



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

JUNE 2020 EDITION 2 NEWSLETTER



FACEBOOK PAGE — Quest Academy Family Group



“Quote of
the week”

*“If I cannot do great things,
I can do small things in a
great day”*

Martin Luther King

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

This weeks newsletter features a lot of pictures of learners taking part in a range of activities, I hope that these give you a glimpse about what learners have been doing in school and home.

As you can see our gardening area has really developed over the last few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in setting this up but in particular Cathy and James (page 3).

Well done to all the learners who have sent in apron designs for our competition, we have seen some fantastic artwork. We are now running a coding competition which I am sure many of our learners will enjoy completing either at home or at school. Please see page 7 for more detail.

The Government have allocated funding for families whose children have Special Educational Needs. Please see page 10 for more details about this.

Anna May, our clinical psychologist, has created a short video clip about how to support your children at this time. I hope that you find this useful, [downloadfull-resolution images](#)

[Available until 11 Jul 2020](#)

Anna is happy for you to contact her should you have any queries or you would like to chat to her. Please send an



Dr Anna May
Clinical Psychologist

email to the Quest Office quest.office@macintyreacademies.org asking her to contact you. You can also watch this from the community section and research and development.

I also wanted to say a fantastic well done to Scott in Year 10, who has created the graffiti art work on the front of this weeks newsletter! What an amazing way to welcome back our learners.



Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

I hope that you have all had a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells.

The exam board portals are now open for schools to start keying their assessment grades for June 2020.

In line with Ofqual guidance, we have taken great care in our judgments and I am pleased to confirm we are on track to have all grades keyed before the deadline of 12th June.

Our aim is to ensure that this year's grading is as fair as possible, given the unprecedented circumstances, so that learners can progress to the next stage of their lives.

For more information on Ofqual guidelines for schools - <https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2020/05/15/making-grades-as-fair-as-they-can-be-advice-for-schools-and-colleges/>

If you have any questions about assessment grades, please contact Laura via email:

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Laura-Jane Boshell.

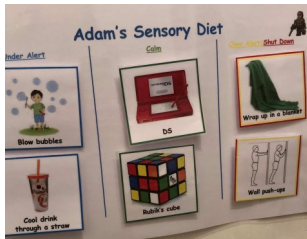
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OUR GARDENING GROWTH

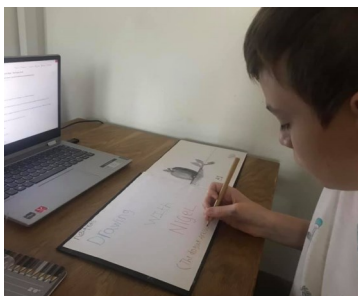


HOW HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING BUSY?

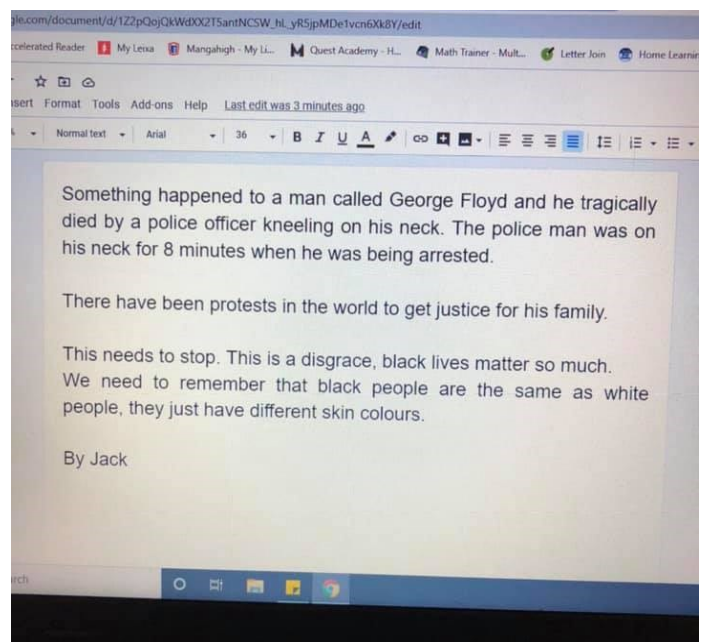


Adam has some new fantastic images to help him navigate his day! Well done Nicola, these look amazing.

Sebastian has been busy making his own brekkie!



Aj has been taking part in a Zoom art session, learning to draw an Apple.



Summer went home this week with a cake she baked at school. Sounds as though everyone at home enjoyed it! Mum said 'I love cooking days at school.....So light & tasty'



Jack normally hates writing, but following events in the world at the moment he asked if he could write something by himself on the computer.

This above is what he produced.

[#blacklivesmatter](#)

SCHOOL LEARNING



Cake bakes by Marley, Summer and Rory D in Lower School, they look so tasty!

In Upper school they have been making burgers.

Here are some pictures and their reviews:

Jarvis- *In today's cooking lesson I made a burger using beef mixed with bacon and shredded cheese in a toasted bun.*



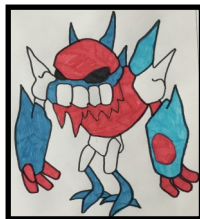
Joe - *I used mince meat to make my burger. I seasoned it with salt and pepper and put it in a buttered bun.*



Nathan - *I made a burger from beef mince. I added cheese chunks in the middle and spring onions and chilli oil. Once all of the ingredients were added I steamed and fried the burger. It was nice.*

THE OLYMPICS - Cont.

Although the Olympics haven't gone ahead this year we have spent some time looking at the athletes, the Torch, the logo and even designed some amazing medals and mascots.



ATTENTION YEAR 10!!!

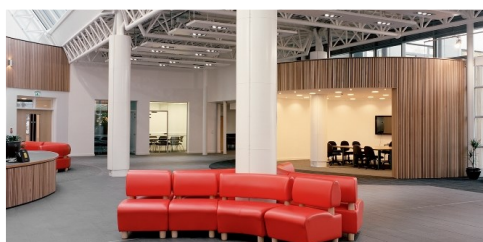


ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA
COLLEGE

In these uncertain times; and with the Local Authority deadline for EHCP transfers being so soon into the new academic year; I wondered if it might be useful for year

10 EHCP students to join us for our virtual open event next week. Staff from Rugby, Leamington, Morton Morell and Trident will be available 5-7pm on June 18th, alongside talks, virtual tours etc.

<https://wcg.ac.uk/leavingschool>



This virtual open event is for all students looking towards Further Education (FE) transition. We are still taking applications for courses beginning September 2020.

Sarah Terry, the SEN Team Leader for Rugby and Designated Safeguarding Person is happy to attend annual reviews remotely or in person as restrictions allow, if you feel this is helpful.

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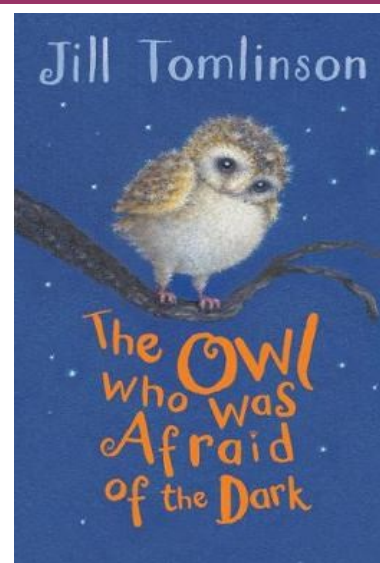
**Please Note: Due to Coronavirus and government guidelines, the Inclusion Team are all now working remotely until further notice. We will aim to answer any enquiries as quickly as possible.*

Book of the Week

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

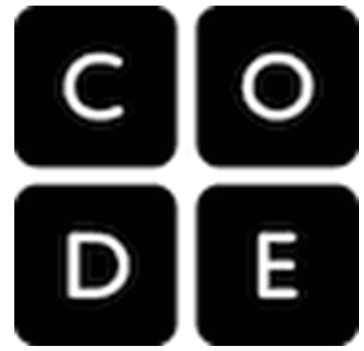
Author: Jill Tomlinson

A heart-warming classic full of animal antics by Jill Tomlinson. Plop, the Baby Barn Owl, is like every Barn Owl there ever was, except for one thing - he is afraid of the dark. "Dark is nasty" he says and so he won't go hunting with his parents. Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark and he meets a little boy waiting for the fireworks to begin, an old lady, a scout out camping, a girl who tells him about Father Christmas, a man with a telescope and a black cat who takes him exploring. He realizes that through these encounters that dark is super after all. Filled with gentle humour and comfort, Jill Tomlinson's animal stories have been enjoyed by children who want to snuggle down with a good read for decades.



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DANCE CODING



competition!



Code a Dance Party to share with your friends! The best entries will win a **£10 Amazon voucher**.

To enter go to code.org/dance

and login using teacher code: **TQRMXG**

We will look to share the best examples on social media

and if you have any questions please email

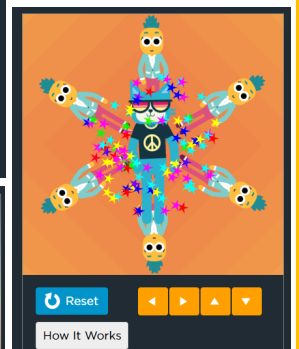
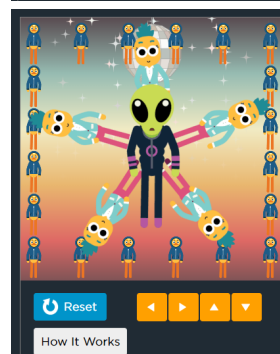
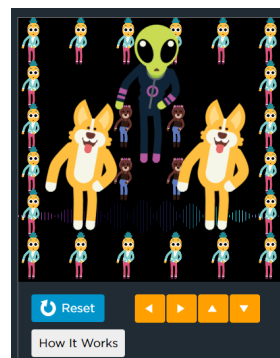
Sam Rouse at samuel.rouse@macintyreacademies.org

Here are 3 entries to the competition already.

Hartley https://studio.code.org/projects/dance/INqVAnQ93_r9NWw0IGghM24UZYqyadUAefeTSWYTSXI

Andrew <https://studio.code.org/projects/dance/n1-agalJVRmE7bE4jZM9jZVSCioZitbLw3yCu5z7Jh4>

Nathan <https://studio.code.org/projects/dance/AgF-AigU-EhLG2g9dmbqJ3oHCSrI9yiGuStBvCSfWsk>





Many schools in the UK and worldwide have adopted a philosophy for living based on a set of positive human values such as Love, Respect, Kindness, Trust, etc. The value for this week is the wonderful value of Friendship...

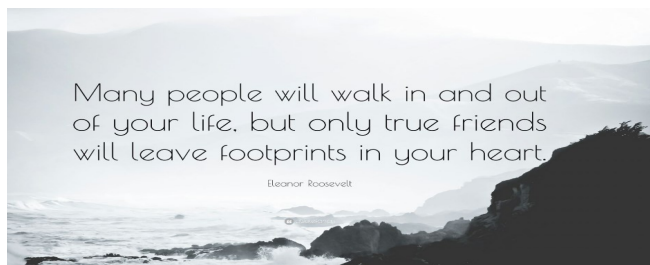
We do hope that you enjoy exploring these vital ideas and that you find they bring you even closer and more understanding as a family.

Friendship



The only way to have a friend is to be one.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Friendship is...

...Treating each other with care and respect.

...Listening with true attention.

...Mutual trust and honesty.

...Laughing and smiling together.

...How else can we show true friendship?

**Share your smile
with the world. It's a
symbol of friendship
and peace.**

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CHRISTIE BRINKLEY

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*"A friend is someone
who understands
your past, believes in
your future and
accepts you for who
you are today."*

- Aleatha Romig

Communication – sharing ideas

- * What does Friendship mean to each of us? Let's listen to each other.
- * Friendship Stories: The ageless stories of Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne (my 38-year-old son still finds solace in these!), Frog and Toad by Arnold Loben, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain, Harry Potter Books by J. K. Rowling, Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers, Superworm by Julia Donaldson. So many stories are built upon the relationships of friends. There are really too many to list here. Why not compile your own family list?
- * Youtube story about friendship: https://youtu.be/TPkgoJ_k_98



Behaviour & activities – doing together

- * Make a friendship bracelet, or other small home-made gift, to send to friends who you have not seen for a while.
- * Take the five finger Friendship Challenge.
- * Make new friends by writing to residents in a Care Home and cheering them up.

Happiness – family fun

- * Friendship Game:

Challenge each other to compile the longest list of famous friends, e.g. Laurel and Hardy, Pooh and Piglet, etc

- * Friendship Sorting Game: <https://pin.it/7HPbELd>
- * Create your own 'Friendship Recipe' modelled on this:



Ingredients:

1 cup loyalty

2 cups kindness

3 teaspoons forgiveness

5 tablespoons thyme for each other

4 gallons honesty

1 cup faith

Method:

- *Combine all ingredients with love and affection, and mix carefully.*
- *Stir well, and should you notice any lumps or flaws, handle gently and overlook as often as possible.*
- *Sweeten generously with a firm belief in each other and keep warm with a caring heart, and watchful eye.*
- *Never serve hot or cold, just room temperature.*
- *Let stand for a lifetime of special memories.*

Wellbeing – being well in body and mind

Try a loving kindness meditation spreading loving kindness to family and friends. <https://youtu.be/QhmrkcX2eDo>

Make an effort to smile at anyone you encounter today. That small act can make a massive positive difference to their day. (And it makes you feel good too!)

FUNDING FOR FAMILIES

On 19.05.2020 the government announced £37 million for children with special educational needs and disabilities in England.

The fund will be available for individual families to apply for funding with support from professionals.

Here is all you need to know to apply for a grant:

The fund is being administered by the Family Fund who can be accessed [here](#). The website is www.familyfund.org.uk

There is a really helpful film explaining eligibility available [here](#)

- If you have not applied through the family fund before then you will need to download and submit an application. If you have used family fund before you can apply online.
- There are a whole range of things grants can be applied for but typically the fund are looking for applications for disabled or critically ill children who are staying at home more than usual due to the pandemic. Funding for equipment, goods, services such as household items, education equipment or specialist equipment.
- Grants are usually worth £400-£500 per family but can vary on need.

The press release is available [here](#).

Evidence of family income (being in receipt of tax credits, universal credits or other welfare benefits) is required with the application which should demonstrate evidence that additional needs impact on the family and that conditions are long term (likely to last more than 12 months) or life limiting. The full criteria is available [here](#).

Anyone can apply, parents/carers themselves or professionals on behalf of the family.

In Warwickshire if you families need help making an application to the fund we ask they speak to their social worker or support worker if you have one, otherwise contact the Family Information Service by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or by phone on 01926 742274.



THIS WEEKS CHALLENGE - CAN YOU FIND THE ANSWERS TO THESE RIDDLES?



**What has 4 legs
but only one foot?**

**A little girl goes to the store
and buys one dozen eggs.
As she is going home
all but three break.**

**How many eggs
are left unbroken?**

**You can you serve me
but never eat me.**

What am I?

LAST WEEKS CHALLENGE - DID YOU FIND THE ANSWERS TO THESE RIDDLES?

**Two fathers and
two sons are in a car
yet there are only
three people in the car**
How is this possible?

There were 3 people; **Grandfather**,
Father and Son. Since 'Father' is
Grandfathers son, there are two sons
and two fathers.



**A farmer has 17
sheep and all
but 9 escape**
How many are left?

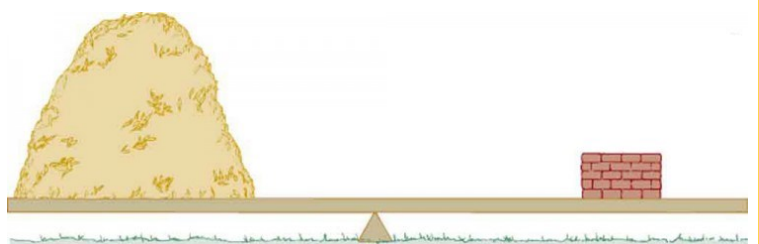
All but 9 escape...so those **9 are left**.



Answer me this
Which weighs more?
A ton of concrete or
a ton of feathers?

1 ton of concrete = **1 ton** of feathers.

They may look very different but they
are both the same weight.



COMPETITION TIME - DESIGN AN APRON

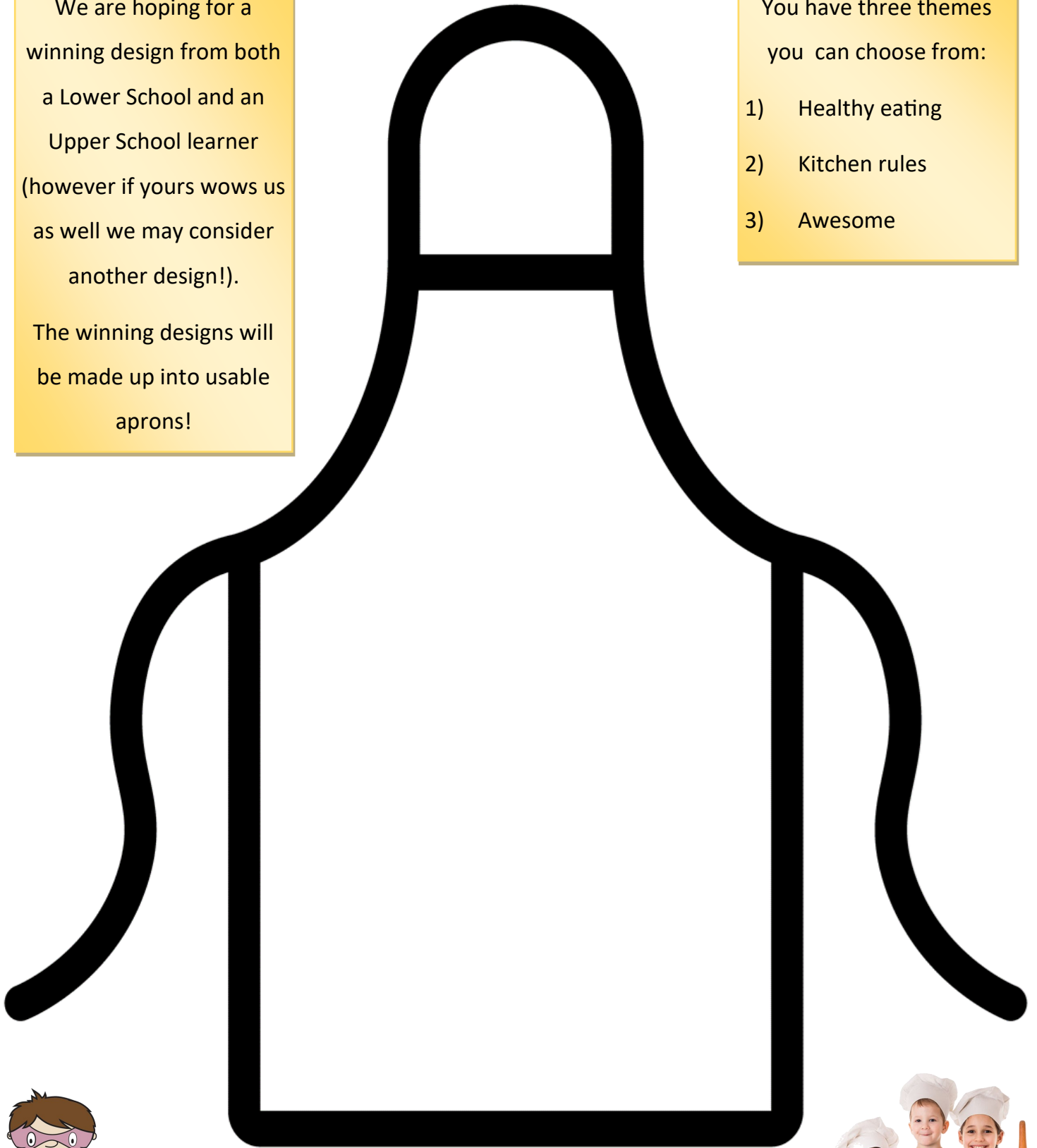
Cathy (our awesome Food Tech teacher) has a competition for all our Budding Bakers & Culinary Creators! We would love to get your creative juices flowing and for you to design us a new apron.

We are hoping for a winning design from both a Lower School and an Upper School learner (however if yours wows us as well we may consider another design!).

The winning designs will be made up into usable aprons!

You have three themes you can choose from:

- 1) Healthy eating
- 2) Kitchen rules
- 3) Awesome



Email your design to toni-anne.eagles@macintyreacademies.org

or send through the post to Cathy Ward, Quest Academy,

Anderson Avenue, Rugby, CV22 5PE



SOME OF OUR 'AWESOME' APRONS!

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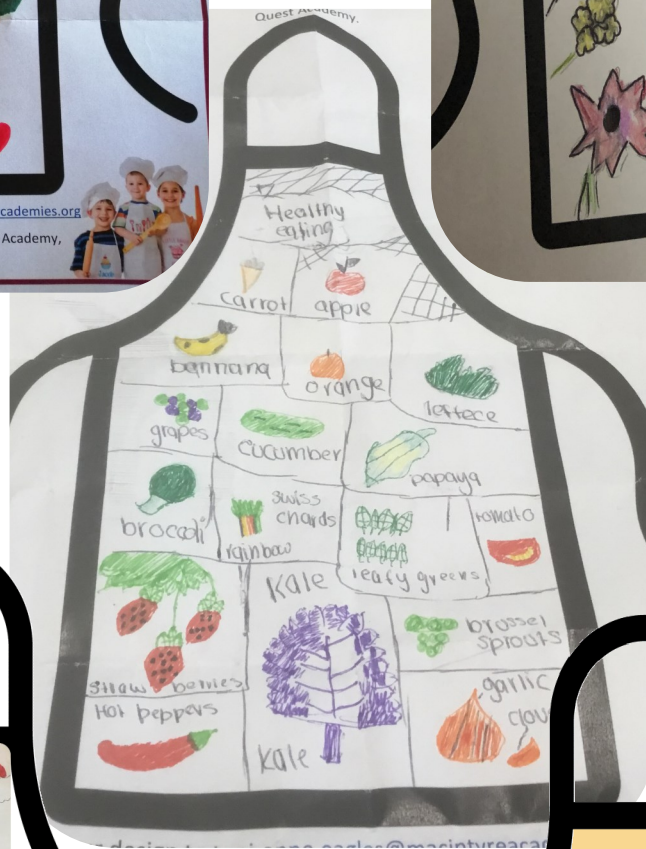
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Get your design to us by **Wednesday 3rd June 2020!**

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SPICY BEAN BURGERS



Ingredients

- 1 slice of bread
- 1/2 onion
- 1 medium green chilli
- 1 x 400g can red kidney beans
- 1 x 5ml spoon ground chilli powder
- 1 x 5ml spoon dried mixed herbs

Equipment

- Food processor
- Mixing bowl
- Chopping board
- Knife
- Can opener
- Measuring spoons
- Spatula
- Flour dredger
- Fish slice



Method

1. Preheat the grill.
2. Put the bread in the food processor and blitz until it resembles bread-crumbs. Pour these crumbs into the mixing bowl.
3. Cut away the top of the chilli, and then de-seed.
4. Peel the onion.
5. Drain the kidney beans, then place with the onion, chilli, chilli powder and dried herbs into a food processor. Blitz to form a thick, paste-like mixture.
6. Place the bean mixture into the mixing bowl with the breadcrumbs. Mix everything together thoroughly using the spatula.
7. On a lightly floured chopping board, divide and shape the mixture into 8 small patties.



8. Grill the patties for 8 minutes, turning over after 4 minutes.
9. Serve in a pitta with salad.



SAFEGUARDING & FAMILY FOOTINGS



- **Daisy** is responsible for lower school families and is available on;
daisy.howden@macintyreacademies.org Work mobile 07504001918



- **Joan** is responsible for upper school families and is available on;
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- If you have any higher level Safeguarding concerns or questions please contact **Anna** on anna.stelfox@macintyreacademies.org Work mobile 07377990797

We are available to help families with things like accessing family support, Early Help, Child In Need Meetings, Child Protection Meetings, taxi queries, support working with other professionals such as CAMHS, general safeguarding questions and much more.

Quest Contact details

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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 email the member of staff to let them know that you have called.

