



TAPORI

brings children together from different parts of the world. By learning about children whose lives are different to ours, we can make a fairer world where no one gets left behind.

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Tapori Newsletter

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Dear Tapori,

We hope this Tapori Newsletter finds you in great form in spite of the coronavirus pandemic. Many of you are sharing with us what you are going through at this difficult time: your fear of catching the disease, your joy of being with your family, your worry for your friends and how you miss them, your worry about not having enough to eat at home, the difficulties you face now with schooling or your hope to be going back to school as soon as possible. We know how important school is for you.

Some of you are telling us that school is a way to get a job, to get out of poverty and that you want to learn to help your parents out of poverty. This is why in the first part of the letter we invite you to think about school. You will then find news from Tapori groups, and some fun, creative, ecological and physical activities.

**United by friendship,
we'll get out of this
together!**

Child from Guatemala

My name is Christine.

I'm 11 years old. I live
in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
Teaching takes place on TV and radio.
It's difficult because when it's English.

I don't understand anything. It's even worse when
it's mathematics. I can't ask a question to understand
the lesson. What I really want is to go back to school.

I'm taking advantage of my mum being home to learn to make doughnuts.
Her work has stopped right now. At night when my dad comes home, he tells us
it's hard to sell his stuff because there's no one to buy it. I'd like to make doughnuts
and sell them on our doorstep to help my family during this difficult time.

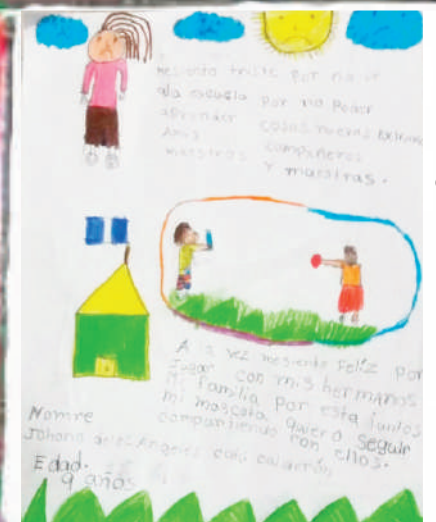


Drawing : Darah - Qatar

**My name is Clarisse.
I am 13 years old and
I live in Antohomadinika
in Madagascar.**

**Our parents can't work freely because
it's forbidden by the state.
We have little to eat at meal times because food
prices have gone up a lot.
I can't be in touch with my friends at school.
I often play with my neighbours.
I wish this pandemic would stop because
it causes a lot of chaos and fear.
People can't get money, students can't go
to school, and traders can't sell.
We can't communicate and this creates
distance between neighbours.**

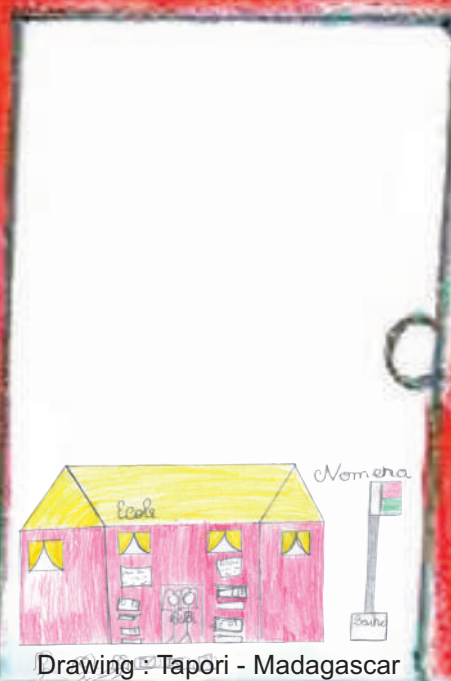
**My name is Johana.
I am 9.
I am from the Taporí group
of Paco Piñas Library
in Guatemala.**



Drawing : Johana from Guatemala

**I'm sad I can't go to school and
learn new things. I miss my friends
and my teachers.**

**At the same time, I am happy that
I can play with my brothers and
with my family and spend this time
with them.**



Drawing : Taporí - Madagascar

1. From Clarisse, Johana and Christine's stories, what difficulties do you think children experience during this coronavirus pandemic?
2. Many children are worried about school. What do you think the consequences of these school-related problems are on children's future? To answer, you can draw something.
3. In Taporí, we want all children to have the same opportunities and we are doing something about it. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, many children have not gone to school or they have not been able to follow the teaching on television, radio, or on line. If you knew a child or a friend in this situation and if you had the possibility to change something, what would you do to help them keep their courage and motivation to learn?

Don't forget to share your answers with Taporí!

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Some mail
for you !

For Tresor
and his Taporí friends from Burundi

I'm Javier Barrios and I'm 9 years old like you.
In my country, Guatemala,
we have to follow government regulations too.
Parents must use protection to go to work.

In Guatemala, hospitals welcome
many patients. Parents are also at risk
when they go out.

I'm at home doing chores or playing
with my mum or my dad or both,
according to who's going to work that day.

Little by little, I hope everything will get better
in your country, that your parents will stay
in good health and that your mother
will be able to sell a lot so
she can have enough food for you.

Let's be positive and well-behaved.
Let's help our parents to clean up so that
when they come home, they are happy and
forget about the virus outside that makes life
so difficult. This way, they can give us
what we need.



Taporí "Amigos de mil colores"

Welcome To Taporí !



A Star
That Shines
So Brightly!

We are very happy to welcome the new Taporí
group "**A Star That Shines So Brightly**" from
the Ek'Abana center in Bukavu, in Democratic
Republic of Congo (DRC).

Floods in UVIRA

On the night of 16 April, a heavy rainfall occurred in the town of Uvira, DRC, resulting in a massive flood (see photo). Several families lost their homes and had to live outside in the flooded area.

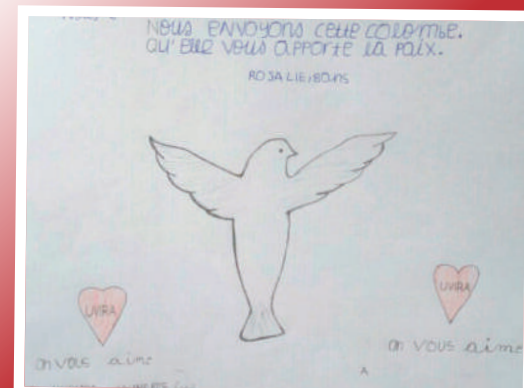
Tapori children came to help their friends get what they could out of the water and mud. Their Tapori friends from Goma, in DRC too, sent them cards with words of encouragement.



May this beautiful sun bring you light, strength and a smile.
Tapori from Goma

We send this dove to you.
May it bring you peace.

Rosalie, 8 years old, Goma



16 June, Day of the African Child :

The Day of the African Child was established by the Organisation of African Unity. It draws attention to the lives of African children and is celebrated every year around a theme.



Enfant Tapori de Goma - RDC

To mark the day, Tapori children from Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal and Togo took part in a video-conference on Sunday, 21 June 2020.

They talked about their experiences with coronavirus, its impact on their schooling and what they would propose if they were Presidents.

"I'm very scared of coronavirus because it kills and forces us to stay confined and even worse, it brings us famine."

Amos - Togo

"We shouldn't do the same things we used to do.

We need a radical change."

Mahomed - Senegal

"We want to go to school. Without school we can't learn anything. School helps you towards getting work."

Prince - Cameroon

Tapori children also got together locally on this theme in Kenya, Tanzania, Burkina Faso and in the DRC.

● Thank you!



We have received beautiful birds with hopeful and encouraging messages and beautiful hands with bright dreams. All the birds and hands in this letter come from you.

Thank you to everyone who took part. For those of you who have not sent yours yet, it's not too late to do so... send them to Taporì.



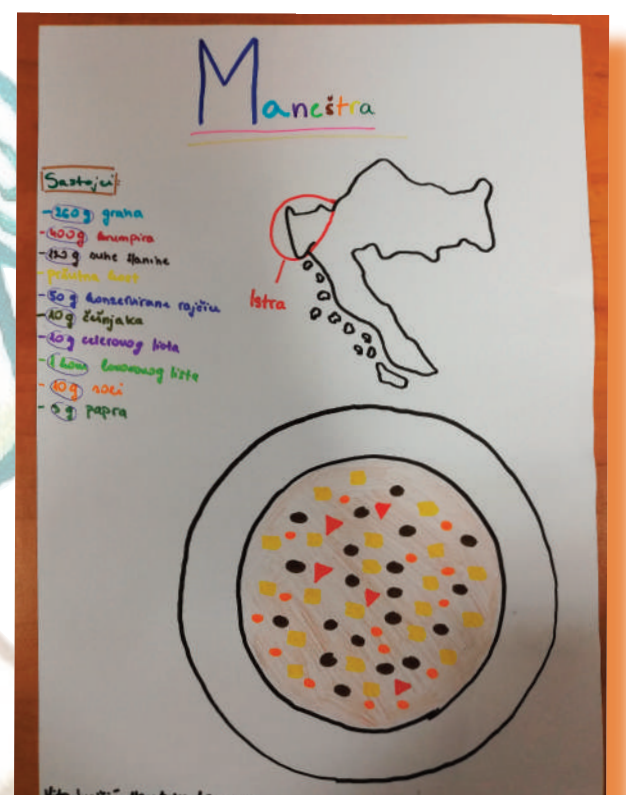
● Workshops

Our friends from the Association Society "Our children" in Opatija, Croatia proposed online activities to the children, together with things they could do at home such as cooking recipes of traditional dishes in the country.

They shared one with us called **Manestra**.

It is a dish from the Istrian peninsula. It is like a soup, made with beans, potatoes, pork meat, different spices and sometimes pasta.

What about you? Would you like to share with Taporì the recipe of a traditional dish from your country so we can all discover it?



Tapori Initiatives

In the RDC, Tapori facilitators went visiting children door-to-door. They proposed to children from the same location to do awareness sessions on barrier gestures, mask making workshops and drawing activities of messenger birds of hope, and "Stop Covid! hands."



"I am so moved to be back with my friends again. This gives me hope that we will get together again."

Hoshea - DRC

Green Space



During lockdown, Paula and her sister Marta from the Ventilla Tapori group in Spain, took care of a pumpkin they had received as a sign of friendship. So as not to lose them, they collected the pumpkin's seeds and sowed them in pots. The seeds germinated and began to grow.

As there were lots of seeds, they shared some with their friends so that they too would have something on their balcony. They even gave a few plants for their local fire station garden. As later on they were given more seeds, they now have a mini vegetable garden on their balcony. They say it's fun and rewarding!



ACTIVITY



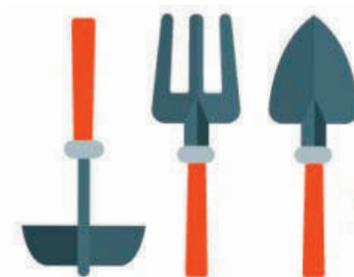
For tomorrow, I dream that we will all be ecological and stop all waste, that there will be no more war on earth and that there will be no more very serious diseases killing many people of all ages."

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Priscille - France



My first steps as a gardener!



Our friends in the UK have shared the idea of this activity with us.

Did you know birds also carry seeds sometimes? Some of these seeds fall to the ground and turn into flowers or trees? What if we did the same as the birds?

How would you like to start a small garden, planting things that are essential for everyday life such as vegetables? It doesn't matter if you don't have a lot of space, the main thing is to have fun, to be green and support your relatives, friends or neighbours with what you will harvest. What do you need?

1 Seeds



You don't have to buy them. Collect seeds from the vegetables you

eat: beans, lentils, peppers, tomatoes, zucchinis, eggplants...

3 Soil

You need good soil and natural fertilizer or compost for the plants to grow well. Ask grown-ups for advice.

4 Water

Water your plants regularly and with the right quantity of water.

A place to plant



If you have a little space outside, you can plant your seeds in the ground. Otherwise use pots and don't hesitate to recycle and be creative:

plastic bottles, tires, old shoes, various containers, plastic bags (see photos). Don't forget that plants need light.



If you put them indoors, remember to put them in a well-lit place.



Don't forget to tell Taponi about your experiences so that we can share them.
Write to us and send us photos if possible.

LET'S HAVE FUN!



To play, you can print the patterns or draw hands and feet with chalk on the floor.

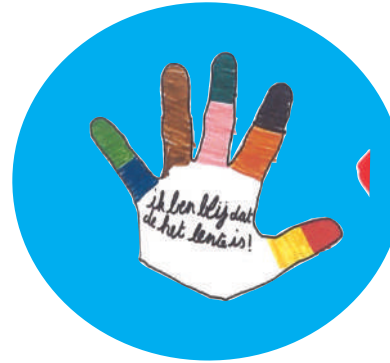
The aim of the game is to make an active circuit by jumping and putting your hands and feet in the right places, without letting your body touch the ground.

Follow the sequence of numbered coloured lines .

You can set a time limit to complete the run as quickly as possible.

Choose the rules of the game. For example: the smallest one starts...

Get your friends and family to play!



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