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

From: Mr Omar Seguna – Education Officer Digital Literacy

Subject: EMBED Digital Literacy Awards 2020-2021

Embed Digital Literacy Awards recognises exemplary works of educators who integrate digital technologies within their teaching and learning. Throughout these past years the Embed Awards have been organised, the use of technologies in class have significantly increased.

This year there are 4 categories as below. Learning Support Educators, Kindergarten Educators, and Regular teachers are encouraged to participate, particularly those who have never participated in Embed before.

Submission

Projects are to be submitted using the online form

<http://bit.do/embed2021>

by the **7th July 2021**.

Categories

1. Early Years

This category is for educators (teachers, kindergarten educators and learning support educators) of early years (Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2). The first 3 initiatives will be given an award.

2. Primary Educators

The first 3 initiatives from Year 3-Year 6 will be given an award.

3. Secondary

The first 3 initiatives from Middle Schools and Secondary schools (Year 7 – Year 11) will be given an award.

4. Collaborative (2 educators working on an initiative may participate). The first 3 initiatives will be awarded.

Together with these awards, as per previous years, we will be awarding eTwinners for best projects 2020-2021. Updates can be viewed by visiting www.etwinningmalta.net.



Criteria

Award judges will use the following selection criteria:

1. **Effective use of digital tools:** The project should give clear evidence that the use of technology enhances learning. Without technology learning objectives would have been difficult to achieve. Technology is used to make learning more effective and offer experiences that cannot be achieved effectively by other means.
2. **Pedagogical value:** From a pedagogical standpoint, curricular objectives should meet different ways of learning. The use of technology can promote learning modes based on exploration, collaboration, creation and reflection.
3. **Context:** Students have made extensive and relevant use of technology.
4. **Collaboration:** Collaboration between students (whether in class or online) should be rewarded.

Rules

1. The objective is to encourage and award educators. Whilst DDLTS acknowledges that participants have the support of their respective schools and their administrators, only educators who submit their application can be awarded.
2. A project entry should cover a school's activity, a lesson idea, resources or projects, which have been developed and/or used during scholastic year 2020-2021. Previously submitted projects cannot be resubmitted.
3. Submissions must be supported by evidence that projects abide to the above criteria, as these will be evaluated by the judges.
4. Participants may participate in one category only.
Deadline for the submissions of entries for the Digital Literacy Embed Awards is the 7th July 2021. For further information please visit: <https://digitalliteracy.skola.edu.mt/embed-digital-literacy-awards/>
5. All participants will be presented with a digital certificate of participation.
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