



Children learn that a camera is an excellent tool for promoting nature and green messages.

Spread the Word 2



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- 1 In this activity your class become environmental activists. Decide together on a green issue you wish to do something about. It is important that we show young people how to turn negative feelings caused by environmental problems into positive green action. Journalism is one way.
- 2 First focus on one of the items you analysed in SPREAD THE WORD 1: the photography aspect. Watch *The Camera in Nature / Il-Kamera Fin-Natura* presentation (Y6C in **Action Pack**). Discuss while the children share their experiences of photography.
- 3 Practise your new photographic skills on nature or issues in the school grounds. If any children have cameras of their own that they can bring to school, the practice will be more valid. Tablets will help with composing shots, but of course cannot do macro photography.
- 4 Support the link with journalism by prompting with questions about what feature or message they want to highlight and which would be the best angle or distance to take the photo from, etc.
- 5 Back in class, it is time to put your skills together and become green journalists. Decide on the issue you want to spread the word about from the topic areas below:
 - to highlight the beauty of wild plant/s, animal or habitat
 - to promote a green action that benefits wild plant/s, animal/s or habitat/s
 - to highlight a man-made threat to wild plant/s, animal/s or habitat/s
- 6 If the issue is outside school, include outing plans. Research the issue either by looking up information or by going on site and finding facts for yourselves and taking photos on site. Follow up with writing and putting the short article together.
- 7 The final step, when the green news is complete, is to spread the word by publishing or uploading your article/s in the school website, magazine, Facebook page, etc. Aim to reach as many people as possible.

Use the Dinja Waħda Notice Board and tell the school about what you're doing.

Send photos of

- ☐ children practising green news photography ☐ the final appearance of your article
☐ children being green journalists

