



# WHITSTONE NEWS

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER

- 4 Blackdown Christmas Trip
- 6 Mendip Christmas Trip
- 6 Polden Christmas Trip
- 6 Quantock Christmas Trip
- 7 Year 10 BTEC Sport Exam
- 11 Year 11 English WTM
- 13-15 German Christmas Market Trip
- 18 Christmas Concert
- 19 Christmas Lunch
- 20 School finishes at 2pm
- 21 INSET - School closed

### January

- 7 First day of term



## EXTRA CURRICULAR

### TUESDAY

- Rugby - RC - Field
- KS3 Dance - KGR - Hall
- Geography KS4 - KW - M3
- Home Learning - Library

### WEDNESDAY

- Eco Club - DG & HH - W8
- Badminton - AG - Leisure Centre
- Basketball - DH - Gym
- Drama - CG - W9
- Home Learning - Library

### THURSDAY

- Cross-Fit - SM - Leisure Centre
- KS4 Dance - KGR - Hall
- Craft Club - LR - E5
- Home Learning - Library

## Primary Festival of Dance

Pupils in Years 2 and 5 recently joined Whitstone School for a Primary Dance Festival.

The event saw over one hundred pupils from local primary schools working with Year 9 and 10 students to create a series of dances during an all day workshop.

Once choreographed and perfected the pupils took part in a dress rehearsal before taking to the stage to perform in front of their friends and family.

Emily, Year 9, said, "I worked with Year 2s from St Aldhelm's and it

was brilliant to see the pupils perform a dance that I had taught them; it made me feel proud. It was extra special because so many parents and family members had come to watch."

A huge congratulations to all those involved in such a successful day of collaboration and dance.

A DVD copy of the Primary Dance Festival has been sent to each of the participating schools.



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## LEAH'S SUCCESS AT EURO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Leah, Year 8, has taken two bronze medals at the European Majorette Championships. Leah and her teammates impressed the judges in two separate routines to secure the podium places.

Leah said, "It was really exciting to travel with the rest of the squad to Croatia for the competition. It was a great experience and I'm proud of what I achieved."



## PRESENTATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11 ALUMNI

The annual Presentation Evening for last year's Year 11 students took place earlier this term.

The class of 2018 graduated in style, each coming up to collect their certificates before the special awards section of the evening took place. Awards were given for exceptional achievement or effort across the curriculum subjects and special prizes were presented to Amy Smith for 'Academic Excellence' and Maria Walton for showing 'Exceptional Endeavour'.



## WHAT DOES MIHNEA LOVE ABOUT WHITSTONE?

Whitstone News has been catching up with Mihnea, Year 8, about what he loves about Whitstone School.

Mihnea said, "I love RE because we learn about new religions and cultures. Recently we have been studying Sikhism. I like the stories about Guru Nanak because he believed in treating people fairly, no matter how rich or poor they are. I think Sikhism is a very important religion to learn about because it teaches good values."



## NEW JUNIOR TRAMPOLINE CLASSES AT SHEPTON MALLET LEISURE CENTRE

We are really excited to announce that our new Junior Trampolining courses will be starting on Monday 7th January with our new, fully qualified coach, Tania. Classes will be held on Mondays, in 2 sessions: 4-8 yrs: 5-6pm & 8-16 yrs: 6-7pm.

The initial course will run for 6 weeks and will cost £30, to be paid at the time of booking. This will continue for participants, charged half-termly.

Spaces are limited - we can only accommodate 8 per class, allocated on a first come, first served basis, though we will also operate a waiting list system.

**For more information, contact Shepton Mallet Leisure Centre: 01749 346644**

