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Incredible tree-secrets!

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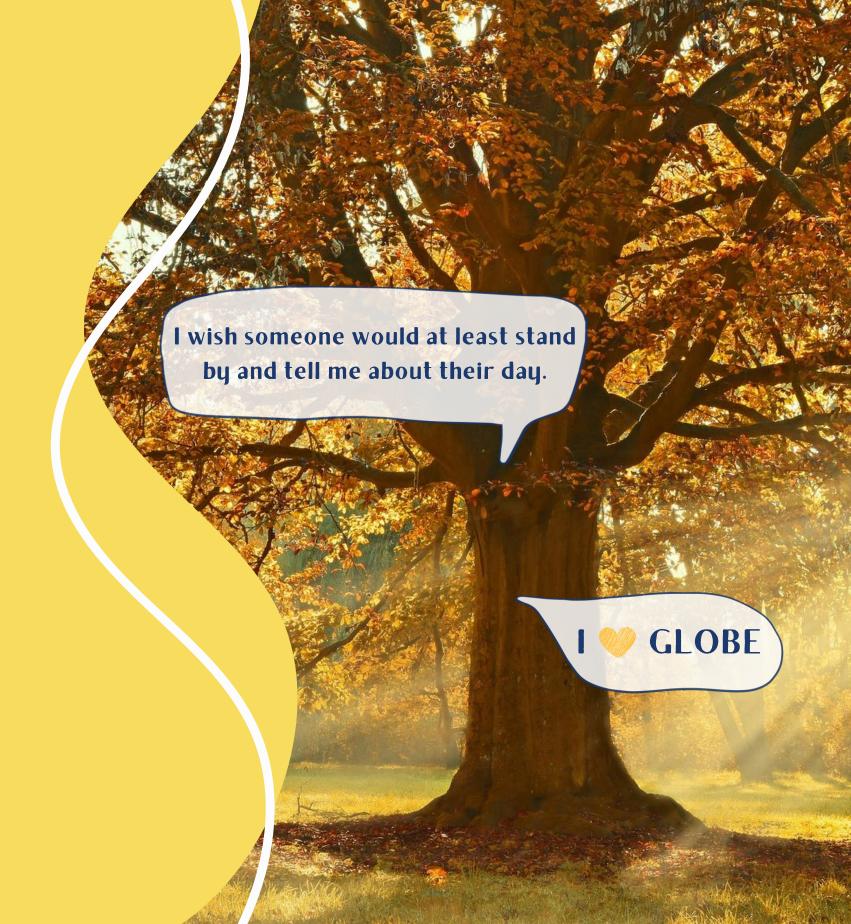
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## The Bay Tree (Laurus nobilis)

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!

Reporter: 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!

Reporter: 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.





Reporter: For my last question, I want to ask you if something memorable happened in your life?

Tree: 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.

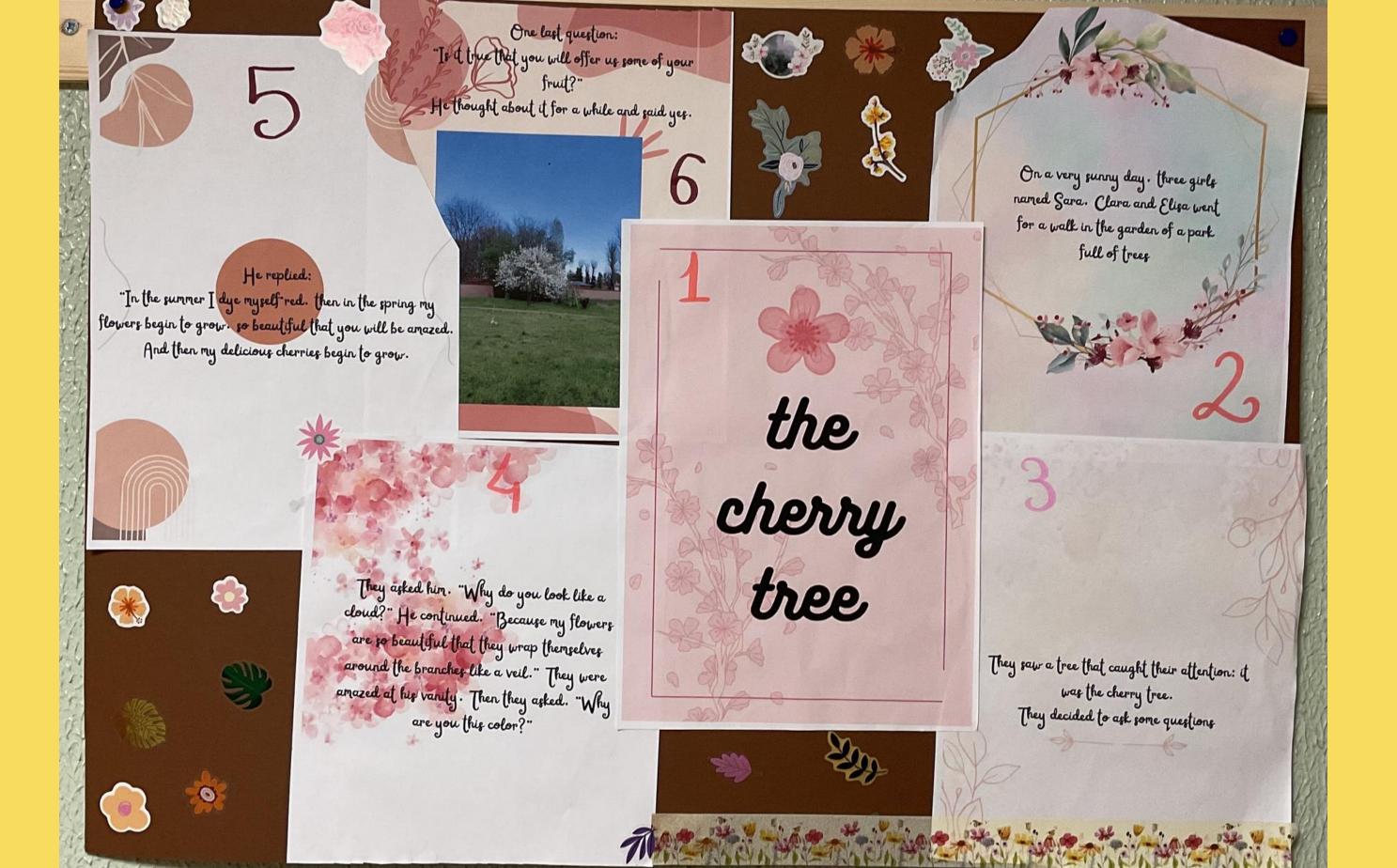
I'd must say that when Julius Caesar visited Malta, they crowned him with a special crown that was made with my leaves!

Reporter: 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!





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



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?

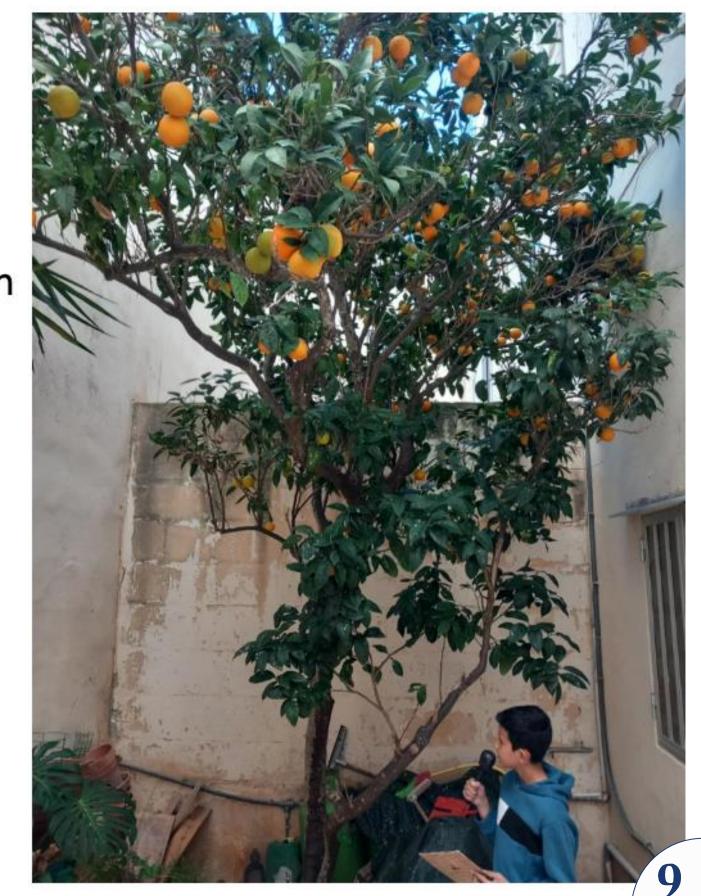
**Orange Tree:** Brazil is the largest producer of oranges.

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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