



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

OCTOBER 2018 EDITION 1: NEWSLETTER



WELCOME



Dear Parents /Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we now have access to Unit 9. This means that the pupils will now have an indoor sports hall area which they can use during some lessons as well as at break and lunchtimes. Having a larger indoor area will also allow class teams to deliver more comprehensive sensory programmes for pupils who require this provision.

As can be seen from the photographs on page 8 the new school building work is currently on schedule to be completed on time. Once the external works are complete pupils will have the opportunity to visit the site and have an input into the internal decoration of the school.

As you are aware from my letter last week, we are currently in the middle of our consultation period (lowering our age range to 7 and increasing our PAN to 100). The reason why we would like to lower our age range is because we feel that we could have a greater impact on pupil outcomes if children joined the school earlier. In addition, there is currently no local authority or free specialist special school available for pupils with ASD and SEMH in the area; which means that there are many children who live in the area having to attend a mainstream school which cannot provide the correct environment for them to thrive.

I would also like to assure you that, should the DfE agree to our proposal of increasing our PAN to 100, we would not be looking to educate 100 pupils on the site at the same time. For example, many of our sixth form pupils will attend college two/three days a week and therefore will only be in school on a part time basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils for all their hard work so far this term. Well done to all the pupils who have achieved gold or silver reward status each week. Last week I particularly enjoyed being with the pupils at the school disco and Karaoke gold reward event. Jo Godding and Martin Cain and I, also had the pleasure of judging Quest's first British Bake off technical challenge. Well done to Olly who made the best Victoria Sandwich cake.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that our next Parent /Carer Day at Cawston Community Hall is on Thursday October 25th between 12-2pm.

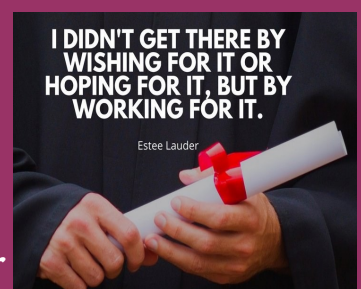
I look forward to see you on Thursday October 25th.

Kind regards, *Nicola*



"I didn't get there by wishing for it or hoping for it, but by working for it."

Estée Lauder



FAMILY FOOTINGS UPDATE...



As the end of our first half term is fast approaching, I just wanted to share some information with you all.

Just to keep you all up to date and to introduce myself to you, my name is Hayley Brown and I am the new Family Footings Facilitator, having transferred from Discovery Academy.

I haven't quite managed to speak with each and every one of you as of yet so I am very much looking forward to the family settling in day, as much as I am sure you are too! This will be a perfect opportunity for you and me to be able to put faces to names and get to know a little more.

A reminder to share; our family settling in day is on:

Thursday 25th October 12-2pm

At Cawston Community Hall

This is an opportunity to get to meet other parents and myself in an informal manner whilst enjoying tea and cake!

Please let me know if you are able to make it. I look forward to meeting you all.

Kind regards,

Hayley, You can get in touch via email: Hayley.brown@macintyreacademies.org

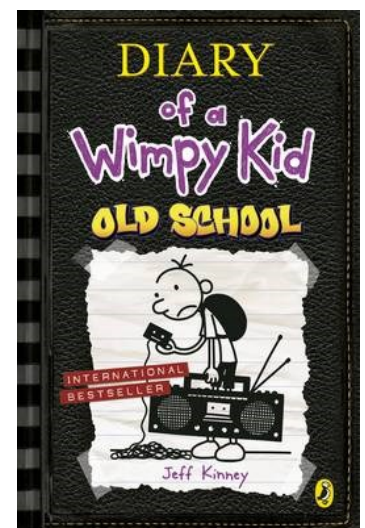


DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: OLD SCHOOL

Jeff Kinney (author)

In the tenth book, more bad luck follows Greg Heffley in Jeff Kinney's laugh out loud series! I really don't understand why Mom thinks we need to go BACKWARDS, anyway. From what I can tell, the old days weren't that much fun. Life was better in the old days. Or was it? That's the question Greg Heffley is asking as his town voluntarily unplugs and goes electronics-free.

But modern life has its conveniences, and Greg isn't cut out for an old-fashioned world. With tension building inside and outside the Heffley home, will Greg find a way to survive? Or is going 'old school' just too hard for a kid like Greg? Join the millions of 7+ readers all around the world who love reading about Greg's misadventures. The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series is perfect for avid and struggling readers. Praise for Jeff Kinney: 'The world has gone crazy for Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid' - The Sun' Kinney is right up there with J K Rowling as one of the bestselling children's authors on the planet' - Independent



THE COVENTRY TRANSPORT MUSEUM

By Hartley

Last week Year 9 class went on a reward trip to the Coventry Transport Museum, and all enjoyed every bit of it. Some of my favourite parts were seeing all of the old car models and how they developed over the past years. This was particularly exciting for me because one of the museum exhibits featured my uncle, Tony Douglas. There was a museum exhibit with the picture of my uncle Tony and the motorbike he rode, this was a Triumph Bonneville T140 Motorcycle and it was made limited edition to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. The caption on the photo of my uncle says, "Rugby Rocker Tony Douglas holding the crash helmet you can see on display in the showcase".

The showcase contained my uncle's helmet and 2 leather jackets and motorcycles goggles in addition to photos of his friends and family.

I never got to see my uncle so I was so relieved when he was in a museum and I got to see all of his pictures, jackets, his crash helmet, and his goggles.



YEAR 9 PE: BOXING



WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO: BY YEAR 9'S, ADAM AND ARCHIE.



By Adam

“I went to the disco, and as I knew it was Toni-Anne’s birthday, I thought it would be a nice idea to bring her to the disco and have everyone sing Happy Birthday. I told Ollie and Archie my idea, they then stopped the music and told everyone. I asked Nicola to pretend as if she was showing Toni-Anne a display in a corridor, when Toni-Anne arrived at the disco everyone began singing Happy Birthday. In the end, Toni-Anne really enjoyed her time and I’m really proud of my idea.”

By Archie

**“I ran around school a day before the disco putting up posters. I had a laptop with music on so I thought that I could do a disco but it was going to be a one off.
But I was wrong! Now it’s a weekly event.
It was a great success!”**

TERM DATES 2018- 19

- ♦ **September – December (Autumn Term 2018)**

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

INSET Day: Friday 23rd November (no school)

Last Day 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: Monday 18th February – Friday 2nd February

INSET Day: Monday 18th March (no school)

Last Day of Term: Friday 12th April

- ♦ **April – July (Summer Term 2019)**

Start of Term: Monday 29th April

Bank Holiday: Monday

6th May (no school)

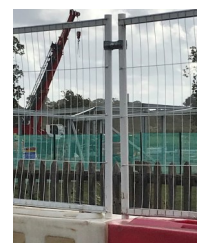
Half Term: Saturday 27th

May – Friday 31st May

**Last Day of Term: Friday
19th July**



PROGRESS AT OUR NEW SITE



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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.

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