

NOVEMBER 2024 EDITION 2 NEWSLETTER



| Teacher Training Day (no learners on site) | Christmas Lunch £2.95 unless Free School Meal | Christmas Jumper Day | Questmas Christmas Fayre | Term Ends |
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| Friday 29th | Wednesday 11th | Thursday 12th | Friday 13th | Friday 20th |
| November | December | December | December,2 - 3pm | December, 1:30pm |



"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

—Abraham Lincoln."

SAFE & RESPECTFUL CONDUCT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We kindly remind all parents and carers who drop off and collect their children to adhere to the 5mph speed limit when driving on school grounds. Please remain vigilant as staff, learners, and other parents/carers may be crossing the car park. We all share the responsibility to ensure the safety of everyone on the school site.

Additionally, please be mindful of the conversations you are having, especially with learners around, and ensure that appropriate language is used at all times while on school premises. We kindly ask for your cooperation, as access to the school site may be reviewed for those unable to follow these guidelines.

If you have any concerns regarding your own child, another child, or another parent/carer, please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your understanding and support in maintaining a safe and respectful environment.

We are successful because...

...the mother of one of our learners said that he is doing well because of the effective provision at Quest Academy.

...the father of one of our learners said that he is grateful to the Quest Academy staff team for his son's support with progress.



DID YOU KNOW...



While the median age a dog reaches tends to be about 10-15 years, the world's oldest dog lived to 29.5 years old, a female Australian cattle dog, called 'Bluey', survived to the ripe old age of 29.5 (7 June 1910 – 14 November 1939) before being euthanised.

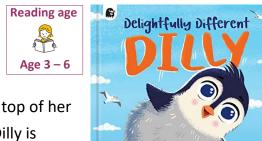
I wonder if that Australian 'Bluey', inspired another Australian 'Bluey'?



Delightfully Different Dilly

Written by Elizabeth Dale

When Dilly is born, her parents think she is perfect – from the top of her head to the bottom of her foot. The other babies notice that Dilly is different but soon accept her and love her different ways of doing things. The adults aren't sure though - they love how all the penguins are the same. Can the younger generation convince their parents that there's space for Dilly? And maybe that positive change can be a good thing?



Reading age

A charming and touching story – Dilly is a delightful character with a strong voice and a great tale of acceptance and change.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (Mr. Lemoncello Series #1)

Written by Chris Grabenstein

When Kyle Keeley learns that the world's world's most famous game maker, Luigi Lemoncello, has designed the Age 8 - 11 town's new library and is having an invitation-only lock-in on opening night, Kyle is determined to be there! But the tricky part isn't getting into the library—it's getting out. Because when morning comes, the doors stay locked. Kyle and the other kids must catch every clue and solve every puzzle to find the hidden escape route!

GRABENSTEIN

Enjoy bonus content in the back—extra puzzles, an author Q & A, and more! And don't miss the puzzle-packed sequels: Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics, Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race, Mr. Lemoncello's All-Star Breakout Game, and Mr. Lemoncello and the Titanium Ticket!

My Especially Weird Week with Tess

Written by Anna Woltz

'This funny, award-winning novel by Dutch writer Woltz is original and touching - and has two wonderfully memorable characters...' Sally Morris, Daily Mail

It's the first day of the holidays and Sam is roaming the island of Texel, imagining what it'd feel like to be the last person on earth. Then, like a whirlwind, 12-year-old islander Tess swoops into his life. Sam's only option is to go along for the ride.

Soon he's dancing the waltz, burying a pet canary and coming up with an especially weird plan to help Tess find her father, who doesn't even know she exists. Along the way, Sam discovers the true meaning of family and what it is to be alive. One thing's for sure - this is a holiday he'll never forget.





DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

At Quest Academy, the development of literacy skills, particularly in reading, is one of our foremost priorities. We fully recognise that reading is not only a fundamental skill but also a key determinant of academic success and future opportunities. Research consistently shows that early and continued engagement with books has a profound impact on a learner's cognitive and social development, influencing their academic performance across all subjects. With this in mind, we are dedicated to fostering a rich reading culture across our school, one that encourages a lifelong love of reading while improving literacy outcomes for all learners.

In order to support the progression of literacy, we have introduced several initiatives designed to ensure that all Learners are provided with meaningful and varied opportunities to engage with literature. Central to this effort is our Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) time, which takes place each morning from 9:00 am to 9:20 am. During this time, we create a focused and quiet environment where reading takes precedence in tutor groups.

The DEAR initiative has been designed to give learners uninterrupted time to read and immerse themselves in literature. Teachers play a crucial role during these sessions, modelling effective reading practices and demonstrating the importance of reading aloud. In addition to teacher-led reading, Learners are encouraged to read independently, engage in paired reading with peers, or read aloud to staff members. This approach not only helps to develop learners' fluency and comprehension but also builds their confidence as readers. By incorporating different types of reading activities, we aim to cater to a wide range of preferences and abilities, ensuring that every learner finds an approach to reading that suits them.

The DEAR initiative has been warmly received by learners, and we are pleased to report that it is off to a strong start this half term. Feedback from learners and staff has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are excited to see the impact it is already having on learners' attitudes towards reading. In particular, our lower school class, "Aretha Franklin," has shown great enthusiasm for the books they have been reading. They have been reading *"The Boy at the Back of the Class"* by Onjali Q. Raúf, a novel that has sparked insightful discussions among learners and has encouraged them to reflect on

important themes such as friendship, empathy, and overcoming adversity. Below and opposite are some examples of book reviews completed by learners from the Aretha Franklin class, showcasing their engagement with the text and their developing critical thinking skills.



THE BOY AT THE BACK OF THE CLASS

SO YOU KNOW THE BOOK "THE BOY AT THE BACK OF THE CLASS"

So this kid called Ahmet he was a new person at the school Then this girl called Alexa wanted to be friends

Then after so longggggg

They became friends!!!!!!

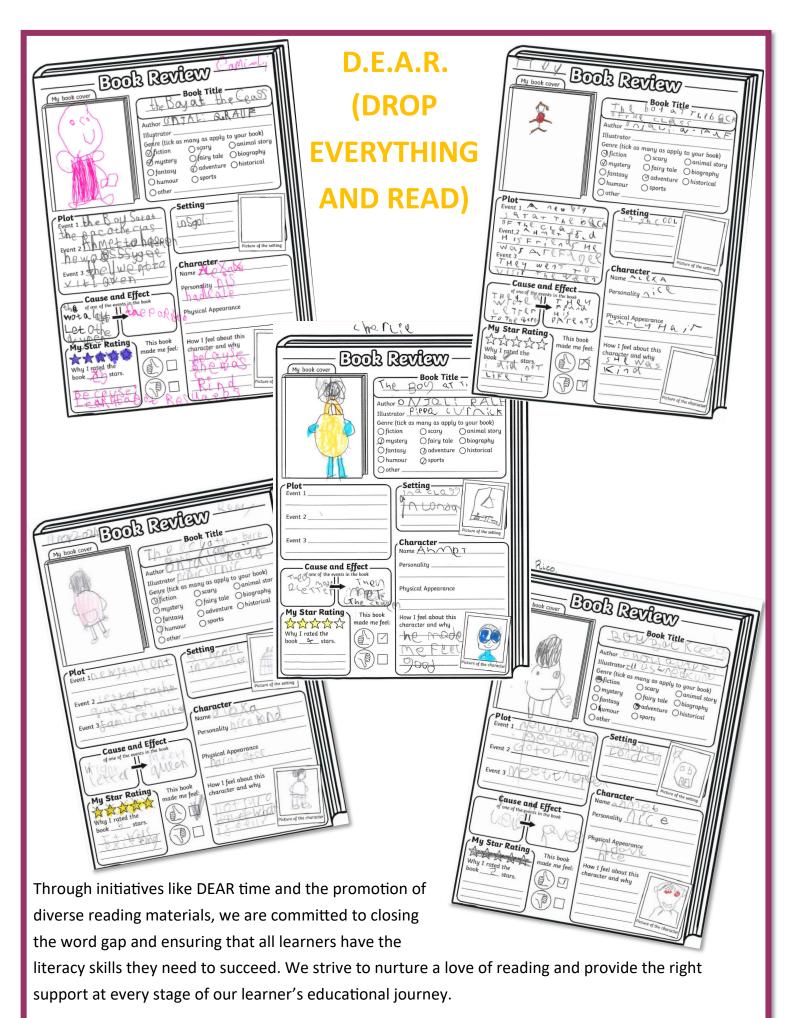
This is ahmet







This is alexa



Kelly Fox

Whole-School English, Literacy, Reading and Phonics lead.

FRIDAY REWARDS FOR AUTUMN 2

| | Silver | Gold | Platinum | Diamond | |
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| | Work Catch Up | Lantons | Football | Conservately on | |
| Week 3 | Work Catch-Up | Laptops | Gaming | Greggs pick up | |
| 22.11.2024 | | | D&D | (Lower Only) (RP, HK, AE, WS, | |
| 22.11.2024 | Board Games | Arts & Crafts | Forest | AF, FN) | |
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| | Work Catch-Up | Lantons | Football | C | |
| Week 4 28.11.2024 | Work Catch-op | Laptops | Gaming | Greggs pick up | |
| | | | D&D | (Upper Only) (DL, LH, GE, MG, | |
| | Board Games | Arts & Crafts | Forest | AT, WC) | |
| | | | Schools/Cooking | AI, WCJ | |
| | Work Catch-Up | Laptops | Football | Cinema | |
| Week 5 | Work Catch-op | Laptops | Gaming | (Lower Only) | |
| 06.12.2024 | Board Games | | D&D | (RP, HK, AE, WS, | |
| 00.12.2024 | | Arts & Crafts | Forest | AF, FN) | |
| | | | Schools/Cooking | | |
| | Work Catch-Up | Laptops | Football | | |
| Week 6 | Work Catch-op | Laptops | Gaming | | |
| 13.12.2024 | | | D&D | Christmas Fair | |
| 15.12.2024 | Board Games | Arts & Crafts | Forest | | |
| | | | Schools/Cooking | | |
| | Work Catch-Up | Laptops | Football | | |
| | Work Catch-op | Laptops | Gaming | Cinema | |
| Week 7 | | | D&D | (Upper Only) | |
| 20.12.2024 | Board Games | Arts & Crafts | Forest Schools/Cooking | (DL, LH, GE, MG, AT, WC) | |



BOOK NOW FOR LEAMINGTON SPA'S TOGETHER WITH AUTISM CONFERENCE!

Anyone in Coventry and Warwickshire with an interest in autism and support available for autistic people, their families and carers are invited to book their free place for the next 'Together with Autism' conference taking place on **Saturday 7 December**, **9:45am** to **4pm** at North Leamington School, Sandy Lane, Blackdown, CV32 6RD, https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leamington-spa-in-person-together-with-autism-conference-tickets-1072618955169

Whether you are an autistic individual, a family member, a professional, or simply interested in finding out more about autism, this free event offers a unique opportunity to connect with others and will be packed with valuable resources, expert insights, and topical workshops.





IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

in school during Academic Year 2024/2025.

| Year Group | Vaccines to be given | Date(s) | | |
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| All Year 8 | HPV | 03/02/2025 | | |
| All Year 9 | Td/IPV & Men ACWY | 15/05/2025 | | |





UNIFORM SUPPLIER

You can order uniform directly from Webb Ellis in Rugby.

Online: http://www.webb-ellis.co.uk/schools/

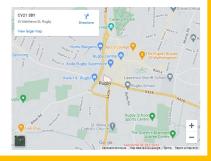
Telephone: 01788 567777

Email: sales@webb-ellis.co.uk

Address: Webb Ellis Ltd, 5&6 St. Matthew's Street,

Rugby, CV21 3BY





SPECIALIST TRANSPORT

Pupil are transported to and from Quest Academy in taxis with an escort. You will need to apply to your local Specialist Transport.

- To apply for Home to School Travel Assistance for Pupil's with Special Educational Needs &
 Disabilities (SEND) in Warwickshire please follow this link: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendtransport
- For Northamptonshire follow this link: https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/
 councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school transport/Pages/special-educational-needs-travel-assistance.aspx
- For Coventry follow this link: http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/
 download/4332/send_travel_assistance_application_form





Learners <u>do not</u> need to bring in their own balls, we have them available. If they do, they will have to be <u>handed in on arrival</u> like tech.

FOREST SCHOOL

Please can learners bring in spare/warm clothes for Forest School especially with the winter weather coming/muddy ground.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ART

During the week of 4th November Aretha Franklin class learned about Remembrance Sunday and about how and why we celebrate it now.









WHAT IS CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY?

Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world who need it most. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive outfits at work, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve.



WHEN IS CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY?

Thursday is the new Friday, right?

Thursday 12th December 2024 will be Save the

Children's 13th Christmas Jumper Day!



WHEN WAS THE FIRST CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY?

Since 2012, millions of people like you have put on their jazziest jumpers for one day in December, raising money for Save the Children, making the world better for children in the UK and around the world. If you would like to donate please do so via the Save the Children website.

https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here-1



ODD SOCK DAY

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us in their Odd Socks #OddSocksDay on Tuesday 12th November, as part of Anti-Bullying Week 2024.







SAFELINE'S ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOPS HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

Wednesday 27th of November 2024
Online Safety
5- 6pm
Wednesday 4th of December 2024
Mental health
5- 6pm
Wednesday 11th of December 2024
Bullying and Sexual Harassment
5-6pm

If you wish to attend please email ramandeepd@safeline.org.uk

Zoom meeting ID - 765 294 7590

This workshop provides key knowledge around keeping your child safe online, some of the risks of the online world, guidance around bullying and harassment and also tips and strategies of helping your child improve their mental health and self-esteem.











BLACK FRIDAY- 29TH NOVEMBER

The term Black Friday was first used in America in 1869, when the stock market collapsed, causing a financial crisis. During the 1960s, the name started to be used in positive way, describing the fact that Philadelphia stores' profits moved from "red," meaning losses, to "black," and saw profits (this goes back to the way business accounts used to be recorded).

- Late 1980s, the shopping phenomenon grew even bigger, with retailers offering discounts, even drastically slashing prices, in order to draw crowds of shoppers.
- 1990s, stores started opening up at midnight and people even began to camp out so that they could grab the first bargains. Black Friday started to spread worldwide.
- Early 2000s, retailers noticed that shoppers would go online the Monday after Thanksgiving, so in 2005, Cyber Monday was born. The idea took off. Online shopping over the Thanksgiving weekend raked in almost \$10 billion!
- 2010 saw the start of Small Business Saturday (day after Black Friday) taking advantage of the trend for people to shop local. Free online advertising helps retailers attract buyers.

Black Friday may have it's origins in America, however, it's now celebrated as a shopping holiday across the globe! Will you be bagging a bargain or boycotting this Black Friday?

BLACK FRIDAY • BIG SALE • BL SALE • BLACK FRIDAY • BIG SALE • BLACK EDID

Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 11th December this year (please see menu attached). Due to supply issues Educaterers have requested we submit the number of required meals

Staff team will have discussed this with your learner, you may also wish to talk it through.

ASAP.

This is a charged meal (£2.95), except if the learner receives Free School Meals.

Please be aware there is no other food option this day, so if you are aware your learner may not want to partake please supply a packed lunch.



LOCAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

- Bedworth Christmas light Switch on craft market: Saturday 23rd November, 4pm to 8pm, Mill Street, Bedworth, United Kingdom
- Warwick Victorian Evening and Christmas Lights switch on: Thursday 28th November, Victorian market from 3pm in the Market Square with themed rides and fun for all the family. Lights will be switched on at 7pm.
- Nuneaton Christmas Lights: Friday 29th November, 3pm 8pm, Queens Road, Nuneaton,
 Warwickshire, CV11 5JW
- Kenilworth Old Town, High St, Christmas Lights Switch On: Friday 29th November, Traditional lights switch on with entertainment, food and drink and children's rides. Event starts at 5pm, Christmas lights will be switched on at 6pm.
- Kenilworth, Warwick Road, Christmas Lights Switch On: Sunday 1st December, 1pm start with a Christmas market, fun fair rides available to keep the kids entertained. At 4pm the entertainment starts with performances on the main stage. Christmas lights switch on at 6pm.





MultiSports, Fun and Friendship!

ILEAP Charity and Fitt 4 Kids
have a new session, giving young people with Additional
Needs the chance to have fun, play sports and make
new friends!!



It's all about sporty themed Fun and Friendship.

We won't be too competitive, and we'll make sure you stay safe while getting some exercise. Qualified Coaches from our partners at Fitt 4 Kids will deliver the session alongside ILEAP staff.

Venue: Stratford Lesuire Centre Sports Hall
Day: Every Friday during term time
Autumn term dates: 8th November - 20th December

Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm (6-13 years)

Please bring a drink and dress for the weather.

Cost: Just £2.50 per session



Join and book now at www.ileap.co.uk



ILEAP's new Footy and MultiSport session, starting this Friday and running every week during term-time at Stratford Leisure Centre's Sports Hall. Just £2.50 a session!

EDUCATERERS MENU: SEPT 2024 - APRIL 2025



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) please apply via the online application form using

this link www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Eligibility for benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

Families who receive the following are eligible for FSM

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

For learners currently on our FSM list you do not need to reapply. Any new learners joining Quest, will need to let Warwickshire Council know you have transferred.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025

| A | UTUMN TERM 2024 | | | | | |
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| INSET Day (no learners on site) | Friday 29th November 2024 | | | | | |
| Term End | Friday 20th December 2024 | | | | | |
| Christmas Holiday | Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 | | | | | |
| | SPRING TERM 2025 | | | | | |
| INSET Day (no learners on site) | Monday 6th January 2025 | | | | | |
| Start | Tuesday 7th January 2025 | | | | | |
| End | Friday 14th February 2025 | | | | | |
| Half Term | Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025 | | | | | |
| Start | Monday 24th February 2025 | | | | | |
| Trust INSET Day (no learners on site) | Friday 14th March 2025 | | | | | |
| Term End | Friday 11th April 2025 | | | | | |
| Spring (Easter) Holiday | Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025 | | | | | |
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| INSET Day (no learners on site) | Monday 28th April 2025 | | | | | |
| Start | Tuesday 29th April 2025 | | | | | |
| Bank Holiday (no learners on site) | Monday 5th May 2025 | | | | | |
| End | Friday 23rd May 2025 | | | | | |
| Half Term | Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025 | | | | | |
| Start | Monday 2nd June 2025 | | | | | |
| Term End | Friday 18th July 2025 | | | | | |
| INSET Day (no learners on site) | Monday 21st July 2025 | | | | | |

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Attendance: At Quest Academy, we seek to ensure that all our learners receive a full time education which maximizes opportunities for each learner to reach his or her true potential: we feel that good attendance (95% or above) and good punctuality too are a vital part of this and we want all learners to strive towards this.

Government statistics have proven that children with poor attendance are 47% less likely to meet their potential examination results compared to learners with good attendance.

We have a desire to strive towards 100% attendance for all of our learners and expect all parents/ carers to actively support us in ensuring that their children are in school, safe, at all times. We also aim to hold all parents / carers that give low priority to good school attendance accountable.

Lateness: Pupils must attend registration on time to be given a present mark. Registration starts at 8.50am until 9am. Arrival after the start of morning registration will be given an 'L' code. After 9.30am a 'U' code (unauthorised absence) will be given.

Quest Contact Details:

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Rugby

Warwickshire

CV22 5PE

know that you have called.



Reporting pupil absence and lateness: 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. 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.

PRIVACY NOTICE

MacIntyre Academies collects and uses pupil information which complies with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This is Europe's framework for data protection laws – it replaces the previous 1995 data protection directive, which UK law has previously been based upon.

Please note that limited personal data is used and stored as per the MAT Retention Policy.

You can read the full details of our Privacy Notice in the policy. This includes more details of our legal basis for the use of specific information.



















