## Tapori newsletter

Tapori is a worldwide friendship network which brings together children from different backgrounds who want all children to have the same chances. They learn from children whose everyday life is very different from theirs. They think and act for a fairer world by inventing a way of living where no one is left behind.



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## In search of our human treasures

Hello dear Tapori,

There are places around you, in your neighbourhood, in your community, you go to every day and others you might go to only occasionally, or even never.

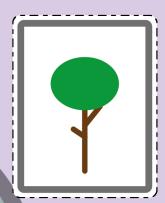
People live in these places, visit them or work there. In the same way that your families have passed on treasures you have shared with us through stories and sayings, these places and all these people have an impact on you, maybe positive maybe negative.

In this Newsletter, you will guide us through your community.











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## Come and discover the Tapori group in Rorschach, Switzerland!

Our Rorschach Tapori group brings together children who live in Switzerland. Some of us and our families come from other countries, but for different reasons, we have had to move to Switzerland.

When you have to live in a country far away from your own, and leave behind a big part of your family and way of life, what makes you feel safe? Where are the places you feel at home in, and where do you sense you can continue being happy?

For us as a group, having friends is the most important thing. "That makes us feel good". Just like when someone invites us to their home to spend time together so we don't feel lonely.

In school, there is always something to learn, and we get the chance to play with other children during break time. That's when we can learn to deal with arguments and problems that come up, as "there are always children who don't find school easy, and do get upset."

There are other places too, where we can play and feel good and safe, where we can be happy and have fun, be close to nature, see the sun, enjoy lakes and listen to music.





## To get to know each other better, let's listen to one other!

We are the Tapori group in the Langlet Santy district in Lyon in France. We get together once a month. Sometimes we come to the group with our siblings, and enjoy all being together.

We've taken time to watch videos of children from the Gallup street library in New Mexico, USA. They've been telling us what a treasure is for them. Treasures are not just material! It was great to get to know children from another country. Then we read the story of Kiana, a girl from the New York group.

After this introduction, we took part in two workshops. In the first one, we talked about "Who I am", and also about our dreams. What we liked most was talking about our dreams.

Many of us dream mostly of becoming a lawyer, an artist, a star footballer or a vet... Even though we already knew each other a little, we were happy to get to know more about one another.

In the second workshop, we drew our self-portraits. We were asked to draw a self-portrait representing who we are and not just what we look like. It is not easy to talk about our physical appearance and what others think about us, so we started to talk about the things we are passionate about. Each of us drew our personal portrait and at the end we presented it to the group. We also made short videos to show our feelings. We hope that you will be able to see them.

