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Dear Parents,

Following is a circular re World Water Day 2011 and a poster competition. We encourage Year 4, 5 and 6 students to participate. Please help your son/daughter.

Regards

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Head of School

World Water Day 2011

Without water, there would be no life on our planet. It is a basic requirement for all life. Yet water supplies are facing increasing demands from users. It has become a limited and vulnerable resource which is vital to protect. Water is a precious and threatened resource which we must all conserve for the future. In 1992, the UN General Assembly designated **22nd March** of each year as the **World Water Day (WWD)**.

The Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs (MRRA) in collaboration with Nature Trust (Malta) –EkoSkola and with the cooperation of the Ministry for Education, Employment and the Family, is celebrating **World Water Day** to raise awareness that saving water is a concern for us all and to show that one's behaviour may be adapted to achieve responsible and sustainable usage. Each one of us can be instrumental to help conserve such an indispensable resource.

The Moving Drop on the Aqueduct Route

On February 25th, the Moving Drop, a huge container in which students will drop in their messages with ideas about good practices on water usage, will start off its journey from a school in Rabat. The Moving Drop will move from one school to the next over a number of days along the Aqueduct Route, through Rabat, Attard, Birkirkara, St Venera, Hamrun, Floriana and Valletta (see attached schedule). Neighbouring schools can send their messages to the hosting school in their village by means of their EkoSkola teacher or directly to the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs, Attn: Mr Glenn Bugeja, Block B, Triq Francesco Buonamici, Floriana FRN 1700 (next to the Education Directorates in Floriana). Just as the Aqueduct was created to carry water from Rabat to Valletta, this time it will help carry the students' pro-water messages.

Schools are encouraged to hold water-related activities during this period and to visit water sites as a build-up to World Water Day. Interesting water sites to browse online are:

<http://www.worldwaterday.org>

<http://www.wsc.com.mt>

World Water Day – March 22nd – St George’s Square, Valletta

A students’ programme for all state and non-statal schools, will be held in St George’s Square in Valletta on March 22nd World Water Day. Then, the filled Moving Drop will be presented to the Honourable George Pullicino, Minister for Resources and Rural Affairs. More details will follow.

A Poster Competition for Yrs 4/ 5/6 and Forms 1/ 2/3/4

Theme: The poster should depict a clear message on water conservation. Originality and creativity will be favourably considered.

Rules: Drawings should be of an A 4 size and any medium may be used.

Each school must choose the best 3 posters submitted by the pupils and hand these to the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs, Attn: Mr Glenn Bugeja, Block B, Triq Francesco Buonamici, Floriana, FRN 1700 (next to the Education Directorates in Floriana).

A label bearing the student’s name, class and school stamp should be affixed on the back of the poster.

Only three posters per school may be submitted.

Although all entries will remain the property of author, the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs reserves the right to adapt and use these in its activities. Chosen posters might be published in a booklet.

Prizes: Primary: 1 st Prize: MP 3	Secondary: 1 st Prize : MP 3
2 nd Prize : Set of Books	2 nd Prize : Set of Books

Winners will receive their prizes during the World Water Day Activity in Valletta on March 22nd.

Any queries are to be addressed to Mr Glenn Bugeja on Tel 2295 2104.

Deadline for submitting of entries: noon of Friday 11th March.

The decisions of the judging panel are final.