

### "ON THE PLANET"

A radio story by the students of the Special Junior High and High School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of Argyroupolis, for the project "**Tangible Radio – Class on Air**".

An educational and artistic project by TWIXTlab, with the financial support of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports. Part of the European project "B-Air: Art Infinity Radio", co-funded by the Creative Europe programme of the European Union.

Photo description: Children's hands touch a radio white spherical device that looks like a spacecraft. Slightly above it, there is a makeshift radio transmitter in a wooden rectangle construction, with cables and two antennas on its two sides.

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Photo description: Children's improvised black and white drawings used for the composition of the radio show. A moon at the top center and next to it the word "moon" written. Below, a walking man, on the left side a rocket and on the right Super Mario's figure.

The following text is the script of the show. It is intended to be read along with listening to the show, for a better understanding of the content. The text in brackets is the descriptions of the sounds chosen by the children. Enjoy!

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#### PART 1<sup>o</sup> – INTRODUCTION

(Countdown and spacecraft launch)

(Breathing in a space suit)

Dimitris:

I'm getting off the rocket. It felt like an earthquake.

I walk slowly. I'm wearing my astronaut helmet and I cannot breathe very well.

(Continuous heartbeat)

(Breathing continues)

I'm lightweight. The ground lifts me up.

I feel a sense of being light, the air is different.

I have a pressure on my movement.

I can feel my breath.  
I see stars. Very nice stars.

(Planetary and stellar atmosphere)  
(Heartbeat and breathing fade out)

Philippos:

I get off the rocket and I'm surprised. The launch felt like an earthquake.  
But once I get out of the rocket I walk slowly.  
I'm wearing the astronaut mask and I cannot breathe very well...  
I'm lightweight. The ground lifts me up.  
I feel a light sensation. The air is different.  
I have a pressure in my movement. I can feel my breath.  
I see stars. Very nice. They are very beautiful.

(Planet sound and breathing)

PART 2°

Dimitris:

I'm bouncing around and I'm pinning a flag.

(Flag pinning)

It's the American flag.  
An earthquake is triggered where I plant the flag.  
A rift breaches on the planet.

(Loud sounds of earthquake and breach on the planet)

There are three of us...

Suddenly, a meteorite falls...

(Meteor impact)

One of us is killed, the second one is injured and the third holds the flag so as not to fall down.

(Gust of wind)

PART 3°

(Steps, video game)

Angelos:

Super Mario showed up.

(Theme tune of Super Mario video game sung by Achilleas)

He runs, and mushrooms pop up and grow tall.

A stone was thrown, pushed the mushrooms and they were destroyed.

Not all of them. The ones that survived and resisted have a flower within them, that is fire...

(Imaginary sounds of mushrooms and fire)

A boxer came along and fought Super Mario.

(Battle and boxing sounds)

(Planet atmosphere)

The boxer lost.

(Song of Super Mario video game)

#### PART 4

▲ Achilleas:

We play football with Athena, Anna, Blunt, Stelios, Ali.  
Football is the same like (the one) on earth.

(Children playing soccer, ball bouncing and planet atmosphere)

There is also a stadium. We're playing against the team of this planet,  
-what's the name in English?- Notefote!

(Ball bounce and planet atmosphere)

#### PART 5° – EPILOGUE

Angelos:

I see stars. I look around me at the sky and see the countless star lights.  
I bounce around and go on in my astronaut suit.  
My friends and I are chatting while looking at the stars. We are climbing up a black rock. There's a strange dust on this planet.

(Footsteps, atmosphere planet)

Paulina: I see stars...

Angelos: We see the earth and the stars around it.

Paulina:

...I look around me at the sky and see the countless star lights.

Formatted: Greek

My friends and I are chatting while looking at the stars. We are climbing up a black rock. There's a strange dust on this planet.  
We see the earth and the stars around it.  
Let's go back to the rocket, have a toasted sandwich, get rest and return to Earth.

Angelos:

Let's go back to the rocket, have a toasted sandwich, get a rest and return to Earth.

(Spacecraft door closes)

Achilleas:

Thank you very much!

(Atmospheric sounds of stars)

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Credits

Radio Story "ON THE PLANET"

Script: *Ibo, Ali, Achilleas, George, Semiha*

Voices: *Dimitris, Philip, George, Angelos, Pavlina*

Foley sounds: *Ibo, Achilles, George, Philip, Vassilis, Semiha, Pavlina, Dana, Mizzi, Orestes.*

Technical production assistance: *Vassilis*

"TANGIBLE RADIO – CLASS ON AIR"

The show was created in the framework of the educational workshop "Class on Air", coordinated by Kalliopi Takaki and Dana Papachristou. The students' accessibility to the audio content was facilitated by the prototype radio device "Tangible radio", designed and made by Petros Flambouris particularly for the demands of this project. The device is based on the principle of sonic diffusion and reception through the vibration of solids, in order to highlight alternative ways of perceiving sound, taking into consideration the accessibility and inclusivity of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals to audio content. The sound design and mastering of the show, for the needs of both this device and

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