

Health and Safety outreach at schools

Teachers in primary schools are going to have more opportunities to explain concepts related to health and safety at the workplace. A number of technology resources have been launched for children aged between 7 and 11 by the Chairperson of the Occupational Health and Safety Authority, Hon Deo Debattista at the St. Ignatius College, Siggiewi Primary School.

During his visit to the school, Hon Debattista said that “health and safety are extremely important in our everyday life. As such, education about health and safety at work from a young age helps children grow up into more responsible citizens and better equipped for working life in the knowledge that prevention is most important. More consciousness in this respect leads to a better and safer workplace as well as a more productive one. Students have an important role where they can reinforce this message even with their parents so they too make sure that their workplace is a secure one.

This initiative launched today makes use of technology-based educational resources that are being made available to teachers. These resources aimed at school children between the ages of 7 and 11 feature the children’s popular character Napo, engaging in a number of activities and educational spots created by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) in collaboration with the Napo Consortium.

These resources include a lesson plan on a number of different subjects and scenarios that school children are bound to have come across at home or at school. These would include safety and security signage, prevention against dangers to the skin and the identification of risk and dangerous situations.

Each one of the six lessons include an introduction for the teachers to follow, short clips and other resources. The clips featuring Napo and the creative activities aim to explore the subject in an informative but at the same time, enjoyable way. On the other hand, the interactive nature of these lesson plans ensure that the children will be kept interested and involved in the subject.

These resources have been designed in such a way that they can be utilised across various subjects such as health and safety, Personal Social and Character Development, science and mathematics and feature Napo in a way that keeps the children more engaged.

All the material is available on the website <http://www.napofilm.net/en/napo-for-teachers>

10th November 2015

Press inquiries

- Romina Recik Zahra (Senior Manager Communications & PR)

+ 356 21247677romina.riECKzahra@gov.mt