TAPORI **NEWS-**LETTER.

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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Hello, Tapori of the world! As you have discovered, the human treasures around you have an impact on who you are, and they encourage you to move forward towards a fairer world. You have found out too that if a child isn't welcome somewhere, a treasure is missing.

With this Newsletter, we are starting a new step: Tapori - actors of change.

To know what changes you want to bring about, let's first understand what injustice is.

What is it that makes you angry? What can't you accept?

We want to follow you, Tapori friends, on this path for change!

Tapori - actors of change

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My name is **Leo** and I live in the Ventilla neighbourhood of Madrid in Spain.

I go to **school** almost every day. If I don't go, it's because I'm sick or because I just don't want to go. My mum is not happy when I don't go, but because she works so early, she doesn't know I've not gone to school until she gets a telephone call or when she gets home.

Whenever I go to school, I am always happy, at least at first, because I get to meet my friends. The time we spend there is fun, especially during playtime. When I arrive, the caretaker asks me: "Will you be good today? Have you done your homework?" I walk into the classroom and the teacher is already giving me nasty looks, the other children too. I'm starting to feel bad, and getting more and more angry. I feel as if I have to defend myself against everything and so the classes seem to go on forever. Once I asked what time it was and the teacher got angry and punished me by stopping me going on the outing that was organised.

Because of my behaviour, I am not allowed to join in many out-of-school activities, like outings. When I can't control my anger or when it gets worse, I am always punished, and this makes me even angrier. I don't believe anything good is going to happen and so I keep misbehaving.

I'm really tired when I go home, from having to stick up for myself and always being in a bad mood, but I don't know what else to do. People around me still see me as "a problem", so I behave like one, but it's only to defend myself, not because I am like that or because it makes me happy.

On Fridays I go to **Tapori**. Even if I don't go sometimes, because I have something else to do, or I've forgotten or I'm tired, I know I can always go. They welcome me with a smile and I know they're expecting me.

Even though I am still the same Leo and they have to repeat several times "Leo stop and focus on what you are doing", or "Leo, don't talk like that", I am always welcome. When they go on outings, they always think of me. That's why I'm happy when I go, first of all to have a good time, but mostly because I know that in Tapori they will never kick me out and they always want me to take part in everything.



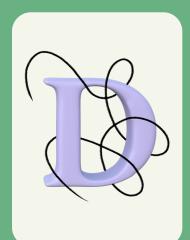
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