



LETTER CIRCULAR

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To: Permanent Secretary, Directors General, CIO, Directors, Heads of College Network, Education Officers, Heads of Primary Schools (State and Non-State) and Heads of Entities

From: Isabel Zerafa – Education Officer, Primary Science

Subject: Junior Science Club 2023-2024

The Science Centre, Pembroke within the Directorate for STEM and VET Programmes is currently launching the 9th edition of the Junior Science Club. This after-school programme has been extended further and will be held in twelve different localities in collaboration with Għarb, F'Attard, Hal Lija, Haż-Żebbuġ, Marsaxlokk, Naxxar, Pembroke, St Paul's Bay, Victoria, Żabbar, Żejtun and Żurrieq and Local Councils.

The Junior Science Club aims to provide young students (ages 7 to 11) opportunities to experience science investigations and practical science-related activities that extend their learning beyond the classroom environment. During the sessions, the students practise science-related process skills and nurture problem-solving, critical thinking, communication and self-appraisal skills and competences.

The Junior Science Club initiative has been extended further to offer the opportunity to children in the Early Years (ages 3 to 6) and their parents/guardians. The aim of the Junior Science Club for Early Years is to provide children and their caregivers the opportunity to spend quality time together doing hands-on science.

The Junior Science Club will run on a weekly basis from the end of October 2023 till the end of May 2024 as per schedule below.

Junior Science Club for primary students (ages 7 to 11)				
Locality	Age group	Day	Time	Venue
F'Attard	7 to 11	Friday	16:00 – 17:15 17:30 – 18:45	Attard Primary School Hal-Warda Street, Attard.
Hal Lija	7 to 11	Thursday	16:30 – 17:45	Lija Primary School Robert Mifsud Bonnici Street, Hal Lija.
Haż-Żebbuġ	7 to 11	Wednesday	16:15 – 17:30	Haż-Żebbuġ Primary School, Sciortino Street, Haż-Żebbuġ.
Marsaxlokk	7 to 11	Wednesday	16:15 – 17:30	Sala Pompei, Triq San Gużep, Marsaxlokk.
Naxxar	7 to 11	Wednesday	16:15 – 17:30	Naxxar Primary School, School Street, Naxxar.
Pembroke	7 to 11	Tuesday	16:15 – 17:30	<i>Venue within Pembroke locality to be confirmed.</i>
St Paul's Bay	7 to 11	Wednesday	16:15 – 17:30	Qawra Primary School Triq il-Port Ruman, Qawra.
Żabbar	7 to 11	Wednesday	16:15 – 17:30	Żabbar B Primary School, Triq il-Vulcan, Żabbar.
Żejtun	7 to 11	Wednesday	15:45 – 17:00	Żejtun Primary School B Triq Joe Attard, Żejtun.
Żurrieq	7 to 11	Monday	16:15 – 17:30	Żurrieq Primary School St. Catherine Street, Żurrieq.
Għarb	7 to 11	Wednesday	16:00 – 17:15	Creativity Hub, Triq il-Viżitazzjoni, L-Għarb. Gozo.
Victoria	7 to 11	Tuesday	17:00 – 18:15	<i>Venue within Victoria locality to be confirmed.</i>



Junior Science Club for Early Years students and their parents/guardians (ages 3 to 6)				
Locality	Age group	Day	Time	Venue
F'Attard	3 to 6	Tuesday	16:15 – 17:30	Attard Primary School Hal-Warda Street, Attard.
Żabbar	3 to 6	Wednesday	16:15 – 17:30	Żabbar B Primary School, Triq il-Vulcan, Żabbar.
Victoria	3 to 6	Tuesday	15:30 – 16:45	<i>Venue within Victoria locality to be confirmed.</i>

Further details about the specific Junior Science Club within different localities and relevant application forms, can be obtained from the respective Local Council and from the [Junior Science Club Facebook page](#). Applications will be received on a first come first served basis. A maximum of 16 students per club are accepted.

For further clarification kindly contact Ms Isabel Zerafa, Education Officer, Primary Science on isabel.zerafa@ilearn.edu.mt or 25983597.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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