



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

June 2018 Edition 2: Newsletter



WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that there is only three weeks before we break up for the Summer holidays. As you are aware the end of year reports will be sent home on Friday 6th July and pupils will start their new classes on Monday 9th July.

I would also like to remind you that on **Friday 20th July** we will host our traditional end of term celebrations, these will start at **9.30** and finish at **12.15**.

Holiday clubs will run during the last two weeks of the Summer holidays, more news to follow.

Kind regards,

Nicola

NEW FACES AT QUEST ACADEMY



Amie:
Teaching
Assistant



Stephen:
General
Technician



Stevie-Jayne:
Teaching
Assistant



Sylvia:
Teaching
Assistant



"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

Maria Robinson

RESTATE WITH RESPECT

The target is to allow pupils the opportunity to change an inappropriate message or response to one that is socially acceptable. This might relate to the vocabulary used or their tone or volume of voice.



- Some pupils respond with words or a tone of voice that maybe interpreted as disrespectful by others. Often pupils are unable to recognise the importance of the paraverbal features (the vocal part of speech), such as tone of voice, inappropriate volume or cadence (CPI).
- They are unaware of the impact this can have on another person.
- There may be a tendency to use swearing and inappropriate language with the intention of shocking the listener or as a response to stress.

Suggested Script

Your tone of voice sounded rude. Please restate with respect

Using bad language is not necessary. Please restate with respect

Hints and Tips

Remember that behaviour is communication and rudeness might indicate that something is wrong.

Once a pupil has restated respectfully, the adult should praise them and then move on, there should not be the need to reprimand them.



A Wrinkle in Time

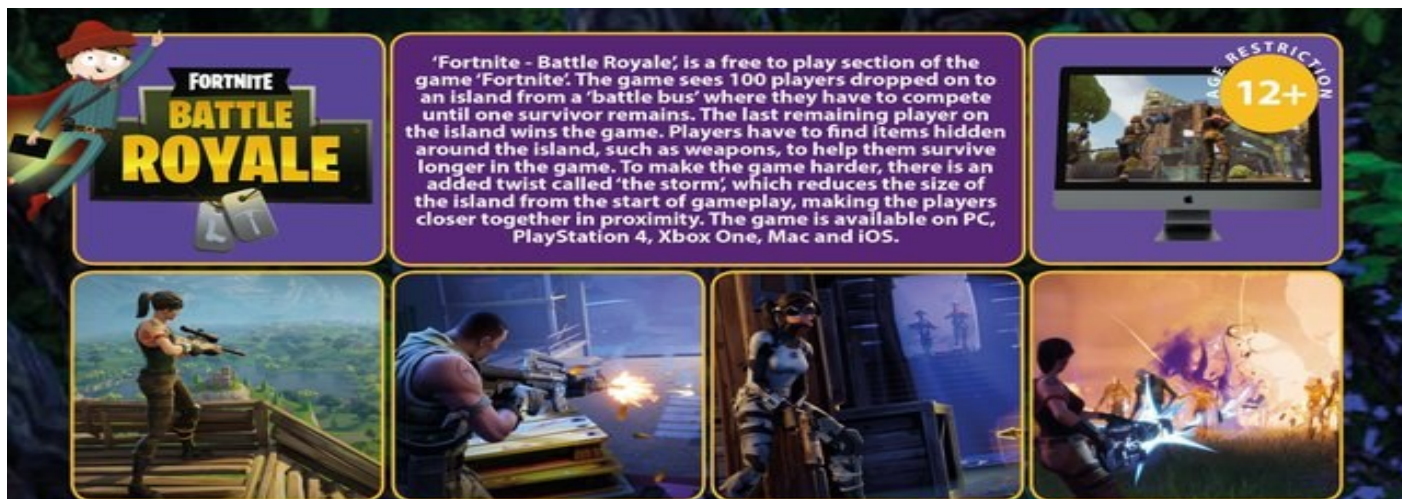
by Madeleine L'Engle

Wrinkle in Time is a classic sci-fi adventure for children by bestselling US author, Madeleine L'Engle. When Charles Wallace Murry goes searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for his lost father, he finds himself on an evil planet where all life is enslaved by a huge pulsating brain known as 'It'.

How Charles, his sister Meg and friend Calvin find and free

his father makes this a very special and exciting mixture of fantasy and science fiction, which all the way through is dominated by the funny and mysterious trio of guardian angels known as Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who and Mrs Which.





FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE

'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus' where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find items hidden around the island, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game harder, there is an added twist called 'the storm', which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, making the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

New featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the look of the characters but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are made desirable for players to purchase and even celebrities are endorsing them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can play a series of challenges to receive more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whatever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes said it had seen "dozens" of reports online by people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers. Hackers gained access to users accounts in the game and spent hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, there is no proof of age required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check if your child has the game downloaded.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players benefit from wearing headphones in the game to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and work towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'V bucks'. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies with each game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and continue to play until they achieve the result they want. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for children to stop playing halfway through as it could affect their position in the game.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile in April 2018 meaning it can be played without a games console at home. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is on the game.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game is free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription to play the game which is chargeable.

WEAPONS AND VIOLENCE

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap", making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.



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Online
Safety

Top Tips for Parents

#1 LIMIT GAME TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time your child is playing games on the devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to spend on games. Even though the games last around 20 minutes, it may be hard to take them away from a game mid play. It may be worth using a limit of the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

#2 RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

'Fortnite: Battle Royale' is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a paysafecard, or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

#4 PREVENT THEM TALKING TO STRANGERS

There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means they wouldn't be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. Your child will still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

#3 SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

#5 LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

#6 USE A STRONG PASSWORD

It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.



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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com



FAMILY FOOTINGS NEWS!



I thought it was important to let you know as soon as possible that I have made the difficult decision to resign from my position as Family Footings Facilitator at Quest. I will be leaving on 31st August 2018.

I have really enjoyed working here, with such wonderfully dedicated and hard-working staff, but it is now time for me to pursue my teaching career in a new school, closer to my new home.

Quest Academy will be appointing a new Family Footings Facilitator in the near future and in the interim the pastoral team will offer support to our families and young people.

Best wishes, *Sarah Geddes*



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 1st September 2018 a school meal will cost **£2.45** per meal.

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 3rd and Tuesday 4th September (no school)

Start of Term: Wednesday 5th September

Half Term: Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November

INSET Day: Friday 23rd November (no school)

End of Term: Friday 21st December

♦ January – April (Spring Term 2019)

INSET Day: Monday 7th January (no school)

Start of Term: Tuesday 8th January

Half Term: Saturday 16th February – Sunday 24th February

INSET Day: Monday 18th March (no school)

End of Term: Friday 12th April

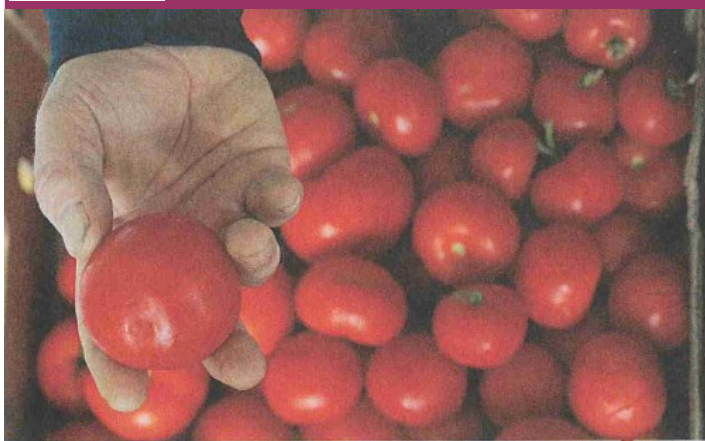
♦ April – July (Summer Term 2019)

Start of Term: Monday 29th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May (no school)

Half Term: Saturday 25th May – Sunday 2nd June

End of Term: Friday 19th July



No good food should go to waste



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We are a community. We change lives.



More than meals

The organisations we redistribute food to - from children's breakfast clubs and community cafés to homeless hostels and domestic violence refuges - are places that provide life changing support, as well as nutritious meals.

How to get food for your charity

If your organisation could make good use of surplus food, visit fareshare.org.uk/getting-food



We turn an environmental problem into a social solution



Food waste & hunger in the UK

Today in the UK 8.4 million people are struggling to afford to eat.

At the same time, thousands of tonnes of good food are going to waste.

At least 270,000 tonnes of this surplus food from the food and drink industry could be redistributed to people each year. This is enough for a staggering 650 million meals.

What we do

FareShare is a UK wide charity fighting hunger and food waste.



Join the fight against hunger and food waste

Put your surplus food to good use

We've been working with the food industry for over 20 years to turn their surplus food into social good.

The food we redistribute is in date and good to eat, but has become surplus for simple reasons such as over-production, labelling errors or short shelf-life.

If you are a company with surplus food, get in touch at foodoffers@fareshare.org.uk



Donate money

A monthly donation of £10 is enough for FareShare to deliver 400 meals a year.

Make a gift at fareshare.org.uk or text FARE17 and the amount you would like to donate to 70070 (e.g. FARE17 £5).

Volunteer


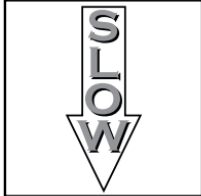
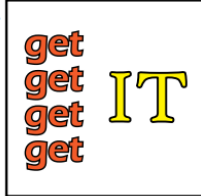





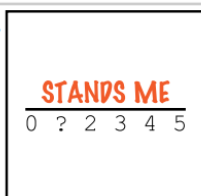
Volunteering is a great way to get active, gain skills and meet new people, all while giving back to your community.



We have roles to suit everyone - from sorting food in our warehouses to driving our vans to helping in the office. Join us at fareshare.org.uk/volunteer

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS BRAIN TEASERS

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

1. 	2. 	3. 
1) Elbow	2) Slow Down	3) Forget It
4. 	5. 	6. 
4) Stand in the Corner	5) Double Vision	6) Open Door
7. 	8. 	9. 
7) Little Bit More	8) Last but not Lease	9) No one Understand Me

THIS WEEKS 'HINK PINK' BRAIN TEASER

A Hink Pink (sometimes called a "rhyming pair") is a pair of rhyming words that matches a silly definition.

example:

a black bird that does not fly fast - slow crow

Can you find rhyming pairs for these clues?

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| 1. paperback thief | 1. _____ |
| 2. lengthy tune | 2. _____ |
| 3. closet to keep a sweeping tool | 3. _____ |
| 4. light red beverage | 4. _____ |
| 5. small buzzing insect that is not wet | 5. _____ |
| 6. large group of people that is noisy | 6. _____ |
| 7. stinging insect that doesn't cost money | 7. _____ |
| 8. unhappy father | 8. _____ |
| 9. rabbit that tells jokes | 9. _____ |
| 10. fast elevator | 10. _____ |

Answers in the next newsletter.

It's important that students know what bullying looks and feels like. We can't realistically expect students to not joke around or to not have conflicts with one another. However, they should know when and how to joke around, and how to solve a conflict using peaceful strategies. It may be helpful to discuss this with your child and remind them that this links to our points system, specifically 'understanding others'.

Is It Bullying?

How can you tell if someone is being bullied? This chart can help you decide if it's bullying or something else.

Joking Around:

- Everyone is having fun.
- No one is getting hurt.
- Everyone is participating equally.

One Time Thing:


- Someone is being mean on purpose.
- It's a reaction to a strong emotion or feeling.
- It happens once and doesn't repeat itself.

Conflict:

- Two people with a balance of power that have a fight, argument, or disagreement.
- A solution can usually be found.

Bullying:

- Repeated, unwanted aggressive behavior towards someone.
- Someone is being hurt on purpose.
- Can be social, verbal, physical, or cyber.



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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.

Please can we remind parent/carers to call school before 9am if your child may be late or is unwell.

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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.