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Dear Writing Colleagues,

The summer season is approaching and exams are on the way. I am sure you are busy with final revision! Here are the latest MWP updates.

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New Senior Executive

FES has another newly appointed Senior Executive, Gabriella Calleja, who will focus on Funding and EU Projects. We welcome Gabriella on board and congratulate her for her new appointment.

Interactive Days

The MWP organised three interactive days after last year's highly successful interactive day between the three Writing Process Schools. This year the invitation included all schools the MWP is working with.

The first event was held on the 20th May at Luqa Primary. The schools who participated were the Writing Process Schools of Luqa and St Joseph Paola, as well as St. Paul's Bay and Mtarfa Primary Schools. The second interactive day was held at St. Julian's Primary on the 25th May. Participating schools included the Writing Process School of Zejtun Primary, Għargħur, Safi, St. Julian's and Siggiewi Primary Schools. The last one was held at Kalkara Primary on the 27th May; participating schools included the Writing Process School of Birgu, Kalkara, Senglea and Qrendi Primary Schools.

Children and teachers from the varying schools mingled, shared their writings and their experiences. A much appreciated token was given to every child and teacher at the end of this amazing experience. A big thank you goes to all the teachers who took part and the schools that hosted the three activities.

Writing Workshops

The writing workshops in collaboration with Heritage Malta were held throughout the last few months. Sites visited included the Domus Romana, the Għar Dalam Site and Museum as well as the Maritime Museum in Cospicua. A guided tour of sites/museums was followed by a writing session in connection with this unique experience. There was a very positive response from all schools. Kindly visit our website for more information:

http://www.fes.org.mt/gallery_mwp/Heritage/Heritage_Photo_gallery.html

Parents Writing Course at Mtarfa Primary School

The writing course for parents during the morning has taken a very good rhythm. The parents are very motivated and keen to explore writing genres. The third session was given by renowned author, Dr. Adrian Grima. The participants enjoyed this session in particular since he gave them feedback on their writings and tips to improve. The last session will be a certificate giving celebration and will take place on the 11th June 2009.

One-week Writing Process Course

The MWP organised a week of intensive training in writing process methodology during the Junior Lyceum week, between the 5th and the 9th May. An amazing number of 45 teachers applied. The training consisted of a variety of writing procedures including journal, pre-writing techniques, peer response, revising techniques and editing strategies. Primary school teacher participants were guests in the Writing process School, St. Joseph Paola whilst the secondary school teachers were guests at the Maria Regina Junior Lyceum for Girls. These observation visits were crucial for participants to observe the various steps of the writing process and view a writing workshop. Participants were given the opportunity to question the children and teachers! The MWP would like to thank the schools and teachers for their co-operation and contribution.

Family Writing Activity at the Inquisitor's Palace

A Family Writing Activity was held on the 10th May at the Inquisitor's Palace in Birgu. 32 children and parents participated in this hands-on writing activity. Applicants had the opportunity to select the workshop of their preference, in Maltese or in English. The Maltese workshop was led by Annabelle Desira whilst the English workshop was organised by Mary Ann Schembri.

Writing events are planned for the summer – we will keep you posted!

The 10th Convention for Writing Process Teachers

The Writing Teacher Leaders Forum in collaboration with the MWP organised the 10th Convention on the 28th May. The convention focused on differentiated teaching and learning. Mariuccia Fenech presented the first workshop, followed by David Aguis Muscat, Maltese Education Officer and Elizabeth Micallef (Assistant Head) who recounted their experience of attending the 8th Invitational Institute. Later the floor was open to questions. Participants (18 in all) enjoyed every bit of it.

A writer is a person for whom writing is more difficult than it is for other people.
Thomas Mann