



World Rhino Day – 22 September

In the spirit of Gusta & Gusto, we celebrate the gentle strength of rhinos — and all they stand for. Every year on World Rhino Day, people around the world come together to raise awareness for the rhinos. These extraordinary animals remind us that courage can be quiet and that strength often walks hand in hand with kindness. World Rhino Day is more than a call for dialogue — it's a tribute to consistency, authenticity, friendship, and the power of peaceful coexistence. It invites us to protect not only wildlife, but also the delicate bonds that connect us all. Two horns. One heart. One story. 🌱 In harmony with the International Day of Peace (21 September) and Earth Day (22 April).

Symbolism of the Rhino

1. Strength with Sensitivity

Rhinos embody *gentle strength* — they are physically powerful yet often calm, peaceful creatures. → Symbol for inner power without aggression and courage that doesn't need to prove itself.

2. Grounded Presence

With their firm stance and steady movement, rhinos represent being grounded, connected to the earth and to one's true nature. → They remind us to stay steady even when life gets noisy.

3. Protection and Resilience

Their thick skin symbolizes resilience and boundaries — the ability to protect one's inner world while remaining open-hearted. → In emotional or educational contexts: *self-care, respect, and emotional literacy*.

4. Ancient Wisdom and Endurance

Rhinos have existed for millions of years. They carry a sense of timeless wisdom, persistence, and survival. → Symbol for continuity, endurance, and intergenerational strength.

5. Uniqueness and Solitude

Rhinos often walk alone — not because they are lonely, but because they trust their own rhythm. → Metaphor for authenticity, creative independence, and self-awareness.

6. Connection to the Earth and Nature

As herbivores that spend time near water and mud, rhinos embody harmony with nature, healing, and balance. → Perfect link to *Earth Day* and ecological education.

Suggested library activity

Create a small “*Rhino & Readers*” display in your library — with facts about rhinos, books on wildlife and empathy, and space for children's drawings inspired by *Gusta & Gusto*.