



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

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“Quote of the week”

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

- Benjamin Franklin

WELCOME



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope that you continue to find our newsletter useful.

Next week is Anti-bullying week; all classes will be completing a range of activities throughout the week to support everyone to develop a better understanding of bullying. As part of Anti-bullying week, there is a national **Odd Socks Day**, being held on **Monday 14th November**. It would be great if every member of staff and learner wore odd socks on this day to help us raise awareness about the importance of celebrating our own and others uniqueness.

Friday 18th November is **Children in Need** Day. If you feel able to provide a small donation you can do this via <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>. We have a range of activities learners will complete during specific lessons, for example, learners will make Teddy bear biscuits which they can eat and or take home. This year learners are invited to attend in **yellow/ pink/ spots or Children In Need branded items**, it would be wonderful if all members of our school community could join in!



I would also like to take this opportunity to let Y11 parents/carers know that Mock Exams will be starting at the end of November (28.11.22) and that we will have a Y9, 10 and 11 Parents afternoon on **Thursday 15th December** between 4:00- 6:00. On the same evening there will be a Post 16 transition presentation where you can find out more about the different Post 16 opportunities on offer.

Our Thursday Club will now be held on a Wednesday. We have decided to use an external provider to run some of the clubs so that there is a wider range of activities learners can take part in. The external provider will also run three different lunchtime clubs every day. As a school we have to carry out a process called due diligence (compare three providers regarding their offer and costings) as a result clubs will not be able to start until after Christmas.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

I hope that you have a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells



Odd Socks Day
Monday 14th November



Children In Need
Friday 18th November

Y9, 10 & 11 Parent Afternoon
Thursday 15th December

We are successful because...

...the mother of one of our learners said that Quest Academy is a 'fabulous school'. She said that she is proud of her son's progress and that he loves going to school.

SAFEGUARDING & FAMILY FOOTINGS



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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.

Book of the Week

The School for Good and Evil - The School for Good and Evil Book 1

By Soman Chainani

Every four years, two girls are kidnapped from the village of Gavaldon. Legend has it these lost children are sent to the School for Good and Evil, the fabled institution where they become fairytale heroes or villains.

With her glass slippers and devotion to good deeds, Sophie knows she'll join the ranks of past students like Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Snow White at the School for Good. Meanwhile, Agatha, with her black dresses and wicked cat, seems a natural fit for the villains in the School for Evil.

Reading age



10 - 13 years



But the two girls soon find their fortunes reversed - Sophie's dumped in the School for Evil to take Uglification, Death Curses and Henchmen Training, while Agatha finds herself in the School for Good, thrust among handsome princes and fair maidens for classes in Princess Etiquette and Animal Communication.

But what if the mistake is actually the first clue to discovering who Sophie and Agatha really are?

The School for Good and Evil is now also a major motion picture from Netflix, starring Academy Award winner Charlize Theron, Kerry Washington, Laurence Fishburne, Michelle Yeoh, Cate Blanchett, and many more!



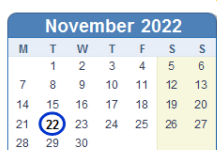
ACE NEWS: QUEST IS CLUCKING

Lower school have been busy suggesting new chickens names, which are now going to a vote! We could be saying hello to Lady Clucksalot or Tikka! If you would like to purchase Quest eggs you can donate via ParentPay. Your donation will help keep the chickens fed, therefore producing more eggs to purchase!

Please see Risk Assessment on school website for the [Safe consumption of eggs](#).



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Tuesday 22nd Nov 2022

On **Tuesday the 22nd November** a photographer is coming to school to take learner photos.



I should try and look smart for the photo.
Looking smart could include:

- Brushing my hair
- Wearing clean clothes
- Wearing my blazer (if I have one)



The photographer might ask me to sit down on a background.



The photographer might ask me to smile for the photo.



The photographer might use bright lights and a flash. This helps to take a clear photo.



Taking a photo is quick and should only take a couple of minutes.



Having my photo taken by the school photographer is safe.



A sample photo will be sent home to my family to look at.

HALLOWEEN QUIZ ANSWERS

What date is Halloween every year?	How many legs does a spider have?	What is the pot witches use to cook up potions?	What do you usually carve at Halloween?	Where do pumpkins grow?	What is the name of Harry Potter's school?	What is a vampire's favourite drink?
A. 31 Oct B. 5 Nov C. 30 Nov	A. 6 B. 4 C. 8	A. Wok B. Cauldron C. Magic cooking pot	A. Pumpkins B. Lemons C. Grapes	A. On trees B. On vines C. In the ground	A. Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches B. Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry C. Beauxbatons Academy of Magic	A. Milk B. Coca-Cola C. Blood!
What animal do witches usually have?	What fruit is used to play a bobbing game at Halloween?	Who wrote the book Room on the Broom?	What food is said to keep vampires away?	What type of creature is Shrek?	What household object do witches use to fly?	How many eyes do most spiders have?
A. Black cat B. Black dog C. Green snake	A. Oranges B. Apples C. Pineapples	A. David Walliams B. Julia Donaldson C. Jacqueline Wilson	A. Onions B. Pepper C. Garlic	A. Goblin B. Troll C. Ogre	A. Vacuum cleaner B. Broomstick C. Mop	A. 2 B. 4 C. 8
Before pumpkins, what veggies were Jack O' Lanterns originally carved from?	What is the name of the main character in The Worst Witch?	What is a group of witches called?	When do werewolves turn from a human into a wolf?	Who wrote the book The Witches?	What do children traditionally say when they knock on doors at Halloween?	What is Harry Potter's red-haired best friend called?
A. Turnips B. Potatoes C. Tomatoes	A. Ethel Hallow B. Mildred Hubble C. Betty Broomsticks	A. A cackle B. A coven C. A crew	A. At midnight B. When they get wet C. When there's a full moon	A. J.K. Rowling B. Roald Dahl C. David Walliams	A. Truth or dare? B. Give me all your sweets! C. Trick or treat?	A. Don Measley B. Ron Weasley C. Neville Longbottom

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is celebrated on 11th November each year, to honour the people who have served and sacrificed, including armed forces and emergency services. It also means taking a moment to remember people affected by war and hoping for a peaceful future.

The date was chosen because that was the day the armistice was called for World War 1 in 1918, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month. Poppies were chosen to symbolise remembrance because poppies were a common sight during WW1, especially on the Western Front. They flourished in the soil churned up by the fighting and shelling. They seemed to show that out of the horror of war could come beauty, new life and hope.





the
national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

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50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from 14 to 18 November and has the theme Reach Out. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day.




Odd Socks Day is Monday 14th November this year.

All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!



 **ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE**

Odd Socks Day 







The BIG SPOTACULAR

This year's focus is; - 'Together we can change young lives'

Learners are invited to attend school **Friday 18th November** wearing **yellow/ pink and or spots** or **Children In Need branded items**. As this falls on a non-uniform day it is

not compulsory. We will also be offering face painting, courtesy or Allie in Aretha Franklin class. If you would like to donate, please do so via the Children In Need

Website: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



WORLD KINDNESS DAY

This **13th November 2022** represents the twelfth year since Kindness UK introduced Kindness Day to the UK. This day coincides with global World Kindness Day on the same day. Kindness UK is an independent, not-for-profit organisation with the goal of making kindness a greater part of everyday life. Since 2007 Kindness UK has been promoting the positive benefits of kindness to health, overall wellbeing, community, nature and the environment. Kindness UK, tirelessly work to increase the profile and practise of kindness in the UK.

Here are some ideas for this Kindness Day

Environmental

- Undertake a litter pick in your local area
- Walk or cycle to reduce your carbon footprint
- Join or start a recycling club

Community

- Help an elderly neighbour take the bins out
- Send an appreciative text to a friend or family member
- Buy a coffee for the person behind you
- Call and chat to someone you think might be lonely

Nature

- When gardening, plant different types and species to support a range of wildlife
- Attract bugs and amphibians to your garden by creating a woodpile
- Feed ducks in the park

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

-Leo Buscaglia

"Kindness is the golden thread that binds us all together."

- David Jamilly

WHAT IS HAF?

The Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme is for school aged children in full time education from reception to year 11 (inclusive), who receive benefits-related free school meals. The programme offers valuable support to families on lower incomes, giving them the opportunity to access rewarding and active activities alongside healthy meals over the main school holidays.



What is the HAF entitlement for eligible young people?

The team work with a range of local activity providers to establish funded places with a healthy meal provision for eligible children during Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. Unfortunately, the HAF programme does not run at half term holidays, although the team look to signpost towards activities across Warwickshire through the [Children & Families web pages](#).

Eligible children can access 4 days/sessions of free HAF-funded provision in the Easter school holidays, 16 days/sessions of provision in the school Summer holidays and 4 days/sessions of provision in the Christmas school holidays. A session is normally a minimum of 4 hours inclusive of a food provision but activity times/duration vary with each provider.

The team are working with local providers across the county to offer eligible families a holiday programme that has a variety of fun, engaging and enriching activities. These include activities such as dance classes, multi sports clubs, drama classes, arts and crafts, animal care and much more. All activities are inclusive and this year the team are starting to advertise SEND specific activities also within the HAF programme. HAF providers are also able to request additional funds for 1'2'1 support if this is required, however this is dependant upon the availability and suitability of staff and may not always be possible.

How do you book HAF activities?

For Christmas activities, the team are hoping to publish activity listings from Monday 21st November [here](#). All bookings are direct with the activity provider. Bookings will not be accepted with a HAF provider without an eligible unique HAF code, the email/text message received will be needed by providers to confirm each booking. All provider contact details will be listed and available from the above dates. The team will provide updates on when bookings for Easter & Summer activities will begin to commence.





What is the HAF eligibility criteria?

This holiday provision is for school aged children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have the claim verified by Warwickshire County Council. Applications can be made for free school meals at anytime by clicking [here](#).

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in England's state-funded schools receive a free meal under the Department for Education (DfE) universal infant free school meal (UIFSM) policy. Infant pupils who receive a free meal under UIFSM must also be eligible for benefits-related FSM to be able to access a place on the HAF programme.

Within Warwickshire, the team can also allocate a limited amount HAF places to children who are not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals but could benefit from the HAF provision. The current criteria can be found [here](#), the criteria might change throughout the academic year and each delivery period. HAF codes for families not receiving benefits-related free school meals are only valid for one delivery period and not the academic year. Referrals are made for a family by a Warwickshire staff member and not through the family directly.

What is a HAF code and what do I do if I don't have a HAF code (or I've lost it)?

A HAF code is a code that is uniquely allocated to each eligible child for the HAF programme. Parents/carers of eligible children will have to complete a brief online form to request a HAF code each academic year to ensure the team have the correct contact details of where to send the code via email or a text message. This form is be [available here](#) and is a change for this academic year.



For the 22/23 academic year, the HAF codes will stay the same for young people to use at Christmas, Easter & Summer. HAF codes are 8 characters long and unique only to the young person where the code has been issued.

If you can't find a code or need to have the HAF code resent, then visit the link above where more information can be found, or you can call the Family Information Service helpline on **01926 742 274**.

How can you help the HAF programme?

If you are eligible and make bookings with HAF providers, we hope that young people have a great time! If for any reason that you are then unable to make the booking, then please contact the activity provider as soon as possible so the booking can be cancelled. Places can then be re-issued as there are often waiting lists for each activity, so it enables more young people to access a HAF provider in each holiday period.



TERM DATES FOR 2022 - 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Ends	Friday 16th December 2022
Christmas holiday	Monday 19th December 2022 - Monday 2nd January 2023

SPRING TERM 2023

INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Starts	Wednesday 4th January 2023
Half term	Monday 20th - Friday 24th February 2023
Trust INSET (no learners on site)	Friday 10th March 2023
Ends	Friday 31st March 2023
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

Starts	Monday 17th April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2023
Bank Holiday (Kings Coronation)	Monday 8th May 2023
Half term	Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June 2023
INSET day (no learners on site)	Monday 10th July 2023
INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 11th July 2023
Ends	Friday 28th July 2023

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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.

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.

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.



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