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LINDEN TREE (Tillia sp.)

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I am a tree from the Tiliaceae family. I have heart -shaped leaves and beautiful yellow blossoms that often smell lovely in summer.

> In Slovene l am called Lipa.

I bloom mainly in June and July, when summer is in full swing. That is when my flowers are visited by bees and other pollinators.





I grow behind the school, in an outdoor classroom.

In many cultures, I symbolize love, friendship, strength and unity. I am often associated with peace and reconcillation.

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Hello, tree! 1 am a reporter for GLOBE. Happy to see you!







The Bay Tree (Laurus nobilis)

Hello! I am Valentina Rosa Cauchi. I am a Globe Europe and Eurasia Reginal reporter.

I am next to the oldest Bay Tree in Malta. This is found in Rabat Malta next to the Roman Villa!

<u>Reporter</u>: Good morning, dear Bay Tree! I am here to ask you some questions.

<u>Tree</u>: Ooh! That's nice.. It's been a while since I had some company. During the Roman Empire I was very popular! <u>Reporter</u> : Very interesting, I want to know more about you. How can you describe yourself?

<u>Tree</u>: I am an Evergreen shrub with dark green smooth oval pointy leaves. My height is 8 meters tall and 3 meters wide. In Spring clusters of small yellow flowers will appear!

<u>Reporter</u>: Any more interesting facts that you want to share?

<u>Tree</u>: I have been cultivated from ancient times – Roman and Greek times and I make part of the medicinal family Laurus nobilis.





<u>Reporter</u> : Your leaves are medicinal? <u>Tree</u> : Yes! My leaves can help by lowering cholesterol and blood sugar levels. Also, they can fight against inflammation and against the flu. <u>Reporter</u> : Can I have some of your leaves? <u>Tree</u> : Yes of course! Give some to your friends too. <u>Reporter</u> : How can I make use of these leaves? <u>Tree</u> – Very simple.. Put my dry leaves in 400ml of boiling water and simmer for 5 minutes. Julius Caesar used to put some cinnamon and honey and enjoy this delicious medicinal tea.







Reporter : For my last question, I want to ask you if something memorable happened in your life? <u>Tree</u> : I am delighted to tell you that a lot of Romans that used to live in 'Domus Romana' (Roman Villa) used my leave to make crowns. This shows courage and wisdom. I'd must say that when Julius Caesar

I'd must say that when Julius Caesar visited Malta, they crowned him with a special crown that was made with my leaves!

<u>Reporter</u>: I never met with an interesting tree like you! I wish to have you in my garden!

<u>Tree</u>: You can take a cutting in end of summer and plant me in your garden or in a pot. I like sunny spots and plenty of fresh air.

Reporter : So nice of you, See you in end of Summer

Tree : Yes, I will be waiting here for you!

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He replied: "In the summer I dye myself-red. then in the spring my flowers begin to grow. so beautiful that you will be amazed. And then my delicious cherries begin to grow.

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They asked him. "Why do you look like a cloud?" He continued. "Because my flowers are so beautiful that they wrap themselves around the branches like a veil." They were anazed at his vanity. Then they asked. "Why are you this color?"

One last question:

"Is it true that you will offer us some of your fruit?"

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He thought about it for a while and said yes.



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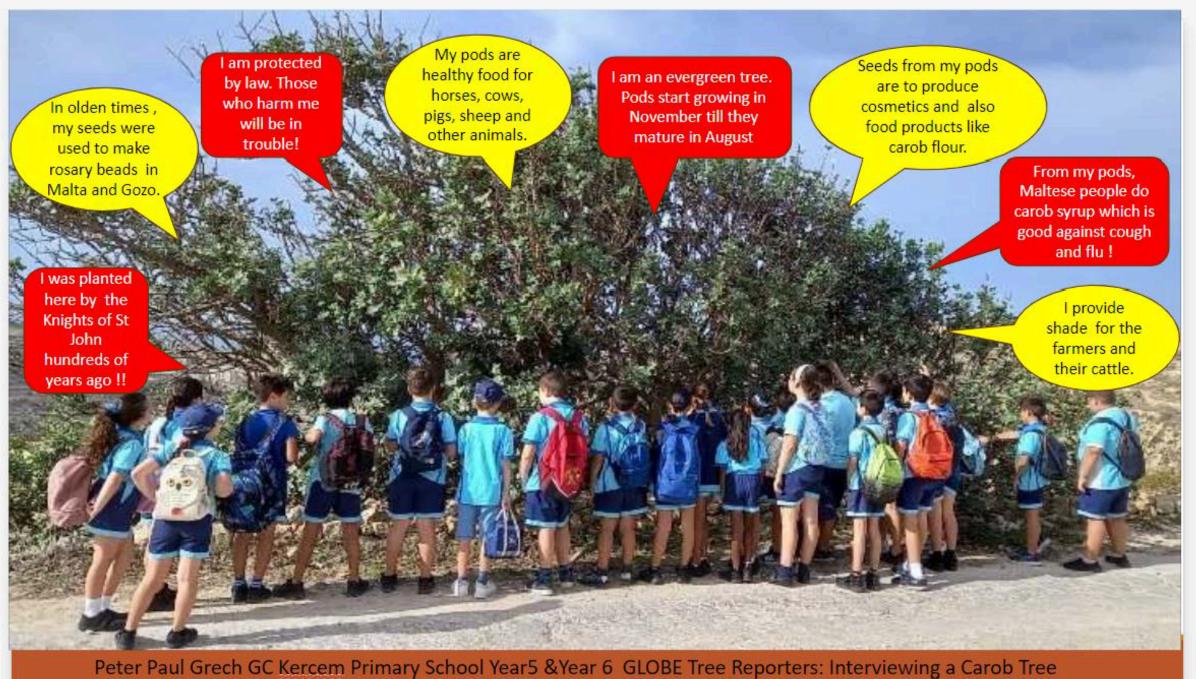
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Interview with an Orange Tree

St Nicholas College, Dingli Primary School



Mikael Gauci Year 6



I am Mikael Gauci, a GLOBE Program Reporter. Today I am going to interview an orange tree from my grandma's garden.



Orange tree at the beginning of October



Orange tree at the end of November





Globe Reporter: Where are you from? **Orange Tree:** I am from Southeast Asia. **Globe Reporter:** How long have you been in Malta?

Orange Tree: I have been here since 1986. **Globe Reporter:** How do you describe your

leaves?

Orange Tree: My leaves are oval in shape and have fine, rounded teeth on the edges.

Globe Reporter: How many varieties of orange trees are there around the world?

Orange Tree: There are over 600.



Globe Reporter: When do you bloom?

Orange Tree: I bloom during late winter and early spring.

Globe Reporter: Why are oranges important for the humans?

Orange Tree: They are a rich source of vitamin C, vitamins of the B group and minerals such as calcium, magnesium, potassium and phosphorus.

Globe Reporter: Which city around the world produces a lot of oranges?

Orange Tree: Brazil is the largest producer of oranges.

Globe Reporter: What is your life span? **Orange Tree:** I can survive up to 50 years under appropriate climate conditions. **Globe Reporter:** Thank you for sharing this information with us!



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