

Rules of the Competition “French is Fun - learning through activities”

1. The title of the competition is “**French is Fun – Learning through activities**”.
2. The competition is open to Secondary School **students (Form 3 to Form 5)** learning French as a foreign language in the colleges of Malta and Gozo and their **teachers**.
3. The objectives of the competition are the following :
 - To render the teaching and learning of French more interesting aiming towards a holistic education;
 - To promote the sharing of ideas that help render the teaching and learning of French more fun;
 - To encourage the learners to be actively engaged in their own learning.
4. The competition will be launched by e-mail to all colleges in Malta and Gozo, on the APFM website (www.apfmalte.com) and on Facebook on Monday 3rd October 2016. The competition will be open throughout the scholastic months till 21st April 2017.
5. Teachers participating in this competition are expected to upload a short **video-clip** (mp4 format) of not more than **3 minutes** showing part of an activity or a whole activity related to the learning of the French language or culture on the closed Facebook group *French is Fun 2016-2017* (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/frenchisfun20162017/>) that has been specifically created for this competition. The activity can be held inside the classroom, in any other part of the school or even outside the school. Participating teachers (or one of their students) are also asked to upload **one photo** of the same activity on the Facebook group. The teacher of the participating class/group must provide a brief written description of the activity in English of **not more than 100 words** to make sure that the voters can clearly understand what the activity is about. Teachers have to make sure that every participating student has a consent form signed by his/her parent/guardian prior to the filming of the activity. Please note that this is going to be a **closed group** and the administrators of the Facebook group will only allow participating students/teachers to access the group and vote for the activity which they like most. Participants can vote by ‘liking’ their preferred activity but are **not allowed to vote for their own activity**. They can also add their comments stating why they like the activity but only ‘like’ counts as a vote. This year a jury will also vote for the best and the second best activity. The votes of the jury will carry a weighting of 60% whereas the votes of the participants will carry a weighting of 40%. Only 1 activity per teacher will be accepted. The Facebook page will be monitored at all times and

therefore it is up to the administrators to ban any activities deemed not appropriate or related to the theme of the competition. Participating teachers should fill in the **participation form** and send it together with the **list of the participating students and their username. Consent forms are to be kept by the teacher. Participation forms are to reach the Centre Franco-Maltais by 9th January 2017 but the video-clips may be uploaded by 21st April 2017. The deadline for voting is 1st May 2017.**

6. The participants of the 2 activities that obtain the highest number of votes will receive a small gift each. Their teachers will receive a nice board game that can be used for the teaching and learning of French and French culture. All the participating teachers and the winning students will be invited to a prize-giving ceremony. A Certificate of Merit will also be awarded to the 2 winning classes/groups.
7. The results will be announced in May 2017 on the APFM website (www.apfmalte.com). The prizes and the certificates will be distributed during the above-mentioned event (date to be announced later).
8. Participating teachers should send their application forms to the following address :

Compétition APFM « French is Fun – Form 3 to Form 5», APFM c/o Centre Franco-Maltais, Junior College Complex, Msida or hand it in at the Centre Franco-Maltais by **Monday 9th January 2017.**
9. The Committee of the APFM reserves the right to upload the photos of the activities on the APFM/CEO/FIPF websites as well as on the Facebook page of the Association.