



## Reflecting on our Red Chair Dialogue Meetings – Malta

Following the dialogue meetings, the Student Council of St Aloysius Primary School met up again to evaluate the experience and share their reactions. Most students were very excited to have created this opportunity; a first for our school and a unique way of celebrating the Red Chair Day.

Beppe Cucciardi was not aware that the Red Chair was not given as much importance in other Jesuit Schools as much as in our school. So, it was good to see that we could spread awareness with other schools about this campaign.

Isaac and Ethan found it very interesting to have met students from other schools because we could share our common experiences. Most of us noted that many good things emerged from this year even though it was hard. Ms Roberta said she was struck by the fact that our schools, from being open communities had to become closed communities for the safety of our members. It was also valuable for us to listen to people like Ben, who had to stay at home this year and now is looking forward to returning to school next year.

Most students realised that even though we faced difficulties during the pandemic our schools still managed to adapt. However, many other countries who normally struggle with offering education to all students must have found it even harder during the pandemic. Beppe Portanier noted that this experience moved us to stand up for children who do not have an education even more strongly!

Andre noted that this pandemic made us more aware that we can create such exchanges through a simple online meeting. Before the pandemic we used to consider travelling to meet students from other schools in person, but this experience taught us that an online meeting is also engaging. Ms. Daphne pointed out how important it was to have a common language like English to be able to communicate with each other.

We look forward to a follow up these inter-school dialogues with a common activity or with other dialogues.