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### **HSBC Malta Foundation sponsors online educational STEM event**

The HSBC Malta Foundation sponsored the second edition of The Hunt: Kids' Virtual Science Quest, which is an initiative to develop problem-solving skills and the online research competences of primary school students. The Foundation has supported the event for the second consecutive year, which attracted a total of 2300 students this year.

The Science Centre (Pembroke) within the Ministry of Education's Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes, launched this STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] initiative, which targeted primary students in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. The virtual treasure hunt has been designed to engage students in an exciting science quest with clues related to scientific skills and competencies.

Glenn Bugeja, Manager Corporate Sustainability at HSBC Malta, said, "Today, in the age of digitalisation, it is impossible to know what the workplace of the future will look like. In this context, via sponsorship and support, the HSBC Malta Foundation is supporting children to develop digital skills and competences for lifelong learning."

Desiree Scicluna Bugeja, Assistant Director at the Ministry of Education's Science Centre in Pembroke, said: "The Hunt is one of the STEM popularisation initiatives targeting primary students, fostering their digital and scientific literacies. The Science Centre's collaboration with HSBC Malta Foundation is positively contributing towards sustained quality STEM Education in Malta."

The winners of The Hunt: Kids' Virtual Science Quest, held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 will be announced on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 on the Science Centre Pembroke – Malta Facebook page. Winners will be presented with science kits sponsored by the HSBC Malta Foundation on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the HSBC Headquarters, Qormi.



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