



## LETTER CIRCULAR

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 **Ref:** DLAP 128/2020  
**To:** All Heads of College Network and Heads of Primary Schools (State and Non-State)  
**From:** Isabel Zerafa – Education Officer, Science (Primary)  
**Subject:** The Hunt – Kids' Virtual Science Quest

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The Science Centre within the Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes is launching the initiative **The Hunt: Kids' Virtual Science Quest**. The aim of the initiative is to develop problem-solving skills and online research competences. The initiative targets primary students (ages 7 to 11) engaging them in an exciting virtual treasure hunt with clues related to scientific skills and competences.

The Hunt will take place virtually on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 10:00**. Participants are kindly requested to follow instructions provided on the Facebook group – [The Hunt: Kids' Virtual Science Quest](#) to login the virtual treasure hunt. Parents/Guardians are kindly asked to supervise children when using Facebook. The virtual treasure hunt can be accessed through the application **Actionbound** which can be downloaded on Android or iOS devices. The application can also be accessed in the Toolbox on the OTPC Tablet.

Participants will be kindly asked to select **one** of two categories to participate:

- A virtual treasure hunt for students in Year 3 and Year 4
- A virtual treasure hunt for students in Year 5 and Year 6.

Family participation is highly encouraged. However, registration for the initiative should be done on an individual basis.

Interested participants are kindly requested to register their interest by not later than **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020** by compiling the registration form in the following [LINK](#).

The Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes will be awarding prizes to the first three participants in each category. Science kits awarded are sponsored by the HSBC Malta Foundation as follows:

| Category 1 (Year 3 and Year 4) |                           |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize:         | Electricity and Magnetism |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:         | Archeology Pyramid Dig    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:         | Rubber Band Racers        |

| Category 2 (Year 5 and Year 6) |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize:         | Kids First Biology Lab |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:         | Geckobot               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:         | Solar Mechanics        |

Thank you for your cooperation.

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