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To: All Heads of Primary Schools (State and Non-State) and Sections

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Subject: Octavo Maltese Reading Scheme for Year 4, 5 and 6

The Qari għal Qalbi reading scheme launched in November 2018, in conjunction with the EU co-funded One Tablet per Child project gives year 4, 5 and 6 students the possibility to read various Maltese ebook. Through the Qari għal Qalbi library students can view their reading material, both online and offline. The reading is levelled according to the students' age and progression is enabled according to their abilities. This interactive application is dyslexia friendly and has an audio reading facility to enhance correct pronunciation of text. The students are presented with titles that are at par with their independent reading level, aiding vocabulary development whilst offering complete control over topics and title choice. Educators can make use of this scheme through the Octavo app where they can

- monitor student progress,
- set the [beginning of year quiz](#),
- adjust student level and
- access the student mark view.

To learn how to use Octavo in the classroom, browse to <http://www.octavo.help>

The Directorate for Digital Literacy & Transversal Skills in collaboration with Octavo and the National Literacy Agency are organising online training sessions for parents. During the sessions the participants will be shown how students access and make good use of the Octavo Levelled Reading Library.

To register for these sessions, browse to:

bit.ly/octavoparent

Find attached, flyer for educators on how to use Octavo and Maltese reading levels

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