



DIRECTOR GENERAL

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To: All Heads of School (State & Non-State) and Sections
From: Director General, Educational Services **Tel:** 2598 2404
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Subject: Christmas Crib Competition 2018

The Ministry for Education and Employment is once again organising the Christmas Crib Competition. The competition is composed 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:

Primary and Secondary students aged between 5 and 15 years may participate.

Any material and media may be used.

The Christmas crib/grotta must **not** exceed: 60cm (length) x 40cm (width).

All entries should have the name of the student and school securely attached (template attached) to the **side** of the crib (NOT underneath).

The judges' decision is final.

Selected cribs from participating schools will be exhibited at the Ministry for Education and Employment between 10th December and 14th December. 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 the Ministry for Education and Employment, Great Siege Road, Floriana on Monday 10th December between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. and collected from the same place on Friday 14th December between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

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 will, as on **27th November** or **5th December 2018**, 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: anna-maria.gilson@gov.mt by not later than Friday 9th November 2018.

Thank you for your collaboration.

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