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Newsletter - Friday 11th February 2022

February half term holiday:

School closes on Friday 18th February for the half term holiday and opens on **Tuesday 1st March.**
Please note the school is closed to all pupils on Monday 28th February.

GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was Diamond. Well done to everyone in Team Diamond!
Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

Safer Internet Day 2022:

On Tuesday, we celebrated Safer Internet Day in school. The children completed lots of fun activities around the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.
Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Please ask your child what they have learnt this week about staying safe online.

Year 1 Net and Wall Festival:

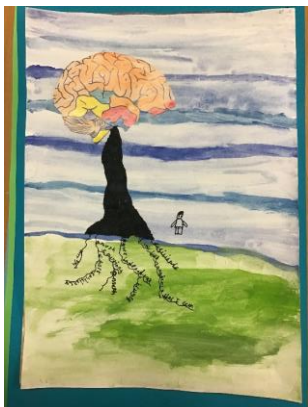
Well done to the Year 1 children who attended a multi-skills festival last Friday, focussing on net and wall skills. It was lovely to see all of you thoroughly enjoying yourselves and improving your skills. You represented Whinfield with fantastic behaviour and your Emerald gem power shone throughout the day.

Year 5 Aquasplash Festival:

A huge well done to the Year 5 children who represented Whinfield at this year's Aquasplash festival. Lots of teamwork was needed for many of the activities and your sapphire power was fantastic, listening carefully to what you had to do for some of the challenging water activities. It was fantastic to see your confidence in the water improving and lots of smiling faces!

5 a-side Football:

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 footballers who represented Whinfield at the 5 A-Side football on Wednesday night. The children played well winning two of their four games, finishing 3rd in their group. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and demonstrating their skills. You represented Whinfield with fantastic behaviour and showed a positive attitude, well done everyone.



Children's Mental Health Week:

This week we have taken part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was 'Growing Together'. The children have taken part in lots of activities such as, writing positive affirmations, creating artwork, discussing their achievements and how much they have grown, enjoying Golden Time and lots more!

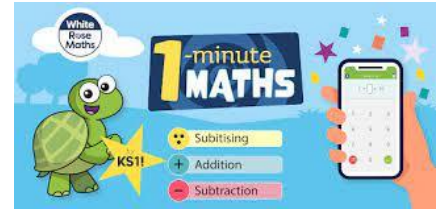




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White Rose Maths Scheme:

We follow the White Rose maths scheme at Whinfield. If you are looking for additional resources to support your child with maths at home, then this link will take you to free workbooks for Years 1 to 6. They are colourful, easy to follow and set out like the maths in the classroom and include answers. It is an optional extra tool for parents and children to enjoy maths together at home. <https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources>



White Rose Maths have also launched an excellent free app called 1-minute Maths which you can download via the App Store, Google Play or Amazon Kindle. It helps children build greater number confidence and fluency and it supports what we are doing at school. It is definitely worth a look!

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.

A reminder that there is currently a high number of cases of Covid-19 within school and within the region. Please LFD test your child regularly to help reduce the spread of Covid 19 and to keep everyone safe. If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 please isolate and book them a PCR test immediately. Thank you

Showbie:

Reminder that work on Showbie is for children who are isolating due to COVID. Please complete the work only if your child is well enough.

Year groups have included a reading folder on Showbie to encourage children to read more. This is in addition to their reading book and is accessible to all pupils.

Staff also put homework on Showbie - this will be in a folder called 'homework.' Children may need to learn spellings, do some maths etc. Paper copies of homework are also available if you would prefer.

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