Northern Shovelers

Chiara



All photos by Chiara Bonavia

Mid-Djarju...

Sensiela helwa ta' kitbiet minn studenti tas-sitt sena fl-iskola primarja Fgura B, li jiktbu f'isem xi pjanti li jikbrulhom fil-Ġnien Dinja Waħda tal-iskola tagħhom.

Mid-Djarju ta' Erika

Kitba ta' Ayden Charles Borg Yr 6.5

It-Tlieta, 9pm

Għażiż Djarju,

Illum kelli ġurnata mhux hażin. Kont riegda sakemm l-ghasafar qajmuni u kelli nibda l-ġurnata fis-sitta ta' filghodu. Fis-sebgha t-tfal bdew deklin fil-bitha għall-assembly. It-tfal jagħmlu hafna storbu, speċjalment il-klassi ta' quddiem. Jien tant jien żgħira li fl-ewwel term hadd ma nduna li kont hemm! Xi tfal kellhom jipproteġuni b'hafna ġebel madwari, imma sfortunatament kien hemm xi tfal li xorta rifsuni. Jien għandi hafna hbieb, fosthom Ċistu Roża, li sfortunatament tarulha l-petali tagħha.

It-temp kien sabiħ imma għall-habta tad-disgħa, is-sema saret kollha griża. Fil-hdax waslet il-klassi favorita tiegħi, is-6.5. Illum ġew jiktbu kitba tad-djarju tagħna. Hsibt li ha jiktbu tlitt itfal fuqi, imma tifel wiehed biss kiteb fuqi, li kien jismu Ayden.

Jiena nħossni kuntenta li għażilni xi hadd. Wara li telqu, jien u l-habiba tiegħi Koronilla komplejna npaċċu bhal ma nħobbu nagħmlu s-soltu. Nispera li għada jkolli ġurnata sabiħa bhal-lum!

Dejjem tiegħek,

Erika



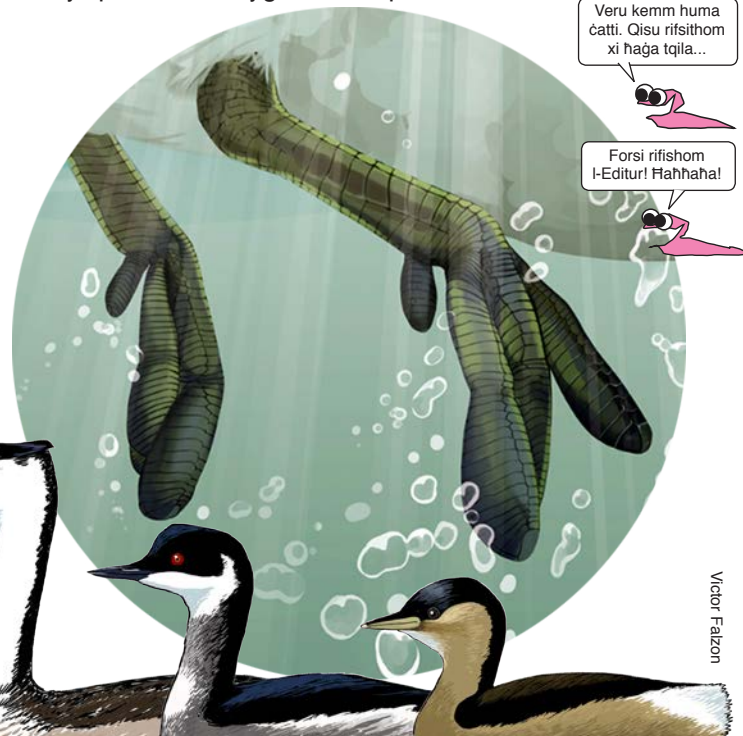
Grazzi wkoll lill-ghalliema ta' dawn l-istudenti Ms Christina Kitney

Għaliex jgħidulu... blongun?



Fost l-ghasafar li jżuru pajjiżna hemm tlieta li qegħdin f'familja speċjali jgħidulhom blonguni, bl-Ingliż *grebes*. Dawn huma l-**blongun prim** (*great crested grebe*), il-**blongun sekond** (*black-necked grebe*) u l-**blongun żgħir** (*little grebe*). Jekk tarahom hdejn xulxin malajr tifhem għaliex jisimhom hekk: is-sekond iżgħar mill-prim u ż-żgħir iżgħar mis-sekond. Imma għaliex dil-kelma stramba **blonguni**. Minn fejn ivvintajnieha?

Fuq din m'hemm wisq misteru ta. Il-kelma blongun ġejja mill-kelma Franciża *plongeon*, li ġejja mill-verb *plonger* li tfisser toghdos. Dawn l-ghasafar hajjithom jghadduha kważi kollha fl-ilma u l-gost tagħhom jghoddsu għall-ħut, gambli u hlejjaq oħrajn tal-ilma. Biex jgħinjom jagħmlu dan għandhom is-swaba' ta' saqajhom ċatti, kif taraw fl-istampa t'hawn taht. Dawn isibuhom għodda eċċellenti biex jaqdfu bihom u jiġru wara l-priża.



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What is Natura 2000?



Filfla



Xlendi



Tal-Wej



Il-Ballut ta' Marsaxlokk

Ghajn Tuffieha, Il-Qarraba

Natura 2000 is a special network of protected areas all over Europe, where animals, plants, and entire ecosystems are safeguarded. In the Maltese Islands, such areas include garrigue, grassland, maquis, sand dunes, temporary freshwater rockpools. This is to make sure that Europe's most endangered species and habitats have a chance to survive for future generations.

In total, in the Maltese Islands we have 37 terrestrial (on land) Natura 2000 sites of which:

- **30 are designated as Special Areas of Conservation** – these areas are important for the animals and plants that live and thrive in special habitats.
- **7 are designated as Special Protection Areas** – these areas are normally considered as safe nesting and/or resting spots for birds!

Why are Natura 2000 sites important?

Some of the habitats and species found in a Natura 2000 site are incredibly rare and thus are important to be safeguarded. These sites are like a 'safe zone' for rare animals and precious plants that are normally found thriving in them.

It is important to note that Natura 2000 sites do not exclude all human activities. Their management is sustainable, meaning that certain activities are allowed as long as they do not cause harm to the protected environment.

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il-Farfett tal-Kaboċċi

 F'Malta għandna inqas minn 20 speċi ta' friefet. Uħud minnhom saru rari ħafna.

 Wahda mill-ispeċi li għadhom komuni hija l-farfett tal-kaboċċi, bl-Ingliż **large white** u bl-isem xjentifiku ***Pieris brassicae***

 Il-farfett tal-kaboċċi jismu hekk għax ix-xagħat (*caterpillar*) tiegħu spiss jiekol weraq ta' pjanti mill-familja tal-kaboċċi, fosthom pastard, *kale*, *brussels sprouts*, u sintendi kaboċċi.

 Il-farfett l-omm tfittex dawn il-pjanti u tbid il-bajd fuq in-naħa ta' taħt tal-weraq, biex inqas jagħtu fl-għajn. Il-bajd tal-farfett tal-kaboċċi huwa isfar u tawwali, u l-omm tbidhom fi gruppi stivati puliti ħdejn xulxin.

 Il-bajd ifaqqas wara ftit ġranet. Ix-xgħat l-ewwel jieklu l-qoxra tal-bajd li ħarġu minnhom, imbagħad jibdeu jieklu l-werqa li jkunu fuqha.

 Wara xi 15-il ġurnata x-xagħat ikun kiber biżżejjed. Jieqaf jiekol, u jitlaq jimxi jfittex xi ħajt jew rokna kennija fejn jagħmel il-'fosdqa.

 Fil-fosdqa x-xagħat jinbidel ftit ftit u jsir farfett. Dan jista' jdum minn xi ġimagħtejn sa diversi xhur, skont iż-żmien tas-sena, it-temp, it-temperatura, eċċ.

 Minbarra l-farfett tal-kaboċċi hemm ukoll il-farfett tal-kromb (*small white*), li jixbah ħafna lil tal-kaboċċi imma jkun iżgħar.

Żewġ xgħat tal-farfett tal-kaboċċi

Desiree Falzon

Agħti titwila lil grajjietna!



Din is-sena, **Heritage Malta** qed tistieden **esploraturi żgħar** jesperjenzaw wirt pajjiżhom eqreb minn qatt qabel. Il-kalendarju l-ġdid tal-attivitajiet tal-aġenzija joffri **għażla mlewna ta' esperjenzi** u opportunitajiet eċċitanti – għal **partecipanti b'etajiet u interessi varji**, f'Malta u fil-gżira ġara Ghawdxija.

Se **nitghallmu dwar l-istorja** u nghixuha 'l barra mill-ktieb u l-klassi – minn tisjir ta' helu delizzjuż fil-**Palazz tal-Inkwizitur fil-Birgu**, bhall-prinjolata, il-bajd tal-Ghid u l-ġelat, għal **workshops** kurjużi dwar annimali li tgħallmu jisfumaw fl-ambjenti tagħhom, hlejjaq bhall-klieb il-baħar, u ohrajn li jesploraw iż-żminijiet saħansitra qabel ma l-istorja bdiet tinkiteb fil-**Park Arkeoloġiku ta' Haġar Qim** u l-**Imnajdra**.

Se niċċelebraw ukoll anniversarji importanti magħkom, bhall-**110 anniversarju mill-ewwel skizzi tal-Kumplex Preistoriku ta' Hal Tarxien** u l-**460 anniversarju tal-Assedju l-Kbir**, fost ohrajn. Mela lestu l-passaporti u gawdu avventuri ta' kull xorta!

