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Dear Parents/Guardians

We have almost reached the end of the scholastic year, and what a year it has been. In spite of all the challenges, those of you who co-operated wholeheartedly with the school know that we have tried our utmost to make this a memorable experience for our students.

School will be out on 24 June 2021. In September, children will embark on a new experience in Year 6 and we need to build on what we have achieved so far. In one way or another, before the start of the new scholastic year, we will hold a meeting with you. More details will follow closer to the beginning of term.

In the meantime, we are sending you 2 lists.

The first is a list of basic items that the children will need in Year 6. As always, this list is not complete and teachers will add to the list when we actually start school in September. However, this list can help you with budgeting and planning.

- 20 copybooks (wide lines, 64 pages)
- 1 project book
- 2 A4 Refill Pads
- Pencil case
- Glue stick, colours, scissors
- 2 Sketch Pads
- 1 blank copybook
- Tissues
- Wet wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Pocket dictionary (English to English)
- Pen Drive

During the scholastic year, the children will also need other items, to include the school diary and photocopy booklets. The price for these items is approximately €30.

The second list is by far much more important. This is a list of things that children need to have mastered before the beginning of year 6. Don't be surprised by the list – yes, we still deal with 10-year olds who do not yet know how to tie their shoelaces. The other items on this list will ensure that the children start Year 6 on the right footing. There is no point in making up excuses – children need to study. If need be, children need to study every day until they have mastered certain concepts. Children

study by saying, explaining, writing until they have actually mastered whatever it is that they are trying to learn. Children are expected to:

- Know their address and important phone numbers by heart
- Know how to tie their shoelaces
- Know the colours in both English and Maltese, and are able to read and write them
- Know the days of the week, and months of the year, in both English and Maltese, and are able to read and write them
- Know how to read and write the numbers in both English and Maltese from 1 to 99 000 in digits and in words
- Know how to use the 30cm ruler properly
- Know how to use capital letters and punctuation marks correctly
- Know how to write stories in paragraphs, which include an introduction, a middle paragraph and a conclusion
- Know and understand the difference between the past tense, the present tense and the future tense, and use them correctly in both Maltese and English

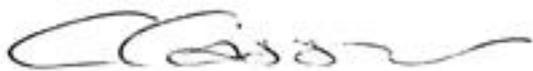
Children are also expected to read in both Maltese and English every day!

At the beginning of the new scholastic year, children will be assessed in terms of the above.

During the summer, we also invite all children to take part in the Summer Activity Challenge for 2021. Details will be available on the school website in the coming days. The website is – smc.zabbarb.skola.edu.mt. We also encourage you to check the website regularly for updates. You can also follow us on Facebook.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your trust and co-operation over the past months. Your support means a lot.

Regards



Charlot Cassar
Head of School