

SHINE TOGETHER



FREE COURSES FOR GIRLS & BOYS IN YEARS 5-6



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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 5 and 6 Pupils

We are delighted to introduce our new programme of exciting workshops for pupils who are interested in exploring specific subjects in more depth.

Previously, our series of courses offered on Saturday mornings was known as our SHiNE programme, however we are excited to announce that we now have a new name which reflects the importance of the partnership between Withington and your primary school – **SHiNE Together**.

Whilst our preference will always be to open Withington's doors to local children on a Saturday morning, sadly it will not be possible this year, and so we are very excited to announce our virtual courses which will run for three Saturday mornings in January and February. All sessions will be delivered via Zoom so that children can join them from home. You will need access to a computer or tablet, however all other materials will be supplied (via the post) as necessary.

This brochure provides more details about the six courses on offer and the relevant protocols.

In addition, we are also offering pupils interested in science and engineering the opportunity to take part in an independent project which could lead to a recognised award.

If you are interested in applying **and able to commit to attending all the dates of the course**, please complete the online application form by visiting wgs.org/shinetogether.

Once your application is submitted, we will contact your Headteacher for a reference.

If you would like any further information, please email our SHiNE Together Coordinators on shinetogether@wgs.org

We very much look forward to welcoming you onto our **SHiNE Together** programme.

Best wishes

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SHiNE TOGETHER Coordinator



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SHINE TOGETHER *Art*

During this three-week course you will be guided through a range of exciting creative activities using materials provided in your very own art packs. You will learn about inspiring artists and make 2D and 3D artwork to display at home.



SHINE TOGETHER *Computing*

On this three-week course you will use computational thinking to solve problems, design algorithms and write code. You will learn how to create classic video games in Scratch and how to use the Python programming language to create an interactive adventure game. You will then have the opportunity to use your design, problem-solving and coding skills to design and create an original game of your own using either Scratch or Python.



SHINE TOGETHER *Creative Writing*

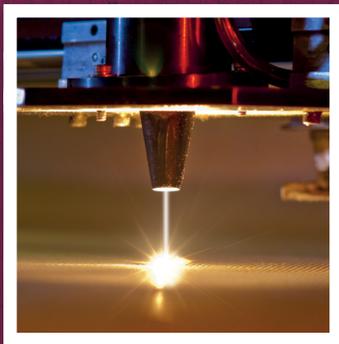
Are you a budding poet? Do you love to write? These three creative writing lessons will take you on a journey through colour. You'll be able to name your own paint colour and even become a Disney animator during our sessions! Our adventures over the rainbow will look at concepts like connotation and symbolism and lead to you creating your very own colour poem to share with your friends and family. Join us as we experiment with words and learn to write poetry using a kaleidoscope of colour.



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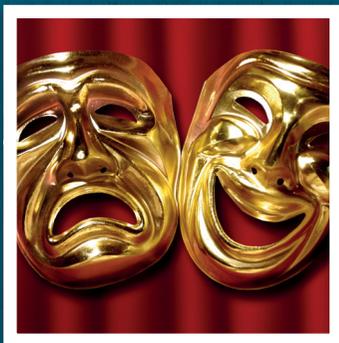
SHINE TOGETHER *Design Technology*

Explore your creativity and problem-solving skills during this three-week course through a series of 'Design and Make' activities. Learn about computer aided design and manufacture and gain an insight into different materials. Use your new skills to make your own individually designed and laser cut products at home.



SHINE TOGETHER *Drama*

These three drama workshops work with creativity to generate and explore new material and authorship. Through fun improvisation games you will find new ways of telling stories and find freedom in movement and imagination, discovering your own unique way of expressing yourself. There will be scavenger hunts using objects and props found around the house and you will use your imagination to create adventure stories, exploring the absurd and the funny. The sky is the limit - it's going to be FUN!



SHINE TOGETHER *Spanish*

Did you know that Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in the world and the official language of 22 countries, with over 400 million speakers? Would you like to discover more about the geography, culture and language of the fascinating Hispanic world? On this three-week course you will learn some useful vocabulary phrases in Spanish to introduce and describe yourself and the world around you. You will learn through a variety of songs, video clips and games.



SHINE TOGETHER *Science CREST Award*

Do you love experimenting? This year we are providing you with the opportunity to work on your own science investigation at home. We will supply you with your own instruction book and a choice of projects. Once you have decided on your investigation you can start experimenting straight away but don't worry if you get stuck there will be an email address provided so that you can get in touch with us for help. As you work through the investigation, you will record your ideas in the booklet provided. Once you have finished the experiment you need to present your findings as a poster, PowerPoint presentation or video and email your work back to Withington. We will then submit it to CREST for review and you will receive either a British Science Association Discovery Award or a Bronze Crest Award.





“The experience has really opened his eyes. I’ve not seen access to science clubs before so this has been a real rare treat. Thank you to school, staff and helpers who made it happen.”

Parent of SHiNE TOGETHER Science pupil



“This was such a fantastic course, very fun and well-organised, teaching loads of new skills and giving my child fresh confidence.”

Parent of SHiNE TOGETHER Drama pupil



“My child enjoyed every week, every Saturday he woke up very enthusiastic, he loved the course.”

Parent of SHiNE TOGETHER Complete Creativity pupil



“The children really benefit from being exposed to new surroundings and instruments – thank you.”

Parent of SHiNE TOGETHER Music pupil



“She was very happy. I really recommend this course for any child of her age.”

Parent of SHiNE TOGETHER Spanish pupil

SHiNE Together *Guidelines & Protocols*

- You should be aware that the workshops will be live sessions with a video connection.
- The link to the session must not be shared or used by anyone other than the named participant.
- The session must not be recorded or shared with other parties in any way and material / resources used in the session must not be forwarded to any other parties.
- When you log into a session, children will be placed in the waiting room.
- Children will be admitted one by one so the teacher can say hello to each child individually, as they arrive, and check that they understand that it is a live video classroom.
- If parents / carers wish to be present (on screen) during the introductions that is acceptable.
- Once a child has been welcomed their sound will be muted (this means whilst they can hear and see the teacher no one else can hear them) until everyone has been welcomed.
- Once a session has commenced there will be times when the children are muted whilst the teacher is teaching and explaining things and other times when their microphone is live for them to interact with the teacher and the other children.
- Children should only unmute their microphone at the request of the teacher.
- When their microphone is on all participants will all be able to hear other conversation that is taking place at their end, so if possible it would be helpful if they could sit somewhere relatively quiet.
- If a child is alone in the room they should keep the door open so that parents / carers are aware of the conversations taking place.
- The only adults present on the screen will be WGS staff who all have a current enhanced DBS. Teachers may be supported by another member of WGS staff who will help manage the Zoom session.
- If any parent / carer wishes to support their child during the session itself then they need to sit to one side so that they do not appear on the screen.
- The chat facility will only be used to talk to the teacher. Participants will not be able to message each other.
- Children should dress appropriately, casual at home clothes are fine but pyjamas are not!

For more information and to apply visit wgs.org/shinetogether



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