



MacIntyre Academies

Quest Academy

April 2018 Edition 1: Newsletter



WELCOME



Dear Parents /Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now in the Summer Term and that the vast majority of pupils have now been at Quest for six months.

I am delighted that so many pupils chose to come in the holidays to take part in the activities the Compassionate Schools Coaches organised. From talking with staff and pupils it would seem that the reptile show and rock climbing were very popular. We will be running clubs during the summer holidays and will send you further details later on in the term.

Following our INSET day on the 16th April, when Dr John Biddulph came to speak to staff about Autism, John has agreed to work with us for two days a month starting in June. Xavier Eloquin, who is an Educational Psychologist and Psychotherapist will be joining us on Friday 11th May and will work with us in a similar way to John.

Finally, I would like to inform Y9 and Y10 parents and carers that we will be holding a curriculum and exam event at Cawston Community School on Friday 22nd June, starting at 1pm.

Kind regards

Nicola



“Having a positive mental attitude is asking how something can be done rather than saying it can't be done.”

Bo Bennett

GETTING MEDICINE TO SCHOOL

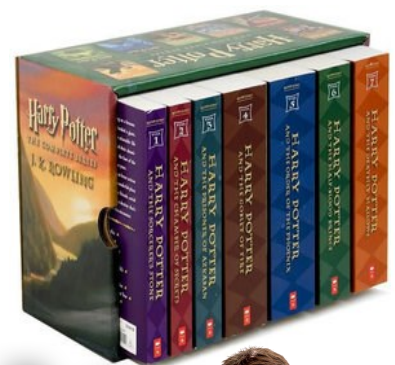
- All medication should be transported to the school by an adult and handed to another adult. Do not allow your child to carry his or her medication unless he or she is old enough and mature enough to handle the responsibility. Also, make sure it is a medication we will allow to be administered in school.
- Your child should not carry his or her medication during school hours unless you, the doctor, and the school believes it is necessary for immediate access to emergency medication. Younger children are generally not mature enough to self-carry their own medications, but we will make sure there is immediate access to emergency medications.
- All prescription and non-prescription medication (including vitamins) given in school settings require written authorisation from your child's doctor, as well as parent written consent. Ask for the medication administration forms we use through the school office.
- All medication must be brought into school in the original labelled container prepared by the pharmacy, doctor, or pharmaceutical company (i.e., no envelopes, foil, or baggies). The label should include the following:
 - Child's name
 - Name of medication
 - Dosage of medication to be given
 - Frequency of administration
 - Route of administration
 - Name of physician ordering medication
 - Date of prescription
 - Expiration date



Harry Potter series

by J.K. Rowling

The adventures of Harry Potter, the Boy Who Lived, and his wand-wielding friends at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry, Ron and Hermione must master their craft and battle the machinations of the evil wizard Voldemort and his Death Eaters.



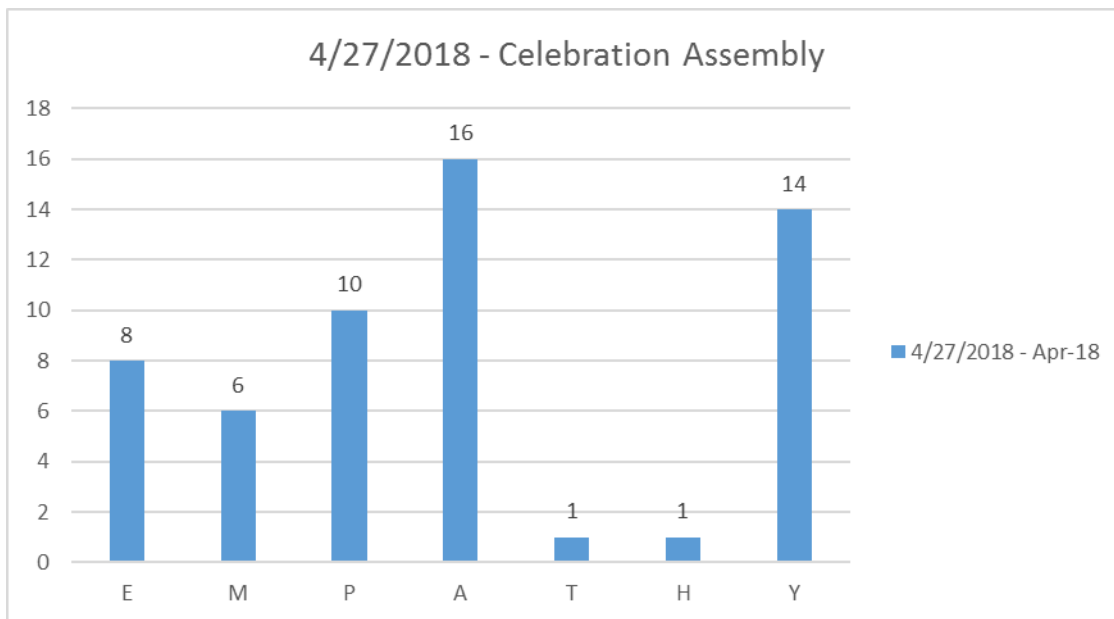
EMPATHY OVERVIEW

A total of 56 Empathy points were given out this week to a total of 20 Pupils
An extra well done to Rylan, Alex and Mathew who all received 5 or more Empathy Points

● 5/6	28
● 7	9
● 8	0
● 9	10
● 10	9



* YR 8 data will be going into next weeks draw.



Encouraging Others = 8

Making the right choice = 6

Perseverance = 10

Above and beyond = 16

Taking responsibility = 1

Honesty = 1

Yes I can attitude = 14

EMPATHY OVERVIEW

How they collected their points...

Pupil Name	Empathy Points Awarded
Alex	5
Giving up his extra pudding to someone else	1
Going out of his comfort zone to record an investigation	1
Handwriting perseverance	1
Helping dry cutlery in the kitchen without being asked to	1
Helping out at snack time	1
Matthew	7
Joining in even though he found it difficult	1
For looking after Dan	1
Persevering in computing	1
Persevering in handwriting	1
Trying Aloe Vera in food tech	1
Trying a protein bar in food tech	1
Using creative language in literacy	1
Rylan	6
Being first on task and getting on with his work	1
Doing extra work	1
Encouraging his friend in handwriting practice	1
Trying new foods in food tech	1
Working extremely hard in personalised learning and encouraging others to stay on task and do their work	1
Working independently in Maths	1



CONGRATULATIONS

AJ has recently taken part in a Taekwondo: Elite Martial Arts Championship, in Swindon, it was a tough competition and AJ came third in sparring.

*We love hearing about our pupils successes at home, please keep the pictures coming in.

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Thursday 12th April

A glimpse of what happened during our Easter Holiday Club.

COOKING



REPTILE SHOW



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Friday 13th April



FOSTERING WITH FEWER 'WHAT IF'S'

Use your care experience to foster a disabled young person: text "CHILD" to 62266 today and we'll call you back within 24 hours.



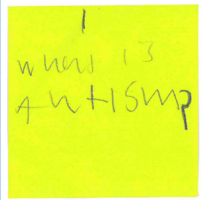
NATIONAL AUTISM WEEK



During National Autism Awareness week (26th March - 2nd April), the children were given the opportunity to ask any questions they had relating to Autism.

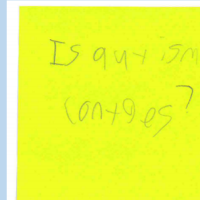
Year 5/6 thought of the following questions which have been answered below.

If anyone has any further questions please let me know.



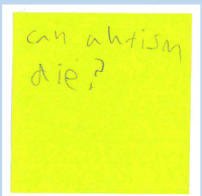
What is Autism?

- People with Autism are normal people, they eat, they sleep, they can be happy and they can be sad.
- The only difference is that sometimes they think, talk or act in a particular way
- Autism doesn't change a person. Sometimes they can just feel overwhelmed or confused
- Autism is a spectrum condition that means people may share certain difficulties, but their Autism affects them in different ways



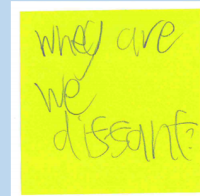
Is Autism contagious?

- Autism is not an illness or disease, you cannot catch Autism.
- It is not like the cold or flu and cannot be spread by being around people with Autism.
- Autism is something you are born with.



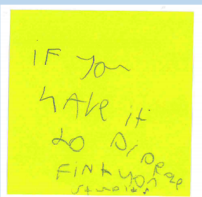
Can Autism die? (can you get rid of Autism?)

- There is no known 'cure' for autism.
- This does not mean, however, that nothing can be done to help a person who is on the autism spectrum.
- People with Autism may benefit from support from Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Play therapists and more.
- Autism does not reduce your life expectancy



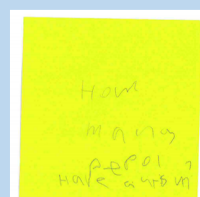
Why are we different?

- All people are different, whether they have Autism or not.
- Some differences are easy to see; height, hairstyle, eye colour. Other differences can't be seen; our favorite food, fears, or special skills.
- Because autism is a 'spectrum' condition it affects different people in different ways.



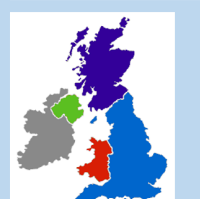
If you have it, do people find you stupid?

- Autism is called a 'hidden disability' because many people with Autism look like everybody else.
- People with Autism are not stupid.
- People with autism can have average or above average intelligence.
- It is important to educate people to help them understand Autism better.



How many people have Autism?

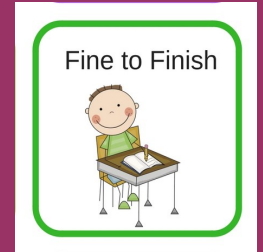
- There is no register or exact count kept but its thought that around 1 in 100 people have Autism
- This means that over 695,000 people in the UK may be autistic



POSTER / VIDEO COMPETITION

The closing date for our competition was April 20th so we shall have results to follow soon. The winners will have the opportunity to have their poster made into a window transfer to be put on display near reception.

FINE TO FINISH



The target is to support pupils with the procedures involved in bringing an activity to a natural end when they have not completed an activity.

Facts

- ◆ Some pupils experience an increase in anxiety levels at points of transition.
- ◆ Some pupils have a 'perfectionist' approach to life and become anxious when they think they might not be able to meet their own high standard.
- ◆ Some pupils find it difficult to leave a piece of work unfinished, they may refuse to stop working and move onto their next lesson.

Suggested Script

There are 10 minutes left of the lesson. It is fine to finish working now; you can complete your maths in tomorrow's lesson / after school...

Hints and Tips

For finishing work: Offer support by building up a routine with structure for ending a lesson to make it easier for pupils to cope with anxiety.

For conversation: Be sensitive to the individual as this is likely to be an area of distinct weakness when encouraging them to bring their conversation to a close.

PARENTPAY



ParentPay enables parents/carers to pay electronically online for school meals as well as other items such as trips, uniform etc.

The cost of school lunches is £2.40 per day, £12 per week. Please ensure your child's school meal account remains in credit. If you require your activation resending, information regarding your balance or payment plan please contact Toni-Anne on 01788 593 112 or by emailing quest.office@macintyreacademies.org

TERM DATES 2017- 18

- ◆ **Term: Tuesday 17th April - Friday 25th May 2018**

Half Term – Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

- ◆ **Term: Monday 4th June - Friday 20th July 2018**

BANK HOLIDAY

- ◆ **Monday 7th May 2018**

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.