



# MacIntyre Academies Quest Academy

June 2018 Edition 1: Newsletter



# WELCOME

Dear Parents/Carers,



Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for ensuring that your child has returned to school wearing the correct school uniform. The pupils all look very smart. I have also been really impressed by the pupils attitudes to the changes we announced a couple of weeks ago. As you are aware many of our pupils find change difficult and the fact that the vast majority of the pupils have managed the class changes so well, is indicative of the progress the pupils have made since joining Quest.

During the May half term some of the building works needed to accommodate the new pupils for September was started. I have been very impressed with the contractors who have already managed to divide one of the classrooms into two.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to a piece of software that John Biddulph, the ASD Consultant, has developed to support children who have sensory integration difficulties. The system uses music and sound (composed by John) that helps balance the sensory system, helps develop better sleep, health and has other benefits. We will be using this with some of our pupils. However, if you feel that you would like to purchase this to use at home. The cost is £9.99 and can be purchased using the web addresses below.

<http://www.johnbiddulph.com/>

[www.mymusicisdifferent.com/](http://www.mymusicisdifferent.com/)

I hope that you all have a good weekend.

Best wishes

*Nicola*

**Please can we remind parent/carers to call school on 01788 593 112, before 9am if your child may be late or is unwell.**

**You will also need to contact the taxi company to let them know.**



*“There are exactly as many special occasions in life as we choose to celebrate..”*

*Robert Brault*

As you may already be aware, our delicious school dinners are currently being supplied by an external company, called Educaterers.

Whilst they have been proactive of renegotiating with food suppliers to keep costs down, the recent National Joint Council (NJC) pay increase in labour costs means that school dinner costs will increase slightly in September by 5 pence.

This means that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 a school meal will cost **£2.45** per meal.



## YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS

We have arranged for Year 9 vaccinations (for Meningitis ACWY, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio) to take place at school on **Thursday 28th June 2018**. Letters and emails will be sent out over the next couple of days, however if you have any queries please contact reception.

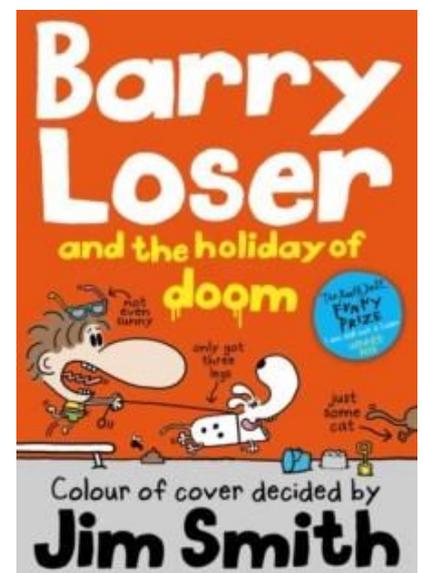
## Book of the Week

### Barry Loser and the Holiday of Doom

by Jim Smith

The brilliant Roald Dahl Funny Prize winning BARRY LOSER series. Perfect for readers aged 7-10 years old and fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Tom Gates and Dennis the Menace. 'My best friend Bunky is sort of like my pet dog, so it was weird when he suddenly started fancying a cat one day.' Barry can't wait to tell his friends that they've been invited on his family caravan holiday to Plonkton.

But the weekend by the sea doesn't turn out to be the keelfest Barry was hoping for. It's all his best mate Bunky's fault for going and falling in love. OH.



# THANK A TEACHER DAY

It was our first Big Thank You Day as a Trust and we celebrated with cake and a few other treats just to let all the staff know that their commitment doesn't go unnoticed.



# BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM

During Topic sessions, the Year 8 and 9's will be covering the period of Victorians and how their inventions and the way they lived have influenced how we now live.



# SAFEGUARDING

We know that many of our pupils are excited about the World Cup, amid the excitement, it is important to stay vigilant online and make sure children are aware of the potential dangers that they may be exposed to during large sporting events. From cyber-attacks, malware, fake merchandise and fake ticket offers, this guide is designed to inform parents and carers about online risks relating to the football and how they can help keep their children safe on the internet this summer.

## Parents online safety guide for a SUMMER OF FOOTBALL

### GAMBLING

An estimated 370,000 children in Britain gamble each week, according to the UK's Gambling Commission, with 70 percent of children aged 11-16 being exposed to gambling on social media. There are many gambling apps available to download which do not require age checks, meaning your child can sign up and place bets with ease. Your child may be shown online adverts and pop-ups when using the internet, promoting 'free to play' games associated with football, including daily scratch cards with big prizes up for grabs.

### FOOTBALL STREAMS WITH MALWARE

Football matches are available to watch online, but cybersecurity experts warn that fraudsters are using streaming links to trick fans into 'downloading malicious code and unwittingly give up account credentials'. A current common type of malware is known as 'cryptomining'; this is when programs are loaded into people's computers and used to secretly mine cryptocurrency (like BitCoin). Researchers say one recent football-streaming miner was distributed via Google Play and downloaded by more than 100,000 users.

### FAKE MERCHANDISE

From footballs to flags and boots to replica shirts, poor-quality and fake merchandise is being sold online at 'knock-down' prices. Some scammers are also selling football paraphernalia purportedly signed by famous footballers with fake 'certificates of authenticity'. Whilst replicas may look similar to the authentic merchandise, it is more than likely to be poor quality and there are no consumer rights if it starts to fall apart.

### VIRUS-LADEN SWEEPSTAKES & WALL CHARTS

There are hundreds of free printable wall charts and sweepstakes available to download online, allowing children to track football tournaments, but sadly, not all links and attachments are genuine. Cybercriminals may share links on social media, through emails or text messages to websites that are infected with malware or seek to obtain personal information.

### PRIZES & TRAVEL SCAMS

There have been reports of emails and text messaging scams, claiming that recipients have been selected as a lottery prize winner by official tournament sponsors and have won large sums of money. The scammers try to collect personal information and copies of documents, such as a passport, as proof of identity in order to claim the prize. Of course, the prize money doesn't exist, but fraudsters can then use the information provided to steal identities. Other phishing scams to watch out for include offers of ticket-inclusive hospitality packages, accommodation-booking services and flights to match-hosting cities.

### PHISHING PAGES SELLING MATCH TICKETS

Phishers are selling fake match tickets through fraudulent branded websites and other online marketplaces. Children may fall victim to purchasing a fake 'free' tickets through these websites or pop ups which are made to look appealing. England's games have been spotted among the fakes, with some tickets being advertised online for thousands of pounds.



## Top Tips for Parents

### HOW TO SPOT GAMBLING

Experts warn that gambling is 'causing more problems than street drugs among children because they get hooked and once they feel the buzz they can't stop'. If you are concerned that your child is gambling, be alert for physical or emotional changes, problems at school or unusual online activity. You could monitor their devices to see if they have any gambling apps downloaded. Encourage your child to talk freely about their feelings, explain the dangers of gambling and try to keep them engaged in family activities.

### KEEP FINANCIAL DETAILS SECURE

Have an agreement in place that requires children to ask for parental permission before buying any World Cup-related games, apps or merchandise. If you do not want your child to make payments online, ensure that your card is not associated with their online accounts. You could set up a separate bank card and account with a limited amount of money, specifically for online purchases. This will help to avoid serious financial losses if your bank details are stolen. One payment option called Paysafecard allows you to make payments online without the use of a bank account or credit card. Because you can top up balances, it makes it easy to control spending.

### STREAM SAFELY

Children that watch football action via streaming sites could be putting their devices and personal privacy at great risk. Make sure all their devices are running the most up-to-date versions of the operating system, security software, apps and web browsers to stay protected against malware, viruses and other online threats. Speak with your child about the dangers with data-capture surveys and prize giveaways from brands and websites that they don't know or trust.

### AVOID UNOFFICIAL TICKET SOURCES

Make sure you child is wary of anyone offering tickets online. If you are wanting to buy tickets for you and your family, only buy tickets from the official ticket selling websites.



### PLAY SAFE WITH FOOTBALL DOWNLOADS

There are plenty of safe places to download football wall charts and sweepstakes to keep track of all the action. So, advise your child to avoid clicking on links offered by strangers or social media profiles they don't know. Look to well-known sources to download wall charts and get them to check with you before downloading.

### RESIST THE URGE TO BUY UNOFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

Your child may want to show off their football allegiance, but this can hit your wallet hard. They may search for clothing and merchandise online that they want you to buy and think they have found a bargain, but cheaper alternatives are likely to be fake. Explain to your child that fakes will often have spelling mistakes or other distinguishing marks, it may be poor quality or made from dangerous substances, leaving the product unusable or even unsafe. You or your child can report fraud and cybercrime online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

# BRAIN TEASERS

Can you figure out the word and phrases illustrated in the pictures below?

Example:

WALKING  
ICE

Walking on  
ice

Example:

STAND  
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I see you  
understand



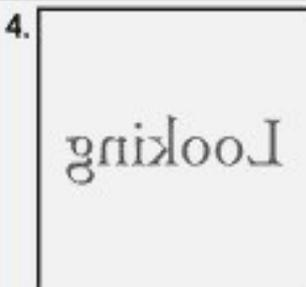
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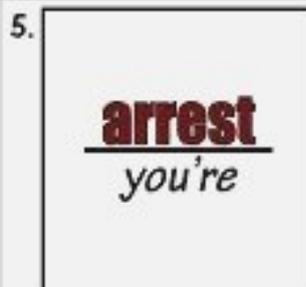
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Looking Back



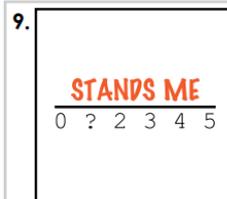
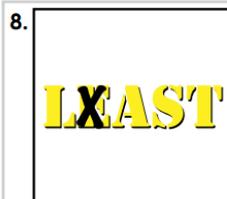
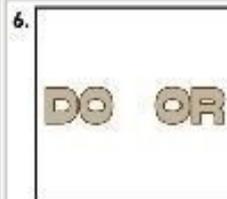
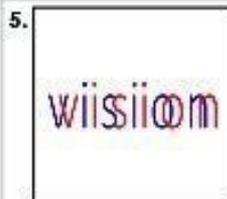
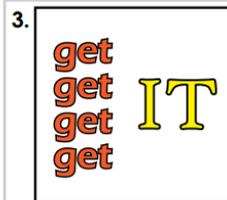
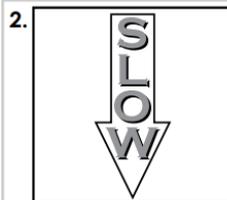
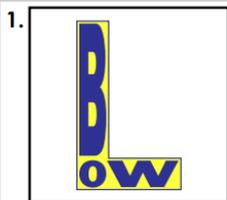
You're Under  
Arrest



Stand by Me

## THIS WEEKS BRAIN TEASERS

Can you figure out the word and phrases illustrated in the pictures below?



Answers in the next newsletter.

# TERM DATES 2017- 18

Term starts Monday 4th June - Friday 20th July 2018

# TERM DATES 2018- 19

## ◆ September – December (Autumn Term 2018)

**INSET Day: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September (no school)**

**Start of Term: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**INSET Day: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (no school)**

**End of Term: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

## ◆ January – April (Spring Term 2019)

**INSET Day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January (no school)**

**Start of Term: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

**Half Term: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**INSET Day: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March (no school)**

**End of Term: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

## ◆ April – July (Summer Term 2019)

**Start of Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May (no school)**

**Half Term: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**End of Term: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

# SAFEGUARDING—VISITORS POLICY

Keeping children safe in school is every school's priority. As part of our Visitors' Policy, we require all visitors to sign in at reception and read and sign our Visitor's Code of Conduct. Please, therefore, do not take offence when our office staff ask you to adhere to our procedures. Should any parent /carer feel unable to comply, we will be unable to let you past the reception area.

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## 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 called.

## Reporting pupil absence and lateness:

If your child is absent for more than 7 days you will need to provide a doctors certificate. If we do not receive a doctors note and have not seen your child we will have no alternative but to refer the matter to the Safeguarding Board in line with our safeguarding procedures.