



## PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES SECTION

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To: All Heads of School (State and Non-State) & Sections

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Subject: Malta Christmas Crib Competition 2017

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The Projects and Initiatives Section is once again organising the Christmas Crib Competition. The competition is made up of three categories:

**Category A – The Traditional Maltese Christmas Crib**

Assessment will give importance to handiwork, creative use of materials and keeping to the traditional Maltese style.

**Category B – The Modern Christmas Crib**

Assessment will give importance to creative ideas and originality; the use of different kinds of materials and different modes of representation.

**Category C – Grotta**

Assessment will give importance to handiwork, creative use of materials and keeping to the traditional Maltese style.

**Rules:**

1. Primary, Secondary and Post-Secondary School students from 5 to 18 years of age may participate.
2. Any material and media may be used.
3. The Christmas crib/grotta must not exceed: **60 cm** (length) x **40 cm** (width).
4. All entries should have the **name of the student and school securely attached** (template attached) to the side of the crib (**NOT** underneath).
5. The judges' decision is final.

Selected cribs from participating schools may be exhibited during the *Milied Flimkien* activities. Judges reserve the right not to choose any entry from a school if they feel that the entries are not of the desired standard.

The crib/grotta chosen by the judges to participate in the competition should be taken to St John's Co-cathedral on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.** and collected from the same place between **11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

**Prizes:**

**Category A – The Traditional Maltese Christmas Crib**

First prize: €60 book tokens  
Second prize: €40 book tokens  
Third prize: €20 book tokens

**Category B – The Modern Christmas Crib**

First prize: €60 book tokens  
Second prize: €40 book tokens  
Third prize: €20 book tokens

**Category C – Grotta**

First prize: €50 book tokens  
Second prize: €30 book tokens

A panel of judges, appointed by the Projects and Initiatives Section, will, as from **28 or 29 November 2017**, visit the participating schools to judge the entries.

Schools are kindly asked to **type in** the participants' details in the attached form and labels. This will ensure that the child's name on the certificate is spelt correctly. The form should be sent **via email to: [winnie.vella@gov.mt](mailto:winnie.vella@gov.mt)** by **not later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017**.

Thank you for your collaboration.

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