



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

February 2018 Edition 1: Newsletter



WELCOME



Dear Parents /Carers,

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. Because mental health is of such high importance at Quest we will continue to promote the importance of 'Being Ourselves and Keeping Ourselves Safe'. Probably the biggest change in education from when I started teaching, has been the emergence of technology and social media. Technology has certainly enhanced our lives but you only have to read the newspapers to see the harm that technology and social media can do to our children's well-being. This week has also included Safer Internet Day (find out more on page 3).

Kind regards,

Nicola

CONGRATULATIONS

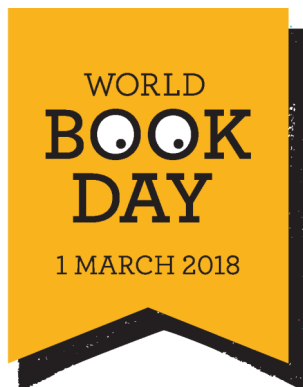
Well done AJ for your new green belt in Taekwondo! AJ has been training incredibly hard, going to classes up to four times a week for the past year and he is very excited as now he will also learn how to use the nunchucks at classes. We are all very proud.

*We love hearing about our pupils successes at home, please keep the pictures coming in.



"I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it"

Pablo Picasso



WORLD BOOK DAY

We are celebrating World Book Day at Quest Academy on Thursday 1st March. Both Staff and Pupils are invited to join in, so time to get planning those costumes! Each pupil will receive a book token.



Book of the Week

It Takes a Village

By Hillary Rodham Clinton

"A picture book to share with library audiences, families, and friends. Any audience that champions the abilities and potential of children will appreciate and promote its wise sentiment." —*School Library Journal*

"This is a look forward, a clarion call that invites children to make the world—their own world—a better place." —*Booklist*

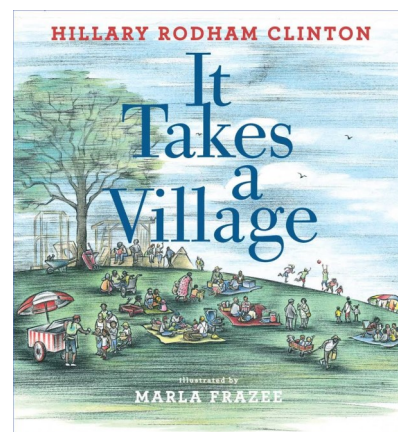
A *Washington Post* Best Children's Book of 2017

"What does it take to change the world?"

Former Secretary of State and Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Rodham Clinton's first book for young readers, inspired by the themes of her classic *New York Times* bestselling book *It Takes a Village*, and illustrated by two-time Caldecott Honor recipient Marla Frazee, asks readers what can they do to make the world a better place?

It Takes a Village tells the heartwarming and universal story of a diverse community coming together to make a difference. All kinds of people working together, playing together, and living together in harmony makes a better village and many villages coming together can make a better world. Together we can build a better life for one another. Together we can change our world.

The book will resonate with children and families and through the generations as it encourages readers to look for a way they can make a difference. It is a book that you will surely want to read again and again, a book you will want to share and a book that will inspire.



SAFEGUARDING FOCUS



Safer
Internet
Day 2018

Tuesday
6 February

Further to this week being *Children's Mental Health Week* it is was also *Safer Internet Day* on Tuesday 6th February. In keeping with this we will focus on screenshotting in this Safeguarding piece.

"Screenshotting" is when someone takes a copy of their screen and stores it as a picture. This means that messages and images which are thought to have been sent privately can be recorded and shared without the sender knowing. It's important to make your child aware of the risks of screenshotting.

Anything on a screen can be screenshotted. This includes apps like Snapchat which allow you to send a photo, video or message that 'disappears' after a certain amount of time. There are different ways to screenshot depending on the make of your phone or tablet. For example:



iPhone: hold down the lock button and home button at the same time. The screen will flash as if you have taken a picture and the screen-shot will be stored in your picture library. Apple's recent upgrade also allows you to record anything on your phone by pressing the 'record' button on the control page on some phones.



Samsung: hold down the power button and the home button. The image will be stored in your picture library.

What are the risks? Screenshotting means that images and messages can be stored and shared with others, without the sender knowing about it. This can play a role in bullying where pictures, messages and videos can be used against the sender. We also know that screenshotting is sometimes used in sexting incidents, where a young person has shared a sexual image with someone else. That person can then screenshot the image, and share it on. It's important for young people to be aware that taking, storing and sharing sexual images of someone under 18 is illegal, even if the image is of themselves.

Can screenshotting be helpful? Whilst there are risks, screenshotting can be helpful sometimes. For example, it can be used to record evidence of online abuse or bullying to show teachers or parents. However, screenshots should not be used to record evidence of sexting, as taking a screenshot means you are creating a sexual image of a child, which is illegal.

How can you keep your child safe? Talk to your child - make sure your child understands that people can screenshot their messages, even when they think they're having a private conversation. Remind them that they can speak to you if anything upsetting ever happens to them online. - the O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline can answer any questions about apps, sites or games and about online safety in general.

Family Footings Family Event – Wednesday 21st February

Join us at Discovery Academy with your **family** for a morning of fun. Starting at 10.30am for two hours. Plenty of activities on offer for you to enjoy **together**. Contact the Family Footings Team for more information.

Sarah Geddes – 07504 001918



Games and messy play



Refreshments
provided

And lots
more...!

Please note this is a family event, siblings welcome – parent/carers are responsible for supervision. (If you are struggling for transport please let us know)

QUEST PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Quest Pupil Leadership Team recently took part in a Leadership Training away day at the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre



The Pupil Leadership Team took part in the teambuilding activities, including Aerial Trekking and Jacobs Ladder. They also had a great meeting to discuss school events and future projects. All pupils did incredibly well and the day was fantastic!



FREE TICKETS!!!



Ryan, our facilities manager has managed to source some free tickets from Coventry United Football Club.

Coventry United Vs South Normanton Athletic

on Saturday 17th March

3.00pm Kick Off

The Butts Park Arena

Butts Road, Coventry, CV1 3GE

The club is made up of Men's, Ladies and Junior teams, with an Under 21 section and Academy. The men's side now play at the top level of the Midland Football League. Taking the Premier League as level one, this is level 9 or 'Step 5' in non-league parlance. The Ladies team are front-runners in the F.A. Women's Premier League and pushing hard for a place in the Super League. The ladies side have a long history and transferred to us from Coventry City in 2015.

If you would like tickets please call the school office on 01788 593 112.

YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS



We have arranged for Year 9 vaccinations (for Meningitis ACWY, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio) to take place at school on **Tuesday 13th March 2018**. Letters and emails will have been sent out over the last couple of weeks, however if you have any queries please contact reception.

TERM DATES 2017- 18

- ♦ Term starts Monday 8th January 2018 - Thursday 29th March 2018

Half Term - Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February 2018

- ♦ Term: Monday 16th April 2018 - Friday 20th July 2018

Half Term – Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

- ♦ Term starts Monday 4th June - Friday 20th July 2018

INSET DAYS (no school)

- ♦ Thursday 29th March 2018
- ♦ Monday 16th April 2018

SAFEGUARDING

Keeping children safe in school is every school's priority. As part of our Visitors' Policy, we require all visitors to sign in at reception and read and sign our Visitor's Code of Conduct. Please, therefore, do not take offence when our office staff ask you to adhere to our procedures. Should any parent /carer feel unable to comply, we will be unable to let you past the reception area.

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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.