



MacIntyre Academies Quest Academy

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WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our third newsletter. The purpose of our fortnightly newsletter is to give you a brief overview of what has happened, update you about up and coming events as well as celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Vision and Values day on September 1st. As a result of everyone's contributions on the day our shared vision is:

“Our Quest, working together, nurturing individuals, celebrating uniqueness, unlocking potential, ready for life”

Our shared values are:

Honesty
Aspirational
Team work
Respect
Being Positive
Compassionate

Pupils will now be given the opportunity to create a strap line that summarises our vision.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of all of the pupils since the start of term, particularly pupils who have not attended school and /or lessons full time for a significant period of time. This is a real achievement. Now that we have had a full week in school we will be looking to gradually introduce the pupils to their timetabled lessons. This will include the personalised learning lessons where pupils can take part in activities, such as horse riding or music as well as sessions such as speech and language.

Finally, congratulations to the Year 10 pupils who have been excellent role models to the younger pupils.

I look forward to meeting with you all in the near future . If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Nicola

SCHOOL TRIP

Year 8-10 Trip to St George's Park

On the 16th November pupils in years 8-10 will have the opportunity to visit St George's Park where the England Football team and many other premiership teams practice. As well as a tour of the extensive grounds and facilities pupils will be able to take part in a training session. Letters outlining the day will be sent out at the end of next week.



"He is up early as he is so excited about school and just can't wait to come in"

"My son now looks forward to coming to school this has never happened before"

"I had to share...for the first time in his life my son woke up and said 'I'm excited to go"

"I like the school, I find my classroom cozy and I like my

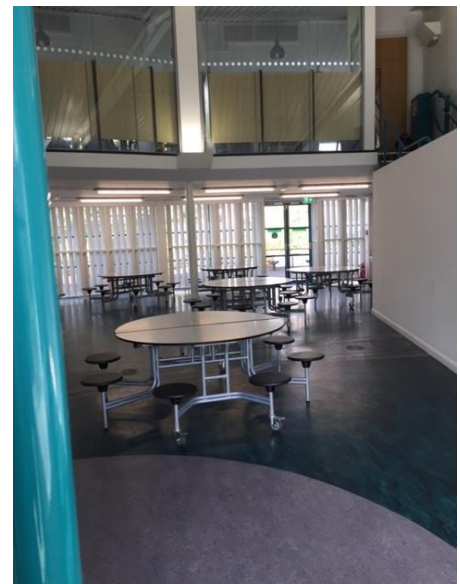


Pupil and Parent comments

Last week pupils were given the opportunity to feedback about their first day as well as create a wish list of some of the resources they would like in their classroom or to be made available at break and lunchtimes.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Pupils have enjoyed using the outdoor gym equipment, swing and Muga football area. A huge thank you to The Michael Marsh Charitable Trust who donated money towards the purchase.



EMPATHY POINTS

Encouraging others

Making the right choices

Perseverance

Above and beyond

Taking responsibility

Honesty

Yes, I can do attitude

Congratulations to all of the pupils who were awarded **EMPATHY POINTS**. Below is a summary of last week's results. The overall winner in the draw was **Ethan H**.

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| ♦ Alex G (4) | ♦ Martin P (2) |
| ♦ Tyler A (1) | ♦ Finley G (5) |
| ♦ Anthony C (3) | ♦ Mathew B (1) |
| ♦ Ben H-B (7) | ♦ Nathan T (2) |
| ♦ Charlie C (2) | ♦ Ollie G (1) |
| ♦ Ethan H (5) | ♦ Rylan M (3) |
| ♦ Kian G (5) | ♦ Sacha A (1) |
| ♦ Georja M (4) | ♦ Adam G (1) |
| ♦ Isaac P-B (3) | ♦ Scott W (4) |
| ♦ Jason M (3) | ♦ Seth W (1) |
| ♦ Josh S (8) | ♦ Shane G (1) |
| ♦ Josh G (1) | ♦ William B (2) |
| | ♦ Daniel S (3) |

Well done to **Josh S** who achieved 8 points

BEHAVIOUR AND WELLBEING



It is a pleasure to be taking the lead for Behaviour and Wellbeing at Quest, I have over the first couple of weeks here met quite a few families. If you would like to speak to me in person please contact me on 07377990796.

Pupils at Quest have responded exceptionally well to our behaviour and rewards system. To support pupils manage any unsafe behaviours one of the strategies we will be using is a reflection sheet. I have included a copy of the reflection sheet with this newsletter as you may like to use this to support your child at home.

We are currently trialling an online rewards system called Carrot. Carrot is based on a points system linked to our classroom QUEST reward points. They can also gain further rewards for going the extra mile these are our EMPATHY points.

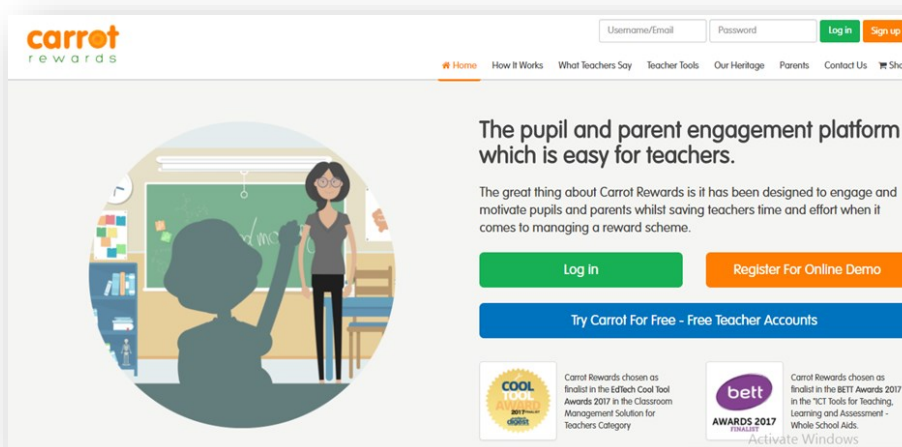
QUEST

Quality of work, Understanding others, Engaged in learning,
Safe behaviour, Talking it out

EMPATHY

Encouraging others, Making the right choice, Perseverance,

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The great thing about the rewards system is that not only does Carrot rewards inform us which Friday reward the pupils can take part in, the points they earn can also be exchanged for virtual cash money to be spent on our online shop. All pupils will have access to their own page so they can see exactly how they are getting on.

I would be very interested over the

POSTCARDS

Thank you to all the pupils who sent postcards over the holidays. Staff at Quest enjoyed reading about your days out and holidays.

SUMMER CHALLENGE

Well done to the pupils who completed their Summer Challenge. Pupils found out a range of interesting facts about their class names which we will share in our next



PARENTPAY

We are in the process of setting up the ParentPay system in school to enable parents to pay electronically online for school meals as well as other items such as trips, uniform etc. Whilst we are waiting for the system to be installed parents are welcome to either send cash or cheques into school if their child is having school lunches or wait for the electronic system to be available (cheques should be made payable to MacIntyre Academies Trust).

The cost of school lunches is currently £2.40 per day. If parents wish to wait until the electronic payment system is available that is fine. We are tracking meals ordered and can load those taken onto the system once installed. The balance can then be cleared once your



FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Food Tech lessons started last week with pupil tasting different foods.

On the transition day pupils made smoothies and learnt about the safety rules for the kitchen classroom, I really enjoyed the day and hope pupils did too.

My food shout out goes to Ollie in year 10 for sharing a trick for hulling strawberries with a straw. I am collecting take away pots and avocado stones for a future lesson, any donations would be gratefully received.

Cathy Ward

UNIFORM

It was lovely to see the pupils arriving at school on Wednesday in their school uniform. The supplier has tried to ensure every child has some uniform from their initial order and the rest of the order will be available as follows:

V Necks - as these are a bespoke order they should be available within the next four weeks however the supplier has given us some plain black jumpers for those children that only ordered a jumper and not a blazer and these have been sent out with the relevant children.

PE Kit - these have all been ordered and we await delivery, the supplier is currently chasing for a delivery date.

Polo Shirts - The rest of the items on order will be delivered within the next 10 days.

Blazers - The rest of the blazers that are outstanding will be available within the next 10 days.

OUR SCRIPT FOR NEXT WEEK

Next week we will continue to focus on our scripts:

“We prefer polite”



This target is to encourage pupils to improve their use of social language and appropriate manners. This can also be used to calmly discourage the use of bad language/swear words and/or inappropriate tone of voice

Facts

Some pupils are unable to monitor their tone of voice (or volume) and incorrect use can also be interpreted as rude.

Suggested Script

We prefer polite. I am not using bad language. Tell me again using polite words. Your tone of voice made you sound rude. Try again and use a quieter/gentler voice.

Hints and Tips

Do not expect change to occur quickly

FAMILY FOOTINGS NEWS



It was really lovely to meet you all during the summer holidays and I really appreciate the time you set aside to speak to us. The information we gathered has helped all the teachers get to know your child better and has given them 'talking points' to help make connections with the pupils.

We also have a few things coming up that I wanted to let you know about:

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September between 10.30am and 11.30am. We will have lots of delicious cakes to buy and our students would love to welcome you into our school.

Circus Starr

We have a number of tickets donated to us for the Circus Starr Performances that will take place on 6th October at the Pingles Showground in Nuneaton (two showings at either 4.45pm or 7pm). If you would like tickets please let me know. They will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

Parent Drop-ins with me

There will be a number of opportunities throughout the school year for you to pop in to the school and discuss any concerns or share any achievements. These are the September dates for your diaries.

Tuesday 19th September 3.30pm- 4.30pm

Friday 29th September 11.30am-12.30pm

Contacting me

I'm sure you all have my phone number, but just in case, you can get in touch with me by email at sarah.geddes@macintyreacademies.org or by calling or texting me on 07504 001918 (if I don't answer please leave a message and I'll get back to you!)

Best Wishes

Sarah Geddes



















At Quest our overall aim is to support pupils achieve their potential. One of the strategies we will use at Quest is to get pupils to reflect on their behaviours through discussion, use of social stories or a reflection sheet (See below). Please feel free to use the reflection at home.



REFLECTION

It is important to stop and think about my actions

Pupil Name Date Time

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| How are you feeling? | | | | | |
| Tired | Sad | Excited | Frustrated | Embarrassed | Scared |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| What did you do? | | | | | |
| Screamed | Bullied Others | Threw Things | Destroyed Work | Refused to work | Did not listen |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bit someone | Kicked | Hit others | Made a mess | Pushed someone | Ran away |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| How do you think your behaviour made others feel? | | | | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | | | | |
| What will you do next time? | | | | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | | | | |
| What can you do to put it right? | | | | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | | | | |

Pupil signature

Staff member witness



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Reporting pupil absence and lateness:

If your child is sick or will not be in school on time please ring reception on the above telephone number. You will also need to contact the taxi company to let them know.

How to contact members of staff:

Please contact Reception if you would like to speak with a member of staff. You will either be transferred or reception will e-mail the member of staff to let them know that you have rung.

Alternatively you can contact staff by e-mail. Some members of staff will have mobile telephones.