



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

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WELCOME



“Quote of the week”

“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

Albert Einstein



NEW - BANK TRANSFER WITH AUTO TOP-UP IS ON THE WAY!

Soon, you won't need to worry about remembering to top-up your child's school meal balance.

Auto top-up means you will never miss a payment when your child's meal balance falls below a pre-set threshold.

Bank Transfer with auto top-up offers you increased peace of mind and the quickest and most convenient way to pay.

Schools and caterers will receive prompt payment, potentially reducing debt and supporting initiatives to increase school meal uptake.

So when will you get to use Bank Transfer with auto top-up?

Trials will begin at the end of November, with availability for all parents planned for early in the new year.

We'll keep you updated on progress and will inform you once the formal launch date is confirmed.



Ribblestrop

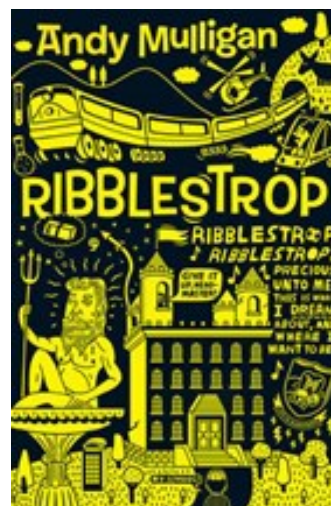
by Andy Mulligan

From the prize-winning author of *Trash and Dog*, Ribblestrop is sure the delight the most mischievous among us.

When your school's motto is '**Life is dangerous**', you know that anything can happen – and everything does!

There's no school that's quite like **Ribblestrop**, complete with roofless dormitories, distracted teachers, and a perilous underground labyrinth.

And then there are the **students**! You'll meet **Sanchez**, a Colombian gangster's son hiding from kidnappers; **Millie**, an excluded arsonist and self-confessed wild child; **Caspar**, the landlady's spoiled grandson; the helpful but hapless **Sam** and his best friend **Ruskin**, plus a handful of orphans from overseas who are just happy to have beds – even if they are located in a roofless part of the building...



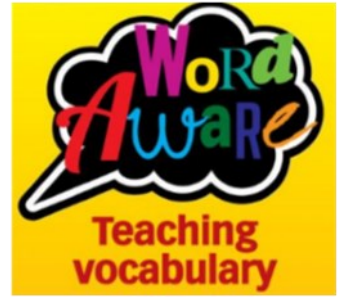
'Masterful knockabout humour....the book bulges with irreverent fun and incident.' *The Irish Times*

'Ribblestrop has the "crazy school" appeal of **Hogwarts** and the grim humour of **Lemony Snicket**, and looks like a winner.' *The Independent*

JOEL CLIMBED CADER IDRIS IN WALES, HE MADE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP, ITS 2900 FT!



**VOCABULARY AND HAVING FUN WITH WORDS IS
IMPORTANT! HOME SUPPORT FOR VOCABULARY MAKES
A BIG DIFFERENCE.**



Take part in one of the vocabulary challenges to claim an empathy point and be entered into the weekly empathy draw. You can complete the challenge in any creative or abstract way you like. Included are some examples.

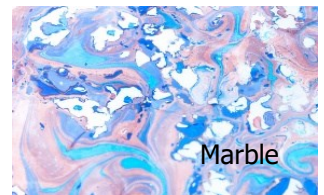
**Dress up as your
favourite word and
take a picture**



**Take a picture of what
the word 'dazzling'
means to you**



**Find a new word that
starts with the letter 'M'
Explain what it means**



**Talk about your
favourite word
from a book or film**



**Interview an adult about
their favourite word.
What does it mean and
why do they like it?**



**How many words
can you think of
that start with 'un'**

Please email any vocabulary challenge photos or evidence to
amy.wilkins@macintyreacademies.org in order to claim your empathy point.



SAFEGUARDING: ONLINE SAFETY

As you know at Quest we are able to closely monitor what students are accessing. I thought in this newsletter I would include a few general Online Safety tips that may help at home.

- Talk to your children about their internet use. Your involvement is the best way of keeping them safe. They are likely to know more about online games and apps than you.
- Be Positive! The Internet is a fantastic resource for learning, communication and having fun. Just like in the real world, you need to take a few sensible precautions.
- Try not to overreact! This could simply make your child secretive about their internet use and make it harder to talk. Remember that this safety advice also applies to going online with a mobile phone.
- If you decide to use software to filter or monitor information from the internet, talk this over with your child. Any ground rules you agree will be much more effective.
- Locate computers in a family room where possible.
- Keep mobile phones out of children's bedrooms at night or ensure that they are not using them late into the night.
- Limit screen time to maximum of two hours per night broken up into two hour slots.

FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHING



Just a little reminder that as the seasons change pupils need to be bringing in wellies, hats, gloves, and scarves for Forest Schools.



QUEST ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE, CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY, PARENT FORUM AND MINCE PIES!

FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER—

Times to be confirmed



TERM DATES 2018- 19

♦ September – December (Autumn Term 2018)

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: Monday 29th May – Friday 31st May

Last Day of Term: Friday 19th July



PROGRESS AT OUR NEW SCHOOL 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.