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Newsletter - Friday 1st October 2021

The Northern Echo Education Awards:

Each year the Northern Echo arrange their Education Awards. This year it was 'Celebrating Education and Learning in 2021.' There are 10 categories, and it is open for anyone in the Northeast to nominate a staff member or a school depending on the category.

Last night the finals took place of the Northern Echo Education Awards, and we are delighted to inform you that Mr Legg won the category of 'Primary School Teacher of the Year.' This is a very exciting achievement and one that has made everyone at Whinfield very proud. Well done Mr Legg!

GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was Emerald. Well done to everyone in Team Emerald!

GEMS training Year 2 and 3:

Dr Tom Robson will be in school Tuesday 5th October to work with Years 1 and 4. As you are aware he brings his dog Jed. Please can you let the school know if your child is allergic to or frightened to dogs by Monday 4th October.

Reminders will be sent each week as to the next dates for his visits.

Continuing COVID Safety:

Please can parents/carers wear a face covering when they come into the school office. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please stay outside the green fence and wear a face covering.

Morrisons - 'It's Good to Grow' Scheme:

We are happy to announce that Whinfield Primary School will be taking part in the 'It's Good to Grow' scheme from Morrisons.

It's Good to Grow is a token collection scheme that allows schools to collect for free gardening equipment to get kids outdoors and growing. Until the 24th October 2021, for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons customers will automatically receive one Grow Token to donate to our school.

You'll need to be a My Morrisons customer to take part so make sure you download the app and select Whinfield Primary School to donate your Grow Tokens to.

Finally, don't forget to scan your app or My Morrisons card at checkout every time you shop to receive your Grow Tokens. Once you've selected Whinfield Primary School, you'll be able to donate your Grow Tokens. From 24th October, we'll be able to redeem the Grow Tokens we've collected for a range of growing and gardening equipment for our school.

Cross Country Event:

Well done to all of the children who took part in yesterday's cross country and fun run. Poppy Brown and Isla Kirtley will be representing Darlington in the Tees Valley finals due to their achievements, well done!



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Parent Governor:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Board of Whinfield Primary School. We are therefore requesting nominations from parents/carers who are interested in serving on the Governing Body. [Please click here to view the Governing Body - Nomination of a Parent Governor letter.](#) The closing date for nominations is Friday 15th. October.

Reminder to parents/carers:

Please ensure that you ring the school office if someone different is collecting your child from school so that your child's teacher can be informed. Thank you.

October half term:

School closes on Friday 22nd October and re-opens on Monday 1st. November.

