# Tree Reporters MAGAZINE

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Incredible tree-secrets!

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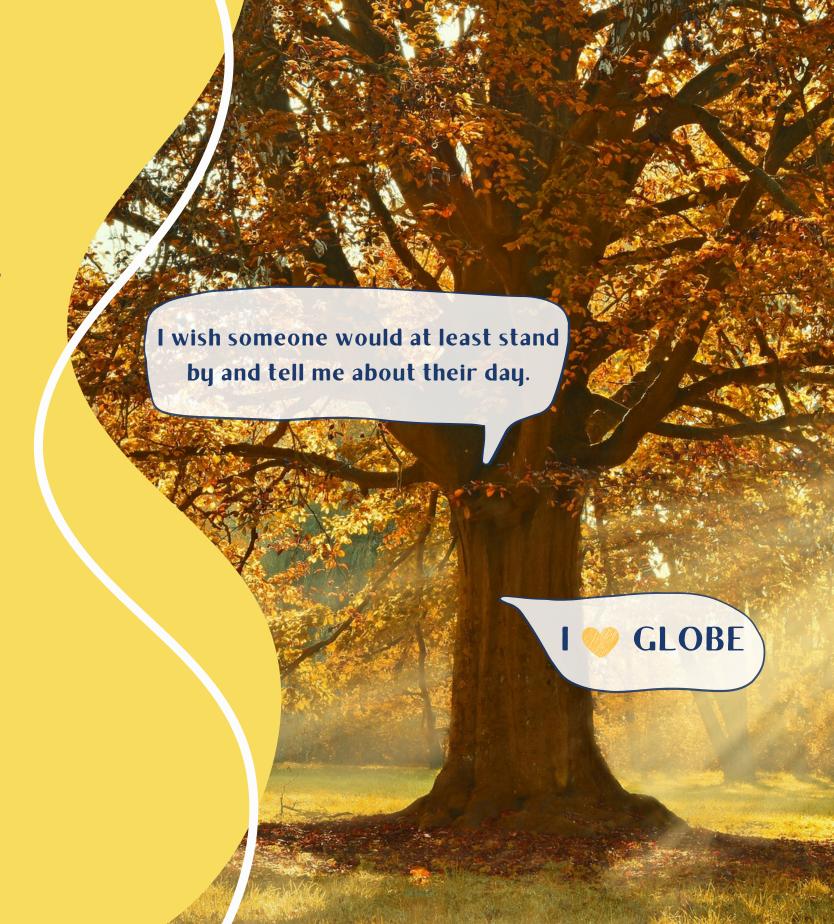
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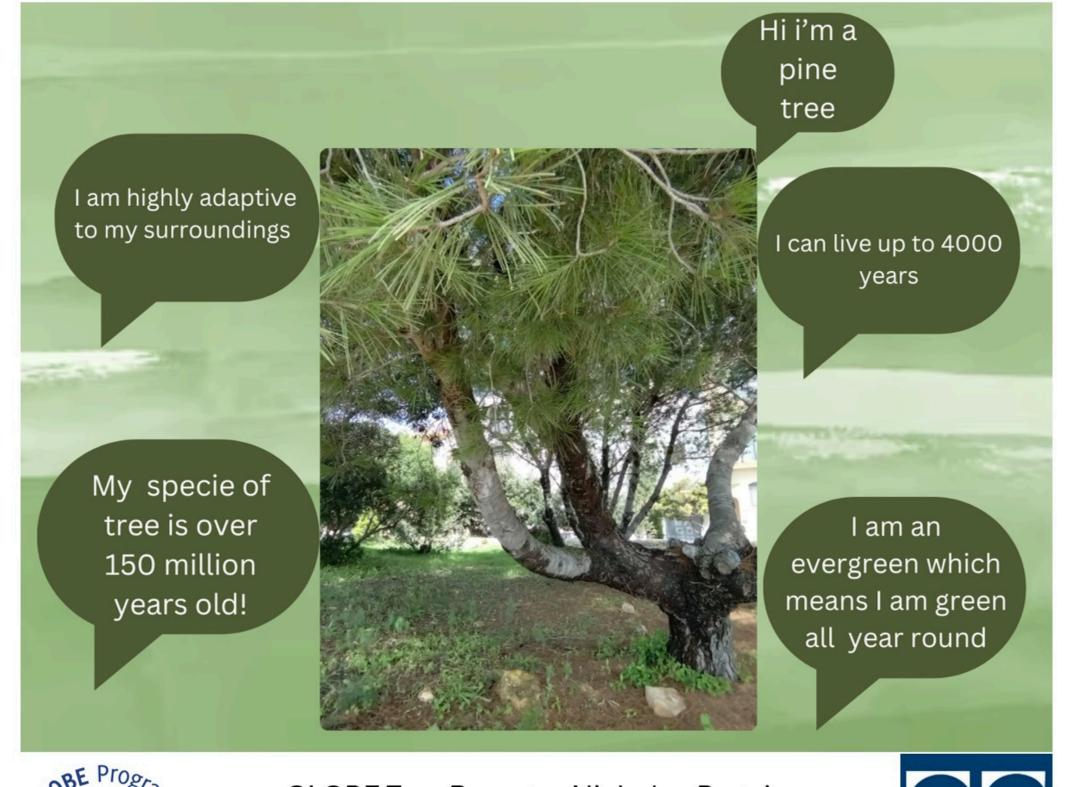
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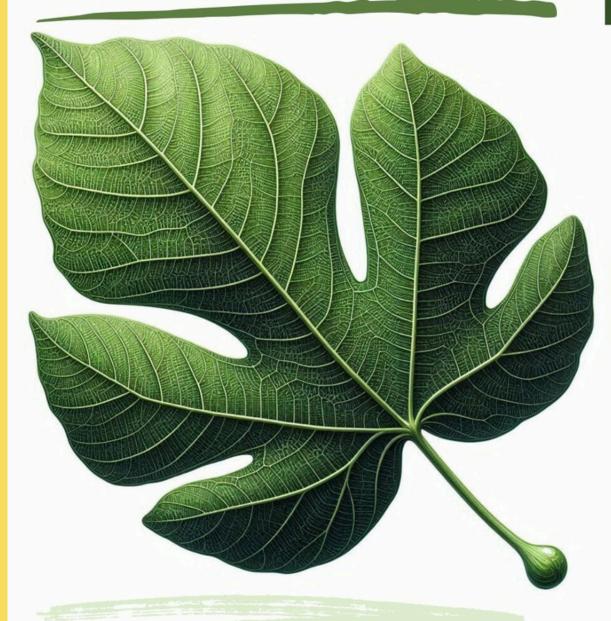






GLOBE Tree Reporter Nicholas Bugeja Year 8 Begonia Gozo College Agius de Soldanis Middle School





#### Ficus carica

Fruit of nature, symbol of life!

## Beauty of the Mediterranean FIG

- One of the oldest cultivated fruit trees in the world
- There are about 600 types of figs
- Deciduous shrub or smaller tree
- Figs are an excellent source of fiber, calcium, iron and antioxidants, which makes them a perfect choice for a healthy diet











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#### Luha Globe team & our birch tree



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....because the year is almost over, we have just a few question....

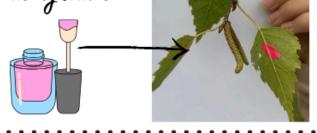
• How has your year been?

It was great!
I've spent the year with
my best friends from Luha Globe team!

What did you like the most?

I've had a lot of adventure with my besties:

They took me to the beauty salon for manicure look at my leaves



I felt like a beauty queen!

I am tall and slim. I have romantically shaped branches and snow-white bark.

That's why they took a lot of pictures of me all year round.



And we tried which colour suits me the best!





And now tell to everyone why you are so important for us...

You know, I've been helping you with the phenology campaign for the third year now...

I help to monitor the climate change.

I produce oxygen, which is important for everyone



#### Generally I sometimes feel like:





People use my wood for heating, candleholders and other decorations.



#### Birch the doctor

 People use my leaves, buds and sap to cure various diseases.



#### Birch the zookeeper

Squirrels often run through my branches, pigeons and kestrels sit on me and ants tickle me on the trunk. And a deer visited me 3 weeks ago.

And what's your New Years' Resolution?

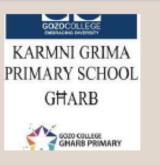
To continue working with my Globe team!

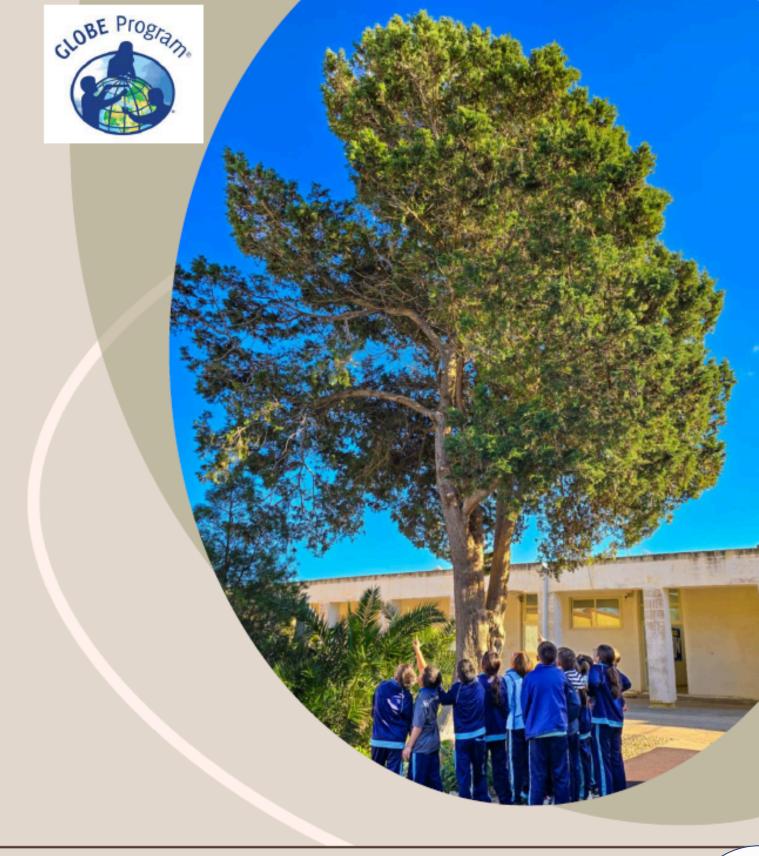


#### GLOBE Tree Reporters Year 5 GC Karmni Grima G**ħ**arb Primary School

#### Getting to know Mr Cypress: An old tree at our school

Hello, I am Mr Cypress Tree. I am an evergreen tree located in Gharb Primary School in Gozo, Malta. I am the oldest tree in the school. I have seen many children playing in this school ground. In fact some of the students I have seen are your parents! I was very sad during Covid since I was all alone and missed the children's laughter and cheer. I was so relieved when Covid restrictions were lifted off. My hobby is looking at young children playing and being a home for bird's nests. I don't like it when someone snatches off my leaves or when they scratch my bark because it hurts. When I am happy, I produce many pine cones for you to use as Christmas decorations! So take care of me like you always do and when you pass by me, give me a hug or throw a kiss ©





#### A conversation with the Stelmuze oak tree

Hello, I am Gvidas Bertulis, a wood reporter from Vilnius Fabijoniškių gymnasium. Today I will present to you my conversation with the Stelmužė oak tree located in the Zarasai district.

I went with my grandparents to the park for a walk and I saw a big Stelmuze oak tree that is 1500 years old.

The Oak started talking to me and his first words were:

- Hello, what is your name?

I was surprised and said: - My name is Guido.

After learning my name, the oak tree said: - I am very old and injured. Can you help me?

I replied positively.

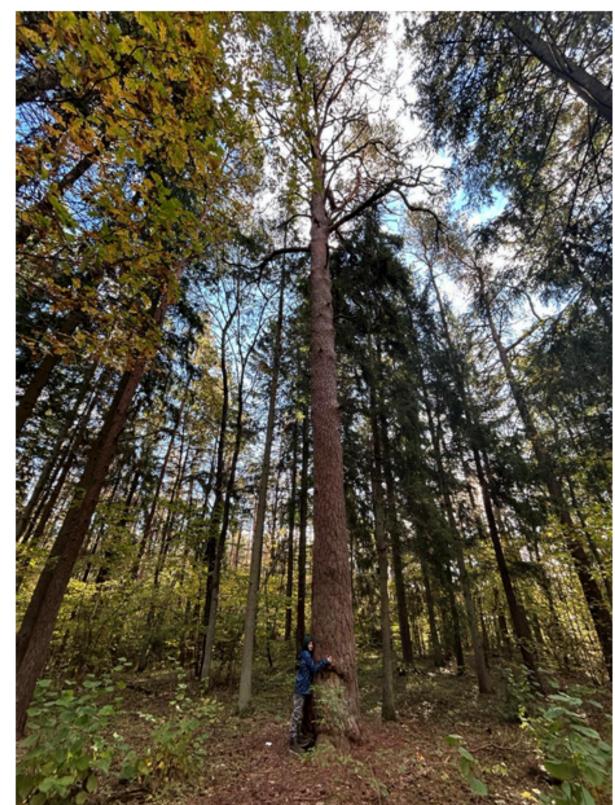
Then he asked:-Can you reduce global warming?

I apologized and said, "I'm still a child, I can't reduce such a thing, but I can pick up the garbage around you." And so did I.

The Oak thanked me and said goodbye.



## Interview with a pine tree



Hello, I am Justinas Radzevičius, a tree reporter from Lithuania, Vilnius Fabijoniškių gymnasium. I want to present to you my conversation with a very beautiful and tall pine tree.

I'm coming...I'm running! I'm in hurry! I'm quickly in front of a giant... Tree... I don't know what kind... So I ask:

- What's your name?

She moaned a few times, but she answered:

- Pine...

Only then do I realize that she's crying. I became interested and dared to ask:

- Why are you so... upset?

Now Pine really got upset:

- Look around... This isn't a forest... This is almost...

And paused:

- What?

I became interested, and the tree answered again:

Oh... And only the stumps of my former brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, and all my great-grandparents...

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### Interview with a pine tree



- After clearing her throat, the giantess continued:
- Here are the consequences you've had: because there are less than half of the trees left in the world, air pollution has affected you greatly. Because of it, almost all living things are dying, including you - people, and plants, including US - trees. The climate is warming – when you build a road, you not only kill trees and forest animals, but the Sun also heats the asphalt more strongly, and without our shadow you can no longer hide. When you cut down trees, you destroy animals and their habitats, because they also have nowhere to hide...
- And what can be done?
- The fact that glass is safer for trees than wood, metal is also a great choice. Or someone could discover new good materials. However, I would not advise using plastic, but more about it later. I feel sad about it, I want... I want to rest...
- Oh, of course! Thanks for the conversation!
- And when I left the forest, I occasionally turned to look back at the poor pine tree:
- "Well, it's sad, it's a pity that no one protects nature...".
- I said to myself and left the forest.

## Interviewing a tree.

Me: Hello there, i'm a globe reporter and I would like to get some information about you.

the tree: Hey! Of course, to start off i'm a 7th dwarf citrus tree.

Me: Wow! Do you produce anything like fruit or flowers?

Tree: Of course i do! I produce sweet and fresh mandarins and some pretty white flowers that attract bees, birds and butterflies.

Me:Where can you be found most?

tree: Trees of my kind are normally found in small gardens as i'm a dwarf tree.

Me: That's nice. Do you need to be regularly watered?

Tree: Yes, especially during dry times. I can still adapt and survive in different weather conditions.

Me; Thank you for the information. Your kind is amazing.

Tree: Thank you! Have a great day.



## Interview with an Olive Tree

- Q. What is your name?
- A. My name is Ollie the tree.
- Q. What is your favourite drink?
- A. My favourite drink is water.
- Q. What is worrying you?
- A. That I will get cut down.
- Q. How old are you?
- A. I am 50 years old.
- Q. What type of tree are you?
- A. I am an olive tree.

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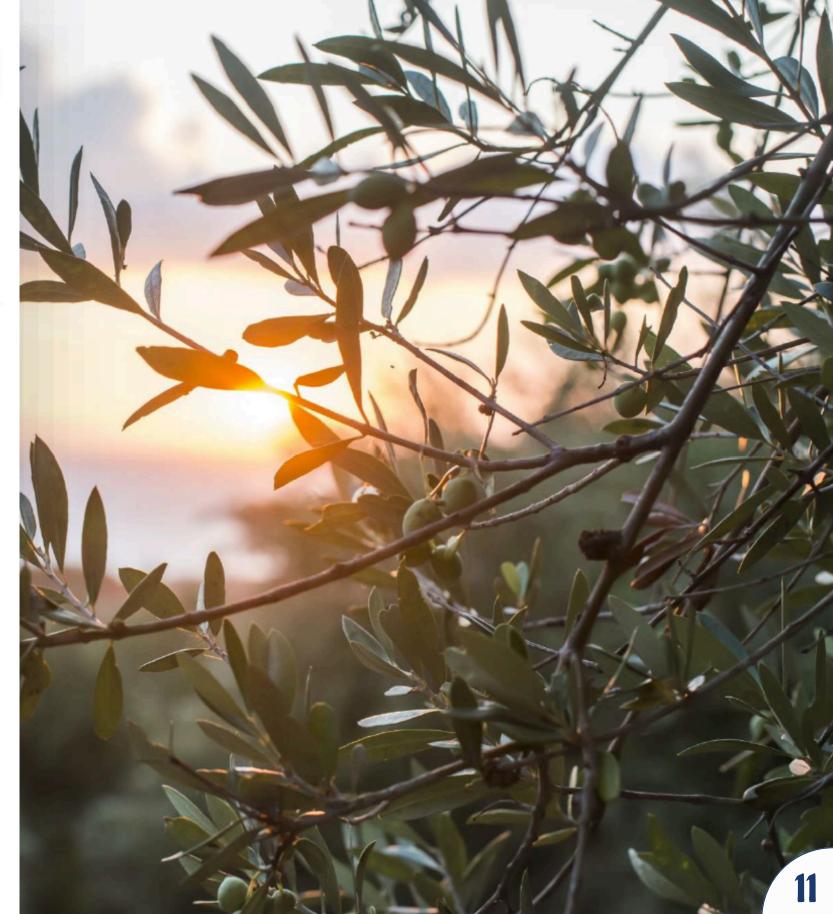




#### Ollie the Olive Tree

GLOBE Tree Reporter Dwayne Grech, Year 6 Roses
Gozo College Zebbug Primary School

- Q. Hello tree, what is your name?
- A. Hello, my name is olive tree.
- Q. How old are you?
- A. I am 128 years old.
- Q. What type of tree are you?
- A. I am an olive tree.
- Q. What type of olives do you make?
- A. I make the small olives.
- Q. What do people use your olives for?
- A. People use my olive to make olive oil.
- Q. Do you like the birds?
- A. Yes of course, I do love when they nest in my branches.
- Q. How tall are you?
- A. I am 2 meters tall. The students attending Zebbug Primary measured my height using the GLOBE Observer App. I love it when students come close to learn about trees.



## Interview with an Orange Tree

- Q. What type of tree are you?
- A. I am an orange tree.
- Q. How are you? Do you ever feel lonely?
- A. No, I never feel lonely because I have a lot of friends including birds and bugs.
- Q. How do you feel when it is raining?
- A. I love rain because I can drink and be a shelter for the animals.
- O. And what about thunderstorms?
- A. I feel scared that a lightning can hit me.
- Q. Do you like summer?
- A. Not that much because I get hot and thirsty.
- Q. So what is your favourite season?
- A. It is winter because there will be rain.
- Q. What do you love?
- A. I love looking at the flowers and listening to the birds chirping.

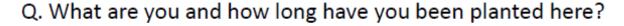






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## Interview with a Fig Tree



A. I am a fig tree. I have been here for 10 years.

Q. Do you have any friend trees?

A. Yes, I do. I have a friend, an olive tree.

Q. Do you make a lot of fruits?

A. Yes, I make lots of tasty figs.

Q. In which month do you make fruit?

A. I make a big lot in June and a small lot in August.

Q Do you need a lot of water?

A. Yes, I need water to make fruits.

Q. Where are you planted?

A. I am planted in a school's garden.

Q. Do you have fun in the school's garden?

A. Yes, I do because the students come to visit me often. In Spring they measure the new leaves and in Autumn they observe how my leaves change colour before they fall. I also love watching them eat my tasty fruits.





GLOBE Tree Reporter Chloe Cini, Year 6 Roses Gozo College Zebbug Primary School



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