

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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SCHOOL VIOLENCE

RACISM

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In our Tapori Newsletters, we are proposing to work on the injustices we see around us. We want to show that children can **change for the better the places** where they are present in their daily lives.

What does it mean to live in a **healthy environment**? The degradation of our surroundings has a negative impact on our health and development. Can Tapori children make their environment healthy?
What role should Tapori children play in creating or demanding a healthy environment around them?

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If you observe **Warsaw** in Poland from above, from a plane, you see all its monuments and skyscrapers, the beauty of the city, the Vistula River, and all the parks and forests.

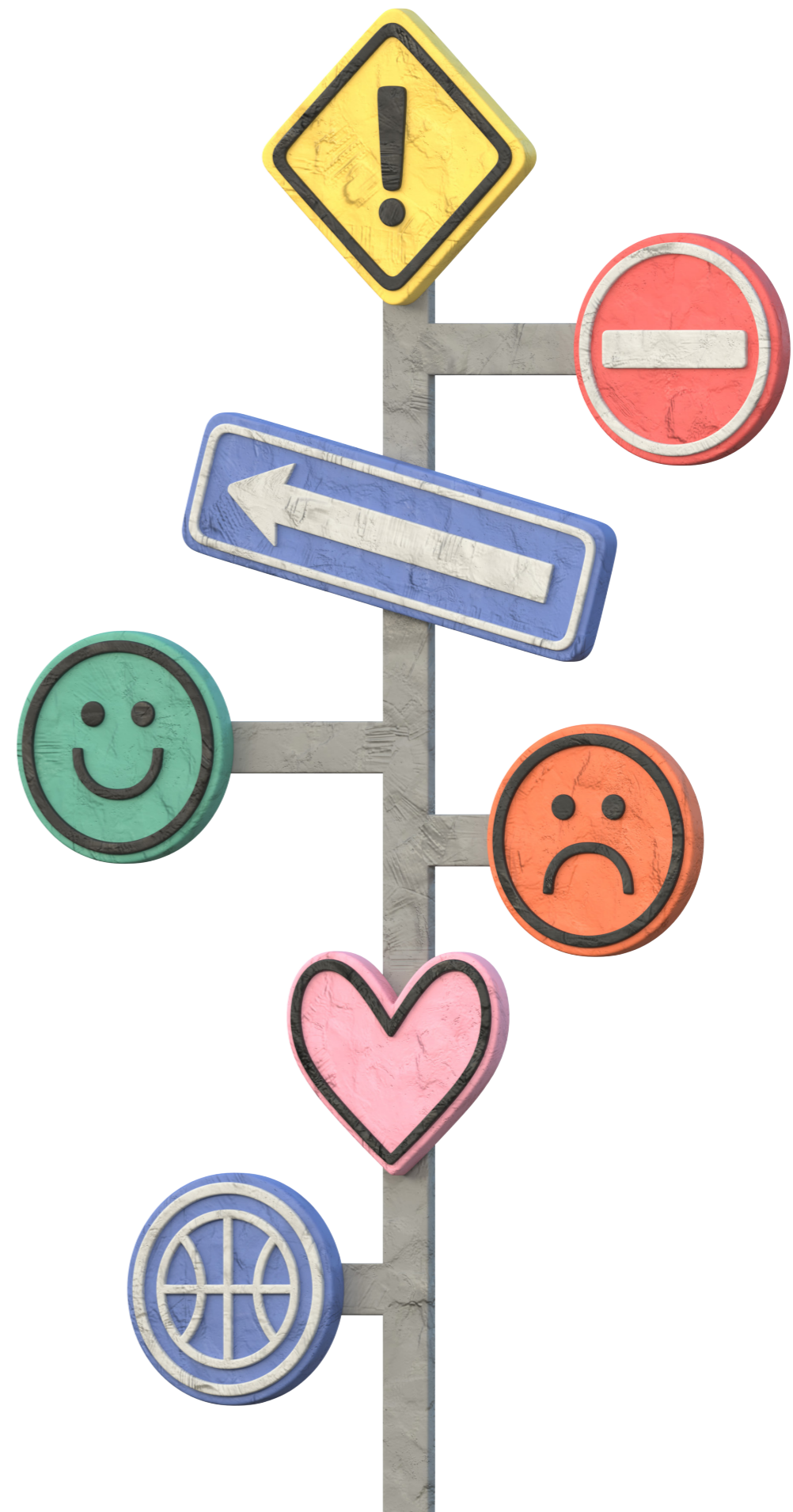
Oh, look! Here is Mediateka, the library where we come for Street Libraries and the Mirabelle where we build our friendship! From there, you will hear the **screams of joy of being together and playing together.**

You may see us in our favourite playground. It's right next to our homes, so we often call out to others from beneath their window to come down and play with us. It's a lot nicer than the other playgrounds we are scared to go to because the play equipment is broken and there are sometimes strange people sitting around. A few of us also participate in after-school activities, but others say that sometimes they are not worth leaving home for.

Our neighbourhood has nice areas but also some dark corners.

If you look carefully, you will notice that some buildings are sadder than others, with damaged cameras and intercoms. There are too few street lamps working in the area, which does not give a sense of security, especially in places where it is sometimes scary to go, where young people gather and you never know what might happen...

We know this neighbourhood is not ideal. We would like to live our life as children to the full, far away from the problems of adults and teenagers gathering in the evenings. **We would like to be able to go from home in the evenings without fear,** and not to have to avoid the darker places, and do our hobbies in a neighbourhood where we feel safe, a space where we can simply be ourselves.



What do children think of...?

SOCIAL MEDIA



Burkina Faso

Social media are good because they give us information about the world and help us to do research for our education.

The problem is when they spread false information that can even end up starting wars.

Burkina Faso

Social media allow us to communicate, even with people in America. We can communicate with them, and that can help us with our studies.

Switzerland

Social media is a great way to communicate but you need to be careful with messages you receive from people you don't know. If you suspect there is something dangerous in a message, report it on social media.



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The problem with social media is that some people use them to spread lies.

Switzerland

Sometimes when I'm bored, so I go on my smart phone, watch YouTube or play games. But sometimes I leave my phone off and don't use it.