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FLL,

what does good teamwork actually look like?

Is it just — nobody argues,
and everyone does exactly the same amount?

Learn · Build · Create a better world, together!



Amahle 11 · the coder

Daniel 12 · the builder

Sipho 10 · the ideas

Yusuf 13 · the presenter

Zoë 9 · the careful eye

Small bricks.
Big change.

Teamwork $\neq$ everyone agrees

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☺ A good team doesn't need everyone to be good at everything.

Fair $\neq$ everyone doing the same amount

I'll get the program running.

I'll build the attachment.

I'll write up what we tested.



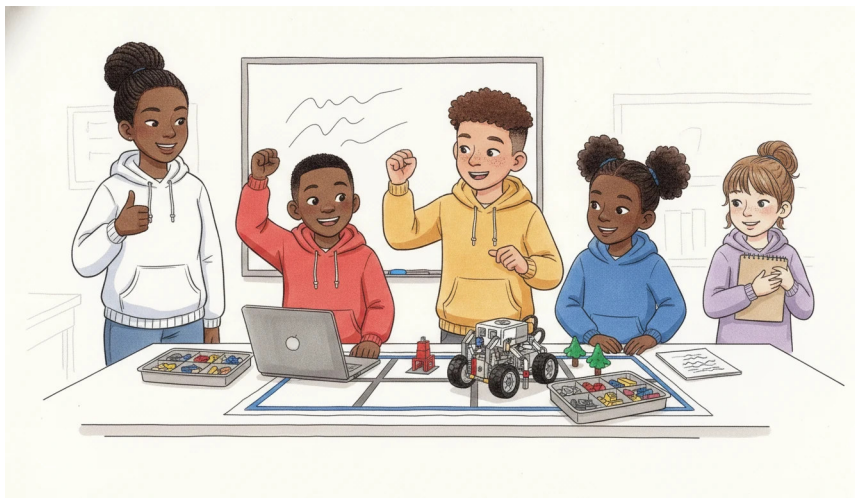
Everyone has a strength — and every strength is pushing the same goal forward.

Have a strength. Still learn from the others.

A good teammate remembers what they said they would do.

Who's doing what

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Test the new attachment | 3. Research for the Innovation Project |
| 2. Fix the line-following program | 4. Write up the test log |



I said I would.

So I do it.

And if I can't, I say so.

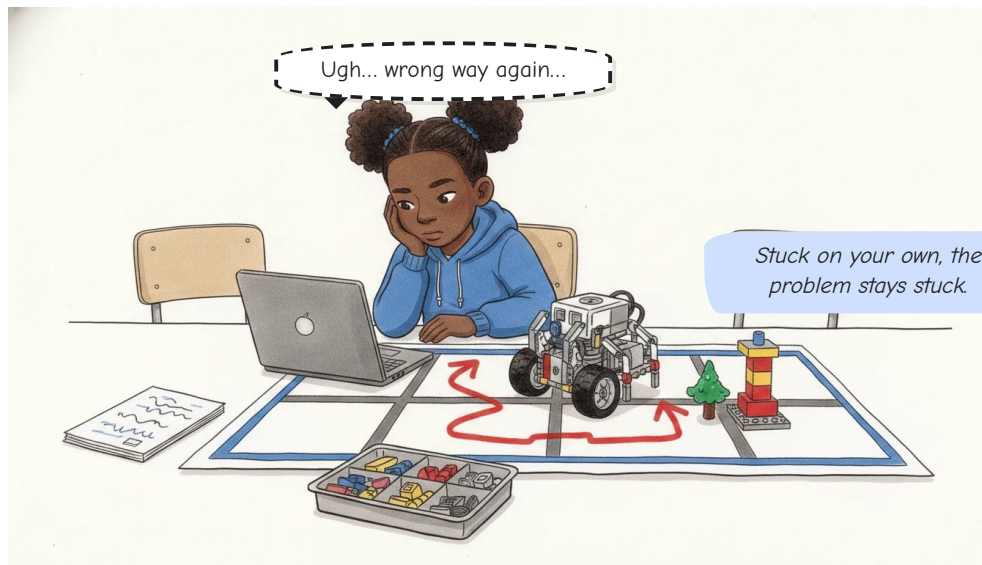


Saying so is part of being responsible.

Small steps. Big progress. Together.

TEAMWORK is **NOT**:

"It's my job — so if I can't do it, I keep quiet."



What a really good teammate says:
"I'm stuck — can we look at this together?"



Take it on → Try it → Getting stuck is normal → Say so early

Good teams argue too.

What matters isn't avoiding the argument —
it's learning how to have one.

Coming in from the left has to
be faster!

The right side works more
often!

Try both?



Route	Runs that scored
Plan A — in from the left	3 / 5
Plan B — in from the right	5 / 5 🏆

Don't argue about who's right. Let the test decide.

👉 The strongest child on the team sometimes has to learn to slow down.



Doing it yourself is faster.

Teaching your teammate is what makes the team stronger.

- Some children need to learn to step back.
Others need to learn to step forward.

Step back. Step forward.



Give someone else the chance — and make your own.

☺ “I did three jobs.
Why did he only do one?”

TEAMWORK is not an equal split of arithmetic



Different jobs, different difficulty —
and every stage of a season needs different people.

1

Did everyone take part?

2

Did they carry what they took on?

3

Did it bring the team something?

FOR PARENTS & COACHES

SCAFFOLD, NOT SOLVE.

- 1 Have you explained your idea so they can follow it?
- 2 Have the two of you tried it two different ways?
- 3 What will you say to your teammate next time?



✗ Deciding it for them

They lose the chance to think it through — and to fix it themselves.



✓ Asking the next question

They find their own way, and grow inside the conversation.

Prompting: yes. Replacing: no.

So what is good FLL teamwork?

Different ideas, pulled in the same direction,
make something bigger possible.



A good team is not

- ✗ a team that never argues
- ✗ everyone doing exactly the same thing
- ✗ the strongest one doing all of it
- ✗ adults solving every problem

It's children slowly learning to

- ✓ own the job they took on
- ✓ speak up early when they're stuck
- ✓ actually listen to someone else's idea
- ✓ settle a disagreement with a test
- ✓ leave room for someone else to get in
- ✓ pick up their share without being asked
- ✓ need less and less adult managing

FLL looks like it is about robots.

What it is really practising is how to do something complicated,
with other people — for the rest of their lives.

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☺ This is what your child practises
at Sheen Academy.



FLL Explore

ages 6–10

discover STEM the playful way



FLL Challenge

ages 9–16

autonomous robot + innovation
project



FIRST Tech Challenge

ages 12–18

metal chassis, CAD and Java

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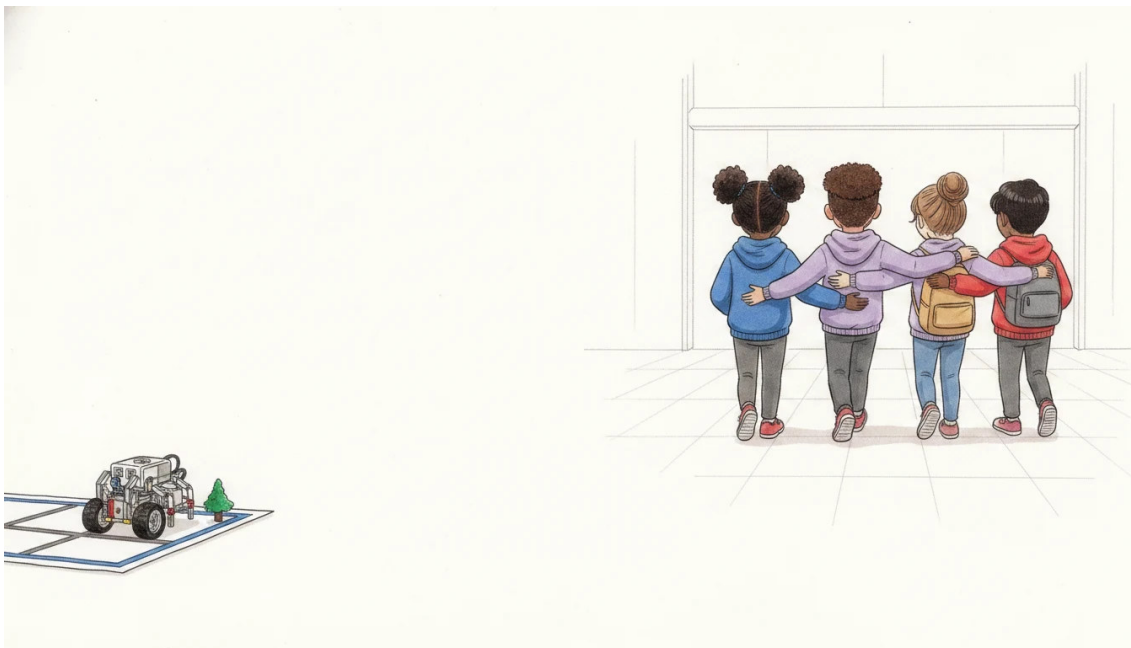
South African finals →

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