



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

OCTOBER 2019 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER



Don't forget that Half Term is Monday 28th October - Wednesday 6th November.

We look forward to seeing well rested pupils on Thursday 7th November.

“Quote of
the week”

*“There are no shortcuts to any
place worth going”*

Beverly Sills

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of this half-term. It only seems a moment ago that we were welcoming our learners into our wonderful new school building.

I have been delighted to see how quickly the vast majority of learners have settled back into school life following the summer holidays. I visit classes on a daily basis and have been very impressed by the high standard of work learners have completed. On Thursday 12th December between 4:00pm and 6:00pm there will be an opportunity for you to look at your son's/daughter's work and to meet your child's form tutor. In addition you will also receive a progress and or written report about your child's progress/ level of attainment on the penultimate day of the term.

As you are aware now that we are based in the local community we are able to open the school every Thursday evening as part of our extended school service provision. The overriding aim for this service is to provide:

- Our learners with the same opportunities as their peers (attend after school clubs and holiday clubs).
- Provide additional opportunities for our learners to develop their interests and skills
- Respite and support for families.
- An opportunity for families to meet each other on an informal basis.
- Families the opportunity to attend "drop in sessions" with our blended therapy team and members of SLT.
- Information to families through a variety of workshops /presentations.
- A formal opportunity for families to work collaboratively with the school via our Family Forum events.

To ensure that our "Thursday Night Club" is a success we have decided to run a six week pilot project for eighteen Year 3-7 learners. The club will start at 5.45 and end at 7:00pm. We will then run another pilot project for Y8-11 learners in the Spring Term before deciding how to run the club in the second half of the Spring Term.

To ensure that all learners have the opportunity to attend the “Thursday Night Club” we will send out a “Thursday Night Club” consent form. Once we have received these, we will randomly select the first eighteen names out of a hat. We will then endeavour to ensure that any learner who was unable to attend our first “Thursday Night Club” is given priority in the Spring 2 Term.

If your child would like to attend the Thursday Night Club please ensure that all the necessary paperwork is returned to the office by Thursday 7th November. Activities for the pilot project will consist of a sports club (sports will vary), board games, art and construction club.

The first “Thursday Night Club For Learners” will start on Thursday 14th November.

As part of Family Forum, Ginny Willis, our careers guidance practitioner, will be giving a short presentation about careers on Thursday 7th November between 6:00-6:30pm. After her presentation you will be able to speak with her about any specific questions you may have. Ginny will also be available to talk to on Friday 8th November. If you would like an appointment to see her please contact our admin team.

Our café will be open every Thursday for coffee between 5:30-7:15pm please feel free to drop by for a chat and a drink with members from the Blended Therapy Team and the Senior Leadership Team. The school building and carpark will close at 7.30pm.

Finally, I am pleased to report that by the end of this week all outstanding laptops and computers will have been delivered. I am hopeful that these will be imaged during the half term and ready for learners to use when they come back.

Thank you for your continued support and for ensuring that your child wears the correct school uniform. Have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing learners back in school on Thursday 7th November 2019.

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells



CHILDREN
& FAMILY
SUPPORT



CHILDREN
& FAMILY
CENTRE

Drop in for support and advice

For all families
in Warwickshire

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

Mondays: 9.30-11.30am Boughton
Leigh Children & Family Centre

Tuesdays: 1.30-3.30pm Long
Lawford Children & Family Centre

Wednesdays: 4-6pm Claremont
Children & Family Centre



**The Early Help and
Targeted Support Team**

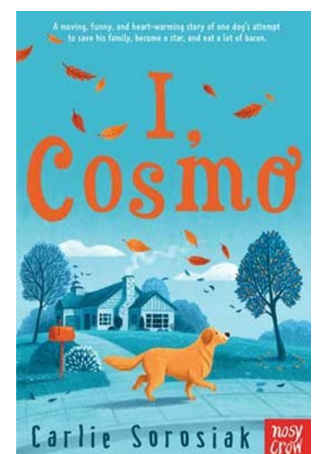


Book of the Week

I Cosmo

Written by **Carlie Sorosiak**

A thirteen year-old Golden Retriever with a taste for adventure (and bacon) Cosmo is a canine on a mission. He's got to stop a break-up, protect his best friend Max, and bring everyone together again for one show-stopping, marriage-saving, dog-dancing finale. But when it comes to fixing families, it turns out life is more complicated than just learning the right steps. Stories as genuinely joyful as *I, Cosmo* don't come along very often and our booksellers were instantly charmed by Carlie Sorosiak's witty, moving tale of friendship and a family in crisis. A novel full of heart that has all the hallmarks of a modern classic.



JOB VACANCY

TEACHING ASSISTANT

FTE Salary £16,648.03 - £20,289.79

Actual Salary £13,071.43 - £15,930.81

Term-Time only, 35 hours per week.



WE ARE LOOKING TO APPOINT SOMEONE WHO:

- Has a passion for making a difference and is willing to go to the extra mile.
- Has a compassionate approach.
- Is an exceptional administrator.
- Is ambitious for the future on pupils behalf.
- Understands the importance of working together with stakeholders.
- Shares the same vision and values as the school.
- Views change as an opportunity to build upon the school's current successes.
- Is innovative and willing to try out new ideas.
- Has high expectations of themselves and others.

THE ROLE

Reporting to the Class Teacher or in their absence the Higher Level Teaching Assistant you will be responsible for the support and delivery of teaching and learning at key stages 2, 3, 4 and post 16. You will model best practice and provide effective communication surrounding lesson requirements.

You will also work closely with internal and external stakeholders to successfully contribute to the delivery of the vision, ethos, aims and objectives of the academy; in turn, enabling successful learning and achievement by young people and sustained improvement in their spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical well-being in preparation for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

Previous experience is not required to apply for this role, however, you must be an effective, confident communicator and able to keep accurate records such as the recording of learning outcomes with excellent attention to detail. You will demonstrate an approach of facilitation and reflective practice within the role.

MacIntyre Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All positions will require an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and registration with the DBS Update Service together with all other relevant recruitment checks including obtaining references.

HOW TO APPLY

Full details of this vacancy can be found on the school's website:

www.thequestacademy.org or email quest.office@macintyreacademies.org

EXTENDED SCHOOL SERVICE HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT 2019



Our Vision - Our Quest “ working together, nurturing individuals, celebrating uniqueness, unlocking potential , friendships and memories “ **Ready for Life**”

Our Mission - To create a school community where everyone can “**be who they are and become who they are not yet**”.

Our Ethos - We use the Spanish word **Querencia** to describe the way we work together, creating a sense of belonging through mutual trust and connectivity.

Our Values - **Compassion**- we focus on the positives; **Ambition**- we challenge ourselves (pupils, families, staff and schools) to go further; **Partnership** – we are better when we work together.

The overriding aim of our Extended School Service Provision is to provide:

- Our learners with the same experiences as other young people of their age. (after school clubs and holiday clubs)
- Provide additional opportunities for our learners to develop their interests and skills
- Respite and support for families.
- An opportunity for families to meet each other on an informal basis.
- Families the opportunity to attend “drop in sessions” with our Blended Therapy team and members of Senior Leadership Team.
- Information to families through a variety workshops /presentations.
- A formal forum for families to work collaboratively with the school via Family Forum.

The School	Home	The Learner
We will: Provide a range of activities for learners to take part in. Work collaboratively with families to ensure that learners enjoy attending the “Thursday Night Club” and holiday clubs. Provide a relaxing environment for families to come and meet Run information events for parents/carers. Offer “Drop in Sessions” with members of the school’s “Blended Therapy” and members of the Senior Leadership Team.	We/ I will: Ensure that my/our child arrives and leaves at the specified times published. Notify the school if my/our child will not be attending a club on a particular night Inform the extended school service if the mode of transport and or family/friend picking up my/our child changes. Work collaboratively with the school to ensure that my/our child meets the school’s Extended Provision Service’s expectations. Ensure that we /I am contactable when my/our child is attending a club. Agree to pick my child up if they are not meeting expectations. Make sure my child wears appropriate clothing for their chosen activity. Where appropriate provide a drink and lunch for activities which run during the school holidays. Pay for any offsite activities during the school holidays.	I will: Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Demonstrate the school’s values in everything I do

Name of learner

Class

I/We understand that:

The extended school service has the right to exclude my child from attending a club if my child does not adhere to the above expectations /

Or if I/We regularly fail to collect my/our child at the specified times

That staff will be responsible for my child’s welfare and safety whilst they are attending a club.

That we/I am responsible for my other children when we/I come into school to attend a presentation/drop in session/ coffee

That the clubs being run on a Thursday night /during the holidays are for learners who attend Quest Academy.

Parent/carers Date

Learner Date

THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB CONSENT FORM

Thursday November 7th – Thursday December 20th 2019

Learner Name.....D.O.B...../...../.....

Parent/Carer Signature

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND DROP OFF AND COLLECTION DETAILS FOR THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB

Name.....Telephone Number.....

Address:.....

Name.....Telephone Number.....

Address:.....

My child will walk/cycle to Thursday Night Club. ☐ My child will walk/cycle home from the Thursday Night Club ☐

We /I will bring my child to the Thursday Night Club ☐ We/I will collect my child from the Thursday Night Club ☐

MEDICAL AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Date of anti-tetanus injection (if known).....

Please indicate any special food or dietary requirements where applicable:.....

Is there any other relevant information which the Extended School's Leader should be aware of?

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MEDICAL CONDITIONS ALLERGIES WHICH MAY EFFECT PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY

Does he/she suffer from: asthma, chest complaints, hay fever, migraine, fits or faint, travel sickness, diabetes, attention deficiency, hyper activity or any other condition, illness or disability? If so please give details:

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Is he/she allergic to anything? (E.g. aspirin, antibiotics, any particular food or drug? If so, give details)

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Is he/she having any medical treatment at present? If so, please give written details of treatment and medicines, etc.
(Please provide any medicines to the Extended School's Leader)

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DOCTOR'S DETAILS

Doctor's Name.....

Doctor's Telephone Number.....

THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB CONSENT FORM

CONTINUED

Thursday November 7th – Thursday December 20th 2019

CONSENT FORM FOR TAKING AND USING PHOTOS

Please tick the relevant box (es) below:

I am happy for the school to take photographs of my child

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I am happy for photos of my child to be used on the school website

☐

I am happy for photos of my child to be used in the school newsletter

☐

I am happy for photos of my child to be used in the school prospectus

☐

I am happy for photos of my child to be used in internal displays

☐

I am happy for photos of my child to be used on MacIntyre Academies website
or other promotional material

☐

I am happy for photos of my child to be used on our Social Media channels

☐

I am happy for my child to feature in video footage in line with the above consent for images

☐

I agree to photos of my child being used in Local Press

☐

I agree to photos of my child being used in the National Press

☐

I am **NOT** happy for the school to take or use photos of my child for any purpose

☐

HELLO FROM THE THERAPY TEAM

We are really looking forward to working with students and their families at Quest. Whilst working with your child we may contact you for more information to help us gain a better understanding of your child's strengths and needs. It would be really useful if you could let us know if your child has ever had any Therapeutic input previously.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST



Amy Wilkins

I can help support learners language and social communication skills

I work with pupils 1:1, in groups and in the classroom

I support staff to develop a communication friendly environment

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST



Katrina Bell

I can help support learners fine and gross motor skills, daily living and sensory skills

I can support learners to attain maximum levels of functioning with meaningful goals

I support school staff through training and advise on environmental adaptations

PLAY THERAPY



Anna Stelfox

Play Therapy is a way of helping children cope with their distress and make sense of their lives using play and creative arts.

It helps children understand painful experiences and upsetting feelings at a conscious or unconscious level.

It also gives them a strategy for coping on their own when support may not be available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

SALT: Amy.wilkins@macintyreacademies.org

OT: Katrina.Bell@macintyreacademies.org

Play Therapy: Anna.Stelfox@macintyreacademies.org

We have water coolers installed into each of our classrooms and ask that each pupil bring in their own 'named' plastic water bottle to replenish through the day.



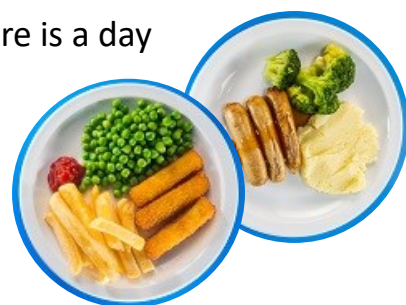
MEALS, SNACKS & DRINKS



- Payment for hot lunches need to be made in advance via ParentPay. With effect from September 2019 a school meal costs **£2.50** per day (**£12.50** per week). **Your account needs to be in credit at all times.** If you have not paid for a meal in advance your child will need to bring in a packed lunch from home.

Please be aware that if you haven't currently got a ParentPay the school are trying to rectify this and shall let you know your details as soon as possible.

- 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 (for pupils currently on our FSM list you do not need to reapply - new pupils will need to let Warwickshire Council know they have transferred).
- If your child does not want a hot lunch they may bring in a packed lunch.
- Fizzy drinks and sweets **are not allowed** in school. On special occasions Quest may buy sweets/ ice-cream for the pupils. Please also note we are a nut free school.
- We have our lunch delivered by a company called Educaterers, we have already provided families with the three week dinner menu. If there is a day where your child does not like anything then they will need to bring in a packed lunch.





A national day of speaking and listening We're involved!

Communication is at the core of everything we do, in our education, social lives and careers. Learning to use spoken language effectively is crucial for our futures.

No Pens Day Wednesday is a day of pen-free activities which helps us build spoken language skills for learning and life.

To find out more, please visit
www.ican.org.uk/no-pens-day-wednesday

#NoPensDay



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER—WE RAISED ~ £25



CONGRATULATIONS JOSH - UNSUNG HERO

Josh in year 10 received his Unsung Hero award for having a great personality and bringing back the fun to Cadets; including everyone. For leadership during the drills and keeping the team together.



CONGRATULATIONS KIERAN



Congratulations to Kieran who has once again won 1st prize for best allotment at Rugby in Bloom (this is the 5th year running he has won!).

Kieran shares an allotment with his Grandad Ken and spends many hours and days digging, weeding and planting throughout the year even in the cold and rain to grow his vegetables. Kieran has grown everything from lettuces and tomatoes in the summer to carrots, runner beans and potatoes in the Autumn.

They have already started to consider what we can grow at our new school!

ARE YOU A SMART TRICK OR TREATER?

Stay in areas that are lit
with streetlights - take
a torch with you just in case



Although Hallowe'en
is supposed to be
spooky, be careful
not to frighten
elderly people



Don't enter any house,
stay on the doorstep



only go to
houses where
you or your
friends know
the residents



Always go trick or
treating with an adult

Be visible



Throwing eggs and flour is
anti-social behaviour and
will get you into trouble



Stay with your
friends. Don't split
into smaller groups
unless an adult
goes with you

Don't knock on doors
where there is a
sign saying No trick
or treat here



Don't talk to strangers
on the street



CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE
101
IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999



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Half Term Project

Make your own mini garden

Pupils will have the opportunity to make
their own mini gardens during food tech
lessons



TERM DATES FOR 2019 - 20:

Autumn Term 1

Monday 9th September - Friday 25th October

October Half Term

Monday 28th October - Wednesday 6th November

Autumn Term 2

Thursday 7th November - Friday 20th December

Christmas Holiday

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January



The early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Warwickshire school term dates have been updated to reflect this, with Monday 4 May 2020 now designated a normal school day.

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 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

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