

*An outing to **MAJJISTRAL NATURE PARK**
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On Wednesday 8th of May, our teacher Mrs. Triganza organised an outing to Majjistral Nature Park. The weather was perfect. Armed with our caps and sunblock we left for the outing.

As soon as we arrived, our guide for the day, Ms. Annalise, showed us a video about the Majjistral park which is on the North West of Malta. Then she gave us an informative pamphlet about different types of plants, birds, rocks and animals to help us be more aware of our surroundings.

Before we started our walk, Ms. Annalise gave us a quest to see if we can spot the **Orkida Piramidali**. We also had opportunity to see an ex-Military Range. Many of us saw a Swallow, which hopefully came to nest at the park. We kept walking and one of my friends spotted a yellow plant called

Shrubby Kidney Vetch. When we reached the cliffs we stopped. Ms. Annalise told us to close our eyes and listen out for the song of the **Blue**

Rock Thrush, the Maltese national bird. It was music to our ears.



Orkida Piramidali

Shrubby Kidney Vetch





Blue Rock Thrush

Soon it was time for a well deserved break! We walked behind the hotel and a few people got stung by different types of plants. When we reached the end, we proceeded to Golden Bay where we could take off our shoes and socks and wet our feet in the sea. The water was refreshing. Our guide called us to see the sailors, a type of sea animal, which were washed up on the beach. We had an awesome time putting some of them back in the sea. She also showed us one of Malta's remaining sand dunes.

My classmates and I thoroughly enjoyed this outing. We learned about nature, the different species around Malta and more about our coastline. Finally we thanked our guide and set off to school.

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