



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

FEBRUARY 2019 EDITION 1: NEWSLETTER



“
Quote of
the week
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*“The whole purpose of education
is to turn mirrors into windows”*

Sydney J. Harris

WELCOME



Dear Parents / Carers,

Just before the February Half term I visited the site of our new school. During my meeting I was provided with some additional pictures which are in the newsletter. I hope that these give you a better feel for what the new school building will look like.

At the last LAB meeting (Governors) I consulted with them about changing the term dates and using our five INSET days at the start of September 2019, which means school will reopen after the summer break on Monday 9th September. By doing this it will mean that staff can prepare for the start of term and that new staff are fully inducted to the school. It will also give the school time to resolve any teething issues with the school site.

As the move to the new building in the summer holidays will heavily involve the whole staff team I am mindful that they are going to be more tired than usual. To make sure staff have enough time to rest during the October half term, half term will be extended by 3 days.

As it is a legal requirement for pupils to attend school for 190 days a year the Summer Term will be three days longer.

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 - Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 1 - Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February

February Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Spring Term 2 – Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April

Easter Holidays – Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April

Summer Term 1 – Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May

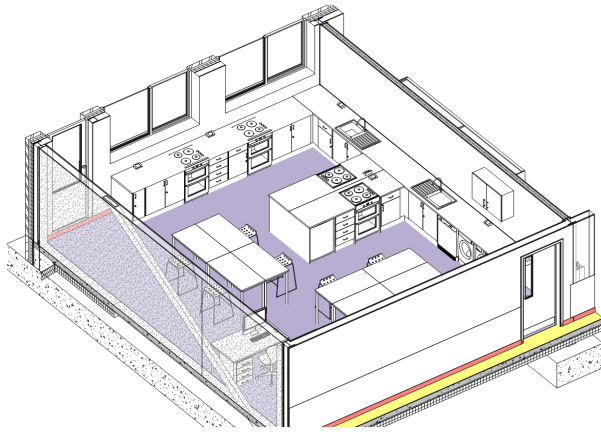
May Half – Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Summer Term 2 – Monday June 1st - Thursday 22nd July

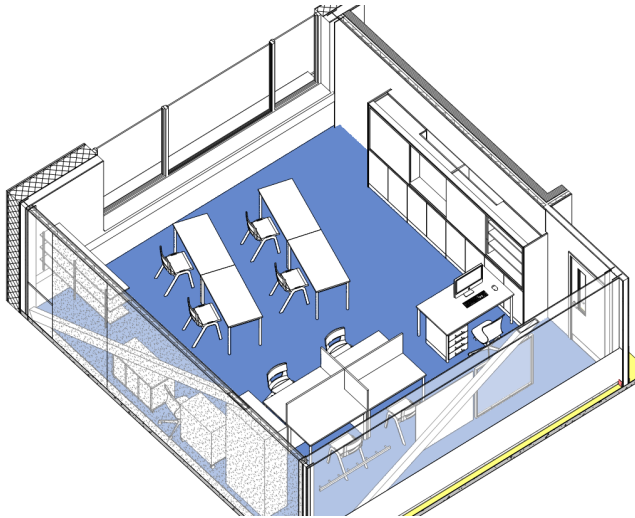
Kind regards,

Nicola

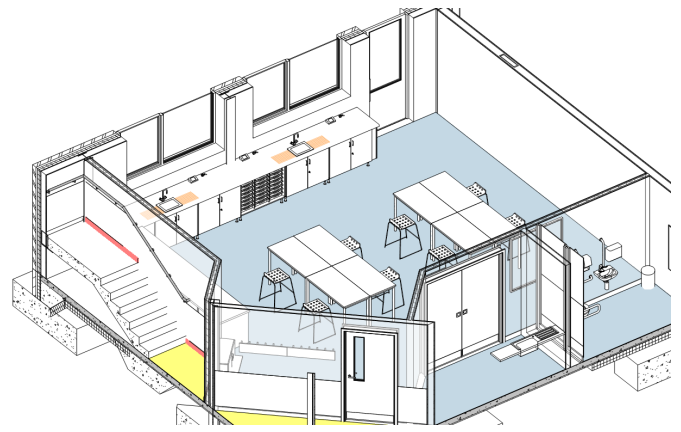
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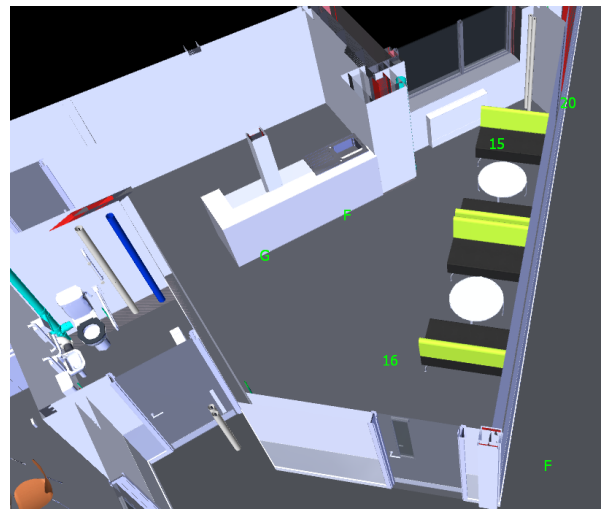
6TH FORM CLASSROOM



SCIENCE



6TH FORM CENTRE



QUEST ACADEMY, RUGBY

It is starting to look a lot more like a school now, with inner walls and windows now taking shape.



VIRAL MEDIA SCARES

Whilst we know the digital world of today can be a huge advantage and benefit to us and our children it also can create some issues. I am sure you may all have read about “Momo” which has been around for over 2 years originating in Japan. There has been a lot of media coverage around this in recent weeks that has meant that some panic may have been caused.



WHAT IS IT?

What “Momo” is, it seems, is accounts in WhatsApp (but also seen in Reddit, YouTube and Instagram) that reportedly send a message saying something like, “you should send a message to this number _____, which will send you predictions about your future.” According to some reports, the message might include a threat that the recipient will be cursed if they don’t reply. If someone does contact “Momo,” they reportedly get other threats, frightening photos, and/or challenges to complete harmful tasks. *So people who reply to or contact a Momo account are basically giving someone permission to troll them*—and possibly send malware to their phones, some reports say. Momo is more than one account because copycats often join the “fun” as coverage grows, and more than one phone number associated with it has been found in WhatsApp.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Some of the most important messages about keeping safe online, which apply to all websites, games and apps;

- Be aware of age restrictions and why they are in place
- Use privacy settings and be aware that when things are posted online, they can always be copied and shared
- Block and report users or posts that are worrying or upsetting to the website/app involved
- Discuss online safety at home and to talk to your child about what they do online. Useful websites to read more about this include:

thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

childnet.com

saferinternet.org.uk

parentinfo.org

internetmatters.org

nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

WORLD BOOK DAY



We're holding our own Comic-Con event on World Book Day at Quest Academy on Thursday 7th March. We have chosen a theme of Comic-Con but your child may dress up as any character from any book – if it's Marvel or DC related even better. Of course, your child could always dress up as a character from the Beano or any other comic. During the day, there will be Comic-Con themed activities, assemblies and lessons. Each pupil will also receive a book token.



Ka-BOOM!

Nigel Ellis

English Lead and
Year 11 Tutor



Book of the Week

The Closest Thing to Flying

By: Gill Lewis

Present day: Semira doesn't know where to call home.

She and her mother came to England when she was four years old, brought across the desert and the sea by a man who has complete control.

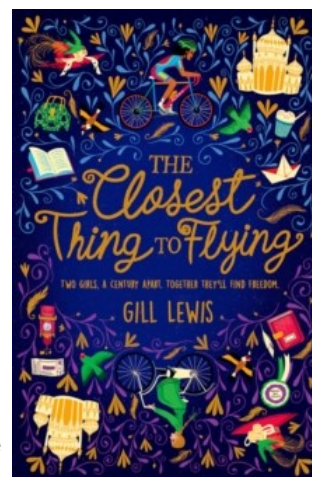
Always moving on, always afraid of being caught, she longs for freedom.

1891: Hen knows exactly where to call home. Her stifling mother makes sure of that. But her Aunt Kitty is opening her eyes to a whole new world.

A world of animal rights, and votes for women, and riding bicycles!

Trapped in a life of behaving like a lady, she longs for freedom. When Semira discovers Hen's diary, she finds the inspiration to be brave, to fight for her place in the world, and maybe even to uncover the secrets of her own past. Gill Lewis is the multi-award-winning and best-selling author of novels including *Sky Hawk*, *White Dolphin*, and *A Story Like the Wind*.

This is her unforgettable tale of friendship, hope, and finding the courage to fight for what you believe in.



Spring 2			
Form Time Focus			
Weeks	Help Script	Core British Value	School Impact Objectives
1/2	Looking to listen. Keep on going.	Liberty	- I am free to think as I see fit - I have the freedom to make choices that affect me but I recognise I am accountable for all my actions

Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day Tuesday 5th March

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The day is known for the eating of pancakes before the start of Lent. Pancakes are eaten as they are a way of using up sugar, fat, flour and eggs, the consumption of which was traditionally restricted during the fasting associated with Lent.

Today's
Lunch Menu
will feature
Pancakes
with a variety
of toppings
for dessert



**SHARE
A STORY**

**for 10
minutes
today**



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2019

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2019

A Very Fishy Tale

Fish Finger Bap

Served with optional salad and Marie Rose sauce

or

(v only) Ten Little Bookworms

Favourite Lunch

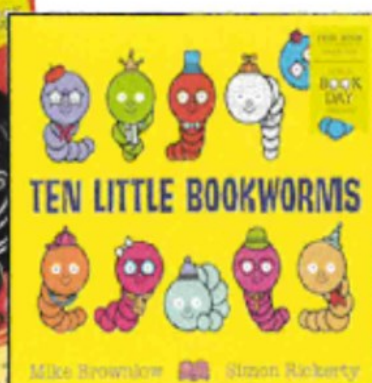
Oodles of twisty pasta in a rich tomato sauce

served with

Baked Potato Wedge Rockets and

Vegetables and Salad from the
Gardens of Wonderland

(v) Swirly Strawberry Mousse



LOWER SCHOOL TRIP TO TWYCROSS ZOO



Pictures courtesy of class - Rosa Parks



GAME OF THE WEEK

Playing games with your children is a great way to improve social communication and language skills. Games can be a positive way to spend time together without the use of technology and screens. This week's game of the week is **UNO**.

So what skills does UNO target?

Focus & Attention

Following directions, taking turns and planning strategies all require focus and attention. In this game, children have to pay attention to plan, prioritise, organise, and monitor their opponents.



Social skills

It's perfect to target social skills such as turn taking, cooperation and joint attention. It takes patience to wait for your turn and to work through the challenges.

Winning and loosing

Learning to be a good winner and loser and regulate those emotions is a valuable life skill. This game is great for creating situations where things don't always go your way, such as having to 'miss a go' or pick up extra cards.

UNO with a twist:

You could play conversation UNO, choose a topic per round e.g. sports, the weekend, football. Each time you have a turn, say a comment or a questions related to that topic.

This version is good for topic maintenance.

You could use UNO cards as a wake up work out.

See visual.

What do Quest pupils think about UNO?

"I like it because it's fun and easy to do"

"I like playing the pickup cards on people"

"I think it's pretty decent because of the action cards"

A graphic titled "UNO Workout" featuring a fan of UNO cards. The exercises are listed as follows:
Red: Squats
Blue: Push Ups
Yellow: Sit Ups
Green: Plank Jacks
WILD: 10 Burpees
Draw +4: 3-5 min of cardio
To Play: Draw a card. The color determines the exercise. Perform the number of reps on the card! For reverse, skip and other cards, perform 10 reps of exercise of choice. Get creative!
www.amywpblog.com

TERM DATES 2018- 19

♦ January – April (Spring Term 2019)

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



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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.