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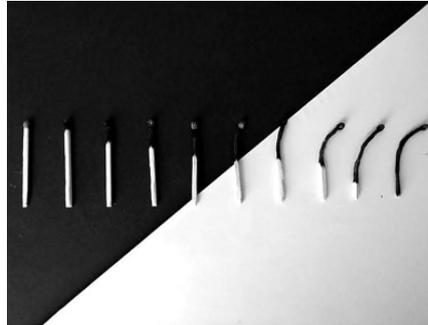
HSBC Malta Foundation announces winners of Covid-19 STEM initiatives

The winners of various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) initiatives run by the Science Centre within the Ministry for Education and Employment's Directorate for Learning & Assessment Programmes (DLAP) have been announced. Supported by the HSBC Malta Foundation, these initiatives provided students and their families with a range of STEM challenges aimed at facilitating engagement and learning during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Glenn Bugeja, Corporate Sustainability Manager at HSBC Malta, said: "At a time when many of us have been living an unusual Covid-19 reality, the HSBC Malta Foundation has continued to provide support to ensure young students remain engaged with their studies, particularly in the crucial area of STEM subjects. The initiatives created by the Directorate proved to be very popular and resulted in a high level of participation from both children and parents or guardians, making this a very successful collaboration."

The various challenges included the HSBC STEM Challenge, the STEM Photo Challenge, the STEM@home Ventures initiative and The Hunt, a Kids' Virtual Science Quest. All activities promoted a hands-on, problem-solving approach that nurtures 21st-century life skills. Further details about these challenges and the winners can be accessed through the DLAP Link Facebook Page on <https://www.facebook.com/DLAP-Link-109192847389084/>, the Science Centre Pembroke Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Science-Centre-Pembroke-Malta-191057714752778/> or else through the HSBC Malta Facebook Page on <https://www.facebook.com/HSBCMalta/>.

Desiree Scicluna Bugeja, Assistant Director at the Science Centre said, "The HSBC Malta Foundation has supported a number of STEM related activities over recent months. We are thankful that this support has continued throughout the Covid-19 out-of-school period, enabling us to offer educational prizes to the winners across all the challenges we set for students and their families while they have been working and studying from home."



PHOTOCAPTION: The three winning photos of the STEM Photo Competition. Starting left to right the Biology photo, the Maths photo and the Chemistry themed photo