



Christmas Cards Exchange

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Description

This project was for 7-10 year old students across Europe who exchanged Christmas cards with other students from different European countries.

Nineteen different countries were involved.

It was agreed that each partner prepares 3 cards for every partner in the project. The cards will contain wishes both in English and in our mother tongue.

We Maltese made three very original and creative cards for every member:

One of the cards contained a group photo of all the pupils in class together with the College Principal, Mr. Vassallo, Ms. Cachia, our Head of school and also the class teacher, Ms. Dorianne and the class LSA Ms. Claudia.

Another card was personalised by every pupil in our class with their photo and name.

Finally, the last card contained a santa hat decorated with cotton wool.

Greetings, both in Maltese and English, were written by the pupils in the card.

To accompany the cards we also sent a letter describing how Christmas is celebrated in our country and explain our Christmas traditions.

Our letter from Malta explained the weather in Malta during December, how streets in Malta are nicely decorated, especially Valletta, our capital city, how we decorate our houses too and how we love to get together with our families and friends at this time. We also mentioned the traditional Christmas eve mass with the child's sermon, Imbuljata, and what we prepare for Christmas lunch. The recipe of Imbuljata was sent with the letter. The traditional Gulbiena was also mentioned.

Photos of the card making procedure and also of the letter writing were uploaded on Twinspace.

The Maltese pupils also uploaded a video where pupils said 'Merry Christmas' in all the different languages of the partners in the project.

The cards and letters were sent by post to every partner in the project.

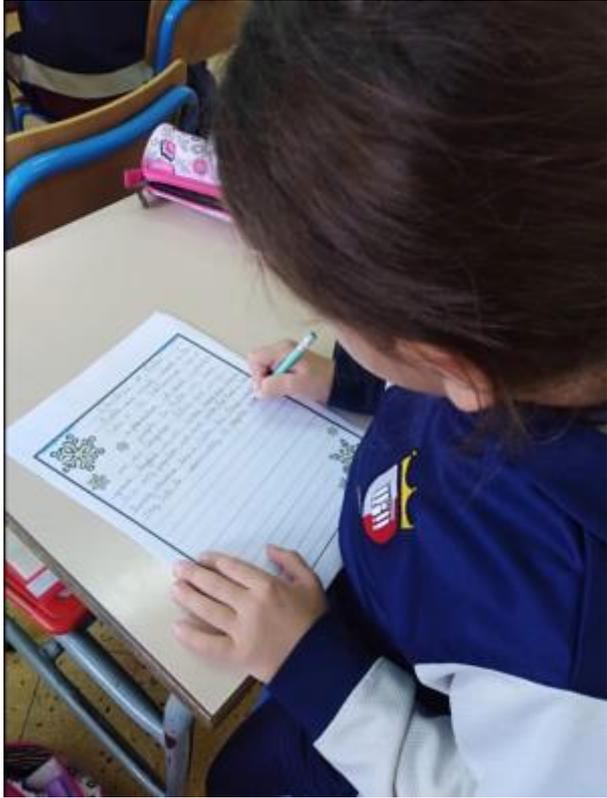
Received cards were stuck in class and before Christmas holidays they were divided between students in class.

The photos of received cards were uploaded on Twinspace.

The project started in November and ended in December 2019









Imbuljuta tal-Qastan

Imbuljuta is the traditional Maltese drink served after Midnight Mass on Christmas and New Year's Eve. It is the perfect recipe for those special nights where you want something hot, spicy and deliciously seasonal. This drink has that wonderful Christmassy smell to it with the cloves, cinnamon, chocolate, orange and tangerine rinds as ingredients. Generally it is served in mugs or small bowls and always piping hot.

Ingredients-

- 400g dried chestnuts
- 175g sugar
- 50g drinking chocolate
- 50g dark chocolate chopped in large pieces
- grated rind of 1 orange
- 1 tangerine peel finely chopped
- mixed spice
- ground cloves

Method

1. Wash chestnuts a couple of times always changing the water after every wash. Place the chestnuts in a large bowl, cover with water again and allow them to soak overnight.
2. The next day first take off any remaining peel then put all the chestnuts and the water into a large saucepan. Add all the other ingredients.
3. Put on a moderate heat until it starts boiling.
4. Reduce the heat and simmer for about 50 minutes or until the chestnuts are tender. If necessary, add some boiling water.

