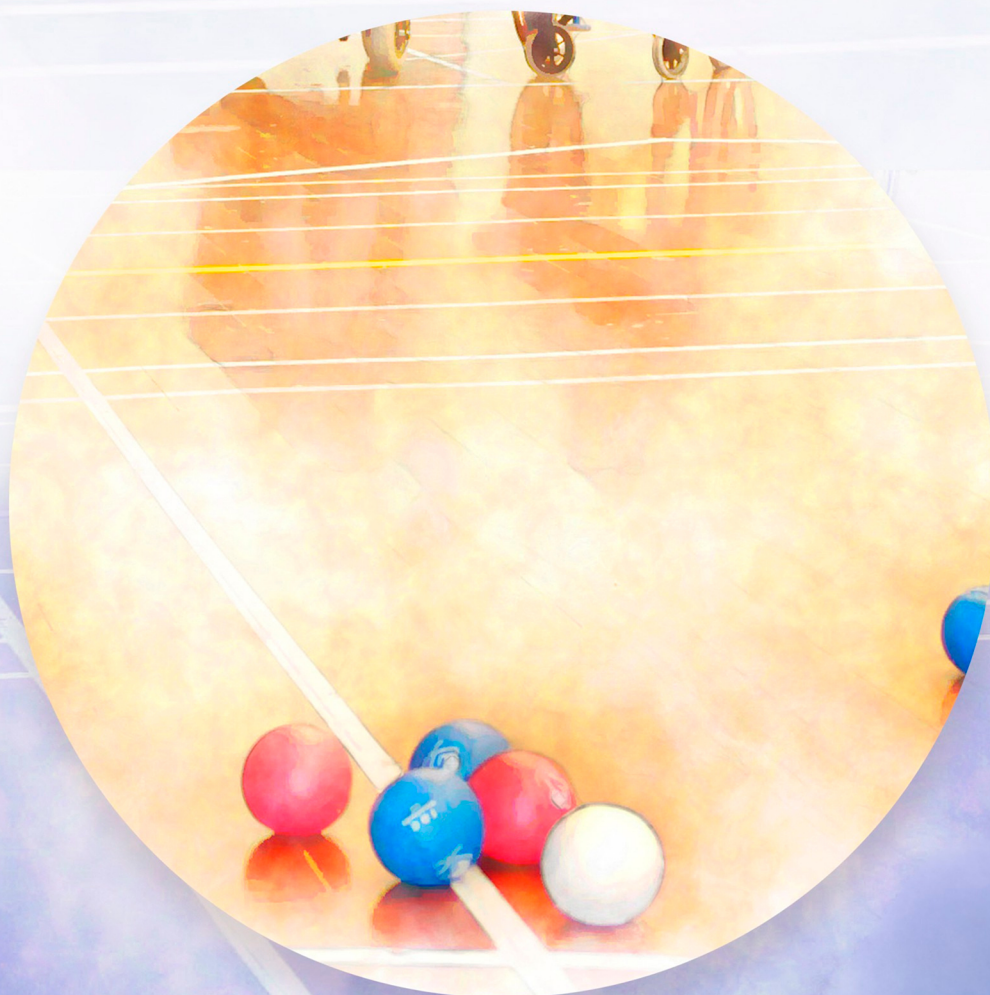


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Dedication

To Alexandre Miguel, a Year 10 student on the Science and Technology course at Francisco Franco Secondary School – in Funchal, of the academic year 2015/2016.

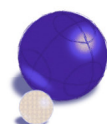
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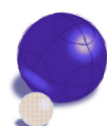
The teacher said that Alexandre could not play handball or tennis, the sports chosen by the majority.

- So, what will Alexandre do in PE class? - debated his classmates.



- He will have to stay in the classroom and do worksheets, if we don't solve this problem... - said the teacher.

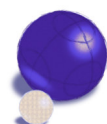
- What? - replied Luís, Ana and Pedro, while Alexandre rolled his eyes.



- That's not right, it's unfair. Then we're all also going to stay in the classroom doing worksheets! - almost all classmates agreed, although unconvinced, and Alexandre was sad.



- Let's find a sport that everyone can play! There has to be some... - suggested Sofia.

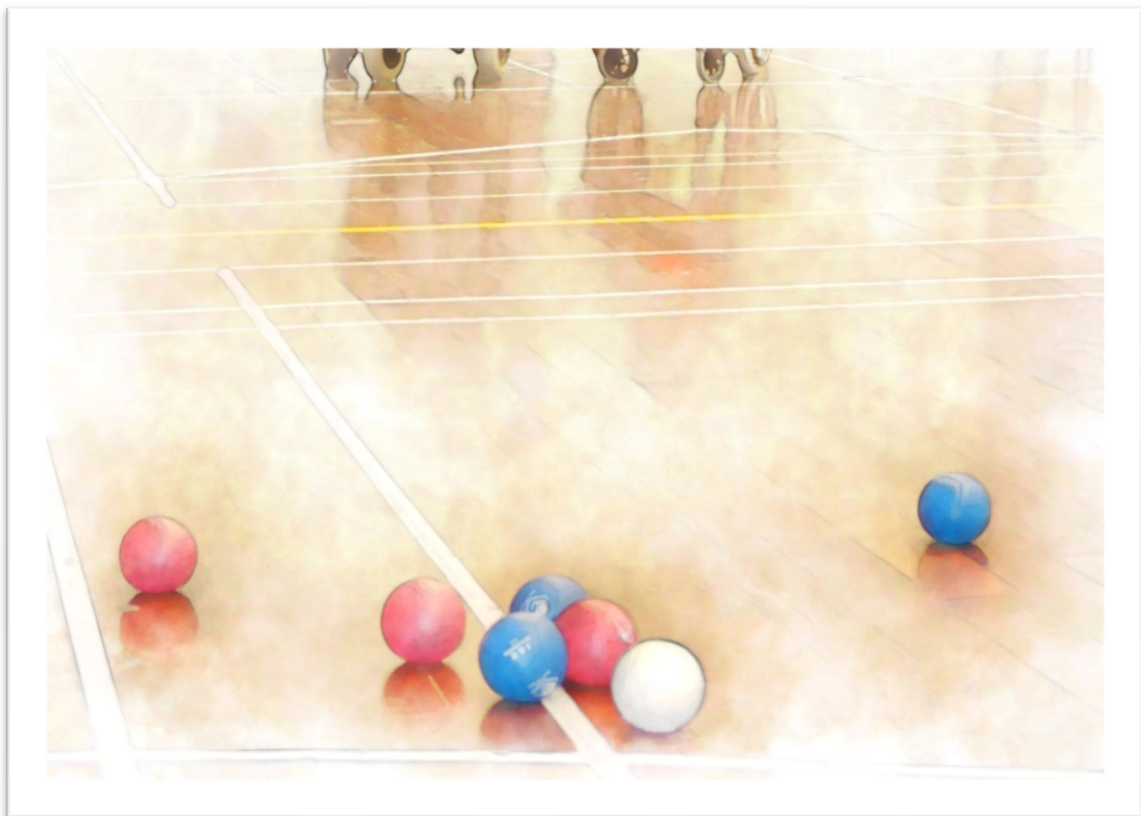
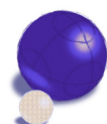


António took some stickers out of his pocket, showed them to his classmates and said:

- Let's look for a sport that Alexandre can play in the 'Super Sport' collection.

- I found it! I found it! - exclaimed Joana and showed the "Boccia" sticker to her classmates and to the teacher.

- We can all practice Boccia! The other day I saw an interclass boccia competition in a School Sports competition - added Luís.



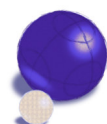
- And I saw a game at the Olympics! - shouted Luísa.

- They are known as the Paralympic Games - Pedro corrected.

Alexandre agreed smiling.



- Teacher, Alexandre knows that sport - said Pedro.



- So, in ICT class you will research Boccia and in the next class we will decide how to solve this issue. - replied the teacher.

In the following lesson the pupils presented the video they had chosen about Boccia to the teacher.

Paula and Pedro have brought some pins and a bag of balls to demonstrate the game while they worked out how to get the sports equipment.

- Shall we try it out? - suggested João.

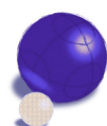
They then formed two teams and stood next to each other.

To start the game Pedro threw a white ball while the others took turns throwing a red or a blue ball.

- Ah! We have a problem! - said the teacher.

The balls are very lightweight and are always coming out of the pitch.

- We can throw sandbags! – suggested Paula.



Alexandre also wanted to say something. He looked at the ball and then at Paula.

- He says the ball can have sand to make it heavier!
- quickly understood Luísa.

- Alexandre have you ever practiced Boccia? - asked the teacher.

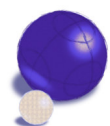
At this, Alexandre looked at his computer because he wanted to communicate.



The teacher switched the computer on and Alexandre selected his answer from the photo album, which the teacher showed to his classmates: a photo of Alexandre's participation in the Boccia competition at the School Games. A photograph from *Diário de Notícias da Madeira!*



- It's decided: Class 7 of Year 5 will practise Boccia!
- declared the teacher.



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