In this issue of Tapori we share what we learned from a group in Laos. It reminds us that many people are going through a very hard time right now with the rupture of a dam. We think of the Laotian children who were directly affected by this tragedy. We are thinking also of all the children in the world who suffer from natural catastrophes, from war, violence, and injustice. To show solidarity with those children who are suffering, if you wish to, you can write a message for them and send to Tapori. You can also speak about their situation to people around you; propose a minute of silence; or light a candle, etc.

**Activities and News**

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**“The Prince and the Crown”**

In the 8th district of Lyon there is a new Tapori group with 11 children. Some are French, some are from Madagascar, from Armenia, Algeria and Guadeloupe. They learn about each other, to accept each other as they are, and to support one another. One parent and two other adults help the group.

One day, a member of the group, Abdelah, took a piece of paper. He started to write a story, then folded the paper. He folded the paper for each episode of the story. At the next meeting, they all read the story and it gave them the idea to make a play using origami. They chose the title: “The Prince and the Crown”. It was a good play and one more child joined the group. You can also read this story at en.tapori.org

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**Laos**

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“...we must invite them, go and let them know.”

Do you know the Tapori group Joli-Fond? It is a group from Reunion Islands. You will get to know more about them soon, but for now here is a news from them.

After the publication of an article presenting them in “Guetali” : Children’s Journal of Reunion Island : and the exhibition of their keys of Friendship and Peace carrying their messages, TAPORI children JOLI-FOND said to themselves:

“People from elsewhere know who we are, what we do but in our neighborhood people did not understand, we must invite them, go and let them know.”

So they organized a Festival of Friendship and Peace in their neighborhood on April 21, 2018.

In the programme, they did a walk in the streets of the neighborhood (see photo on the right), some games, like an *egg hunt and an exhibit. The Tapori group presented who they were. Then there was some singing, dancing and it ended with some refreshments.

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**Activity A : Culture Cards**

Each country has its own culture. It is part of its identity. The story of Ming and her friends told us much about the Laotian culture (dance, food, etc.) We suggest that you tell the other Tapori members about your own culture. Here’s how:

1. Find 5 to 10 things that you would like to share about your own culture.
2. For each one, take a sheet of paper, 10 cm x 7 cm.
3. On the front of the paper, draw what you would like to share, and on the back, write a short explanation of what you drew. You can decorate the two sides (follow the model on your left) like a set of cards.
4. Send them to Tapori and they will travel to other parts of the world.

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**Activity B : Board Game of Dreams**

You read the story “The Dream Activity.” In making this board game you will share your own dreams.

**Players:**
- Groups of 2 to 5.

**Material:**
- Create the board you will play on by gluing pages 2 and 3 on a cardboard.
- You will need : a dice to throw to know how many squares to move forward.
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**Rules:**
- All the players place their own counter on START. The youngest player begins.
- Each player in turn throws the dice, then advances his or her piece according to the number on the dice.
- Then the player reads what’s written on the square and does what it says.
- Each player takes their turn and continue until the game is finished.
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Welcome in “Dream Activity.”

Step 1:
Each one tells the others his or her wish from the START.

Step 2:
Some dreams are possible to achieve, only if you make them happen.
Together, decide which you want to come true and how to do so.

Each player thinks of something he or she wishes for their Tapori group. Keep it a secret at first.

Board Game of Dreams

1. In which continent is Laos?
2. Miss a turn.
3. Explain what Tammakhung is.
4. Keep in mind the wish you have and move forward one square.
5. Sing a traditional song from your country.
6. Keep in mind the wish you have and go forward one square.
7. Go back one square.
8. Get on the ladder to go back to square 4.
9. Say hello to everybody in your own language.
10. Remember how people dance in Laos and do the same.
11. To which country do Laotians go to find work?
12. If your friend is behind, wait for them to continue play.
13. Choose a player who will join you on this square.
14. Take a rest for one more turn.
15. What was the name of Laos in the past?
16. Take a shortcut by taking the ladder.
17. Miss a turn.
18. Take a rest for one turn. Give the name of a traditional dish from your country or region and explain what it is.
19. Choose someone who is behind who will join you on this square.
20. Say hello to everybody in the Laotian way.
21. What is the name of the Activity in Laos that many children, young people and adults brings together once a year?
22. Wait for another player to arrive here.
23. Share something of the culture of your country that is important to you.
24. Remember the wish you have and go back one square.
25. How do you show respect to adults in your country?
26. Say hello to everyone in Laotian.
27. Sing a traditional song from your country.
28. Go back one square and wait for your closest friend and then go forward together.
29. Say something that is typical of your country that is well known throughout the world.
30. Remember how people dance in Laos and do the same.
31. Why did they call their program the “Dream Activity”?
32. Take a shortcut by taking the ladder.
33. Remember the wish you have and move forward one square.
34. You are in the ARRIVAL case: Choose to go to 35 or to join a friend who is behind.
35. WAITING AREA: WAIT for all the other players.

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