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Dear Parents,

We are happy to inform you that all the students seem to be settling down. Everybody is working hard and we need to inform you about various extra-curricular activities that are already underway.

Dinja Waħda Competition

Following last year's success in the Photographic Competition and Exhibition, we are once again going to hold these activities. This Nature Photography Competition is a very interesting activity in which the parents can help their children. **The theme for this year is Wild Plants.** Mrs Rita Magri, our librarian will be explaining the details to all the students. Mainly the idea is that we record the beauty of native wildlife in its natural habitat without disturbing it. Therefore:

- No pictures of indoor or garden plants.
- No pictures of cut flowers, ornamental garden flowers or pot plants.
- Entrance fee for each photograph is €0.50 and no more than 2 photos per child are allowed.
- The photograph should be 13cm by 8cm and if possible printed on photographic paper.
- The money collected will go towards buying the 3 Winning Prizes which will be awarded one to students from Year 1 and 2, another to students from Year 3 and 4, and the third to students from Year 5 and 6. Mrs Magri will be giving out a form on which the photos need to be stuck. It's important that the children write their full name and class clearly.
- The closing date will be Thursday 9th February. We will be setting up an exhibition which you will be able to see during our next Parents Day which will be held on the 1st March.

Head lice

A few parents have drawn our attention to the fact that a few children have headlice. Please make sure that you check your child's head and take the necessary action.

Book Fair at school - 4th November

The book fair is going to be held at our school during Parents Day. We encourage you to buy books as gifts for Christmas or birthdays and to help the children enjoy reading all the more.

National Book Fair - 9th - 13th November

This is going to be held at the Mediterranean Conference Centre. We encourage you to go and take your children. There will be reading sessions.

National Curriculum Framework Consultation Process

Following last Friday's meeting for parents at our school re the above heading, we would like to inform you that we are sending via students, a booklet to all those parents who did not attend. It is important that you read the booklet and send any suggestions /comments to the school's office as soon as possible. We need to send a report by the 10th November.

"Boroz ta' San Martin"

We need to sew around 150 bags for the "Boroz ta' San Martin". Anybody who is willing to take on this work will be provided with the necessary material. Please contact the school as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

Hereunder please find calendar of activities for the month of:

November 2011

Tues	1 st	Mid Term Holiday
Weds	2 nd	Mid Term Holiday
Thurs	3 rd	Mid Term Holiday
Fri	4 th	Parents' Day - Students are <u>NOT</u> to come to school. Those who are going to bring cakes are reminded to wrap them in cling film and to bring them with them. We also encourage you to buy from our cake stall and book stall. Refreshments will be served; piece of cake, sandwiches and tea/coffee cost €3.
Mon	7 th	Change to Winter Uniform. Blazer is to be worn as from 1st December.
Tues	8 th	Year 6 will be going to Ta' Qali for a basketball session. Details will be given to the children.
Thurs	10 th	Confessions for Year 5 students. Students of Years 1 and 3 will be going to Inspire for an educational visit. The price of €5 covers the entrance fee and transport.
Fri	11 th	Mass for Year 5 students. Distribution of "Borza ta' San Martin" Bags by P.T.A.
Mon	14th	Staff Meeting - School finishes at 11.30 a.m.
Tues	15 ^h	Year 2 students will be going to Għammieri. They are to bring €2 for transport, a spoon and wipes with them. Year 4 students will be going to the Art Festival which is being held in Valletta. This activity is sponsored by the government.
Thurs	17 th	Confessions for students of Year 4. Ms Nathalie Portelli will be holding reading and dramatisation sessions for students and Parents of Years 1, 2 and 3 . Please follow the timetable below: 9.30 a.m. Year 1.1 10.30 a.m. Year 1.2 11.00 a.m. Year 2.1 11.30 a.m. Year 2.2 12.00 p.m. Year 3.1 12.30 p.m. Year 3.2
Fri	18 th	Mass for Year 4 students
Sat	19 th	NCF meeting for students at Siggiewi Primary School from 8.30a.m. to 12.00p.m.. Only two students from Year 4 to Year 6 have been invited. Transport will be provided from St Elias College. Anybody who would like to go is to inform the office as soon as possible.
Tues	22 nd	Napo Programme for Year 6 students at school. Malta Writing Programme for Years 5 and a Year 6 class.
Thurs	24 th	Confessions for Year 3 students
Fri	25 th	Mass for Year 3 students - Clean up activity for Year 5 students at Xrobb l-Għajin organised by Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs. Details will follow.
Wed	30 th	Confessions for Year 6 students. Bone Day organised by P.T.A.

Yours faithfully,

Sr. Giovannita Briffa
Head of School