

# Activities

## Activity 1: A sign of friendship!

How about starting off 2019 with a thoughtful gesture? In Sheet 1 you'll find two small greeting cards - Cut them out: Your gesture can be to offer them to children or adults who don't usually get such nice things. Why don't you write them a nice little message?



## Activity 2: Write to Tapori and to any Tapori group of your choice!

How about making your own greetings cards? You can make two: One for Tapori and the other for the Tapori groups presented in the news. Take Sheet 2 and follow the instructions. Don't forget to send them to Tapori. This way you can share your card with a Tapori group of your choice.



## Activity 3: Lets's share some thoughtful ideas to get 2019 off to a great start!

1. Take a ball
2. Form a circle. Pick a volunteer to hold the ball.
3. To start, the volunteer has to tell the group something special that happened to them in 2018.
4. Then, they have to throw the ball to someone else: This person then has to say the nicest surprise they had in 2018 before throwing the ball to someone else, until the whole group has shared their special moment.
5. You can play this game again using different subjects to share your experiences in 2018: gesture to protect the environment, or something you have done and of which you have been proud.

## Activity 4: What could I do in 2019?

Do you remember that story about Joseph? There are many unfair things in life similar to Joseph Wresinski's experience: Things that make it impossible to go to school, for example. Issues such as not having enough to eat or becoming separated from your parents. Joseph believes that such things can change and he wants them to change. Do you?

Each gesture of friendship; every act of solidarity can change the world. **For you, what can the children do in their school, their district or their town so that life can be nicer for all in 2019? Tapori will be very happy to hear from you.**

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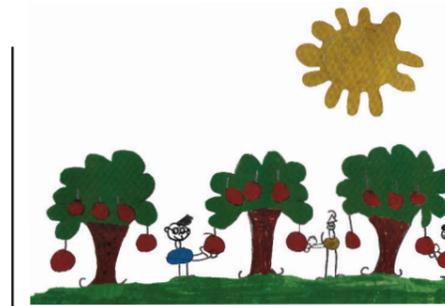
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# Tapori Newsletter

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Dear Tapori friends,  
*Arahaba tratry ny taona ô ! (malgache)*  
*Maligayang Bagong Taon! (filipino)*  
*iFeliz Año Nuevo! (spanish)*  
*Bonne année ! (french)*  
*Happy New Year!*

This edition of our newsletter is dedicated to Joseph Wresinski. Do you remember him? He was the founder of Tapori and was born on 12th of February 1917. You can find a brief history of his life, as well as news and a list of activities to get 2019 off to a good start!

## Short Story: Joseph stands up for the smallest children in school

One morning, when he got to the school playground, Joseph saw a big strong guy called Siche. Siche had hold of someone much smaller than him, and began to hit him.



Joseph's mother knew the virtues that lay in her son's heart: Goodness, courage, sense of respect, but mostly a lot of love.

Later, when he was grown up, Joseph knew that he had always wanted to defend those less able to defend themselves. He always believed that there are better ways to solve a problem than violence.



Joseph felt as though the bully's punches were landing, not just on this small boy, but also on him. He threw himself at the bully in order to protect the little boy. This act of injustice had made Joseph very angry.

## News

## Burkina Faso



**"Many children aren't able to go to school and we have no hope of finding land on which we could build housing for us."**

The "Hidden Talents of Burkina", a Tapori group transformed into journalists: Their aim is to increase peoples' understanding of the importance of education and housing: Not just for children, but also for adults.

## Guatemala

*We welcome you!*



Have you heard the song  
"MULTICOLORE"  
or MultiColoured?

*Different, but the same,  
Let's build a world,  
it's like a game,  
We are all in the same boat,  
Different, but stronger,  
Let's build this world, always better,  
In the same boat of many colors.*

This song has been interpreted by the Tapori group, "**Los amigos de mil colores**" (The Friends Of Many Colours). They are from the Jules Verne French School in Guatemala. This group is made up of about 200 children, between the ages of 8 and 10. The majority of the children are Guatemalan.

**Welcome to Tapori dear "Amigos de Mil colores!"**

Where the respect for our difference continues to be the path towards a better world!

## Reunion Island

*Nou ve chanjman, nou bouje nout tout ansanm!*

This song in creole native language means: "We want change and we strive together for it!"

This was the theme of our Festival of Learning Week, during the summer where we created a huge painted mural.



## Madagascar

*We are proud of ourselves and of our neighbourhood!*



In order to improve their neighbourhood, Tapori journalists from the TV station "Friends of Antohomadinika" interviewed other children from their district. Their aim was to rediscover all the interesting things they could find locally: Schools, clinics, libraries etc....

## Mayotte

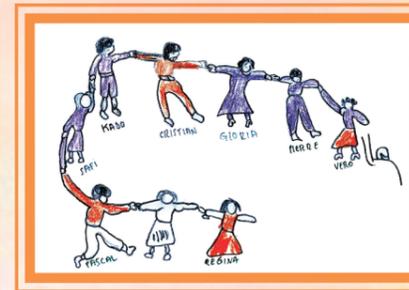
*Tapori TV in Passam City!*



Tapori members in Passamainty have put together numerous TV programmes : Rap, interview about "the school of your dreams" and a weather programme. They did this in order to launch Tapori TV.

## The Democratic Republic Of The Congo

*I draw, I express myself!*

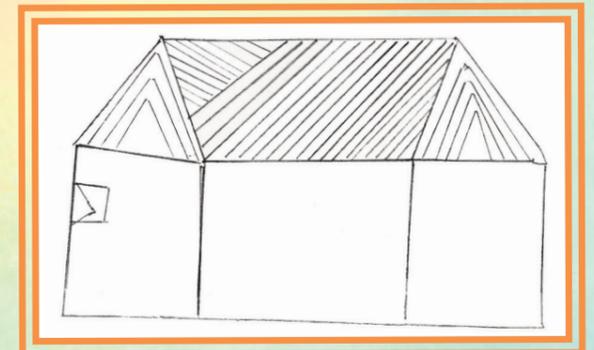


"I am pleased to unite with my friends to stand up against poverty and injustice. We form a circle. Our circle always stays incomplete, as we leave some place for other whom we hope will join us".

Christian, 10

"I drew this lovely house because I wanted it to become a library for the Tapori children. In our group there are children who are not able to read or write. The reason that drove me to draw it is that these children should be able to develop skills like me."

Safi, 12



## Tapori, what became of our puppets?

Well, then! The puppets are on exhibition at the ATD international centre in Mery sur Oise in France up until March 2019.