



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

SEPTEMBER 2020 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!



FACEBOOK PAGE — Quest Academy Family Group



“Quote of
the week”

*“Ability is what you’re capable of doing.
Motivation determines what you do.
Attitude determines how well you do it.”*

Lou Holtz

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is fabulous to have our school community back last week and to see how quickly the learners have settled back into life at Quest

There's been a significant effort on everyone's part as we re-ignite our relationships, reconnect and re-engage with one another and the environment.

I would like to thank you for all the support you have given the school since Lockdown and for ensuring that your child has returned to school wearing their school uniform.

Now that learners will be following their class timetables I would like to remind you that as outlined in the Family Question and Answer booklet on the day that learners have PE they can either wear their PE kit to school. They can also still get changed in the PE changing room or wear their school uniform during these lessons. Learners will need to wear trainers for PE to ensure they are safe.

Over the next few weeks, you can expect the following information:

- Your child's PDP targets for this term
- The school's School Development Plan (SDP)
- Our "Ready to Learn" framework poster

You will also be contacted by your child's from tutor to organise a Zoom "settling in" meeting (week beginning 21st September).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells.

Book of the Week

The Day The Crayons Quit

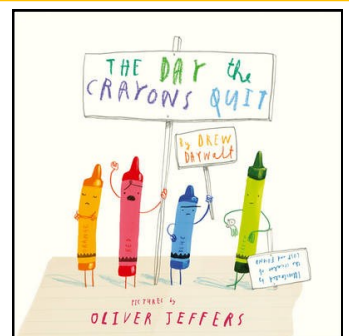
Author: Drew Daywalt

Debut author Drew Daywalt and international

bestseller Oliver Jeffers team up to create a colourful solution to a crayon-based crisis in this playful, imaginative story that will have children laughing and playing with their crayons in a whole new way.

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit!

Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other. The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?





PARENT/CARER - "TOOLBOX" AUTISM : STRATEGIES FOR COPING



Please find below a link to Autism workshop sessions for parents/carers from CW Mind.

<https://mailchi.mp/ac8a74571a11/parentcarer-toolbox-strategy-sessions?e=2c49ede1d8>

These sessions are for parents/carers of children and young people referred to the CW Mind Children's Autism Support Service.

If you are a professional, please respect that these sessions are for **parents/carers only**.

However, you are welcome to share with those parents/carers you feel might find this helpful.

Thursday, September 10, 2020 1:00 PM until Thursday,
October 15, 2020 2:00 PM

Bitesize online sessions for parents and carers led by the
Autism Support Service

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parentcarer-toolbox-autism-strategies-for-coping-tickets-118480964755?](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parentcarer-toolbox-autism-strategies-for-coping-tickets-118480964755?aff=mcivte)

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The screenshot shows an Eventbrite event page. At the top is the Yibes logo. The event title is 'Parent/Carer - "Toolbox" - Autism : Strategies for Coping'. Below the title, there is a description: 'These sessions are for parents/carers of children and young people referred to the CW Mind Children's Autism Support Service... If you are a professional, please respect that these sessions are for parents/carers only. However you are welcome to share with those parents/carers you feel might find this helpful.' The dates and times are listed as 'Thursday, September 10, 2020 1:00 PM until Thursday, October 15, 2020 2:00 PM'. There is a red 'Attend Event' button. At the bottom, it says 'Events powered by Eventbrite' and 'unsubscribe from this list | update subscription preferences'.



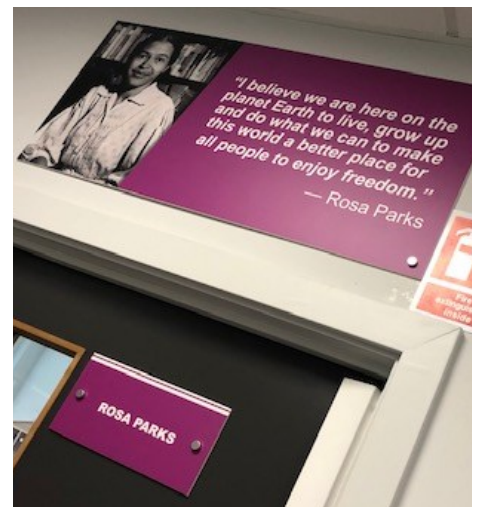
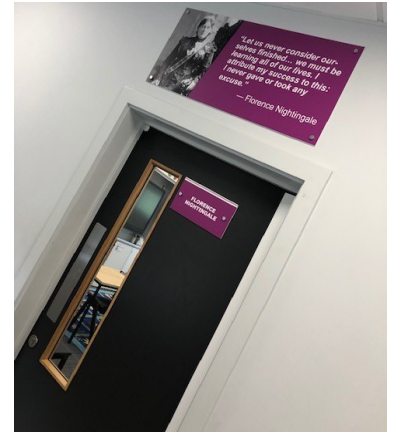
WARM HOME DISCOUNT



The 'Warm Home Discount' scheme has opened with most energy suppliers. This is a one off £140 voucher that goes on peoples electric or gas account. Many of our families will be eligible - especially those on 'Free School Meals'

Simply google 'Warm Home Discount' and then the name of your energy supplier, the application should then appear.

EXCITING NEW SIGNAGE!



COVID UPDATE

We are working very hard at Quest to ensure everyone is as safe as possible. One of the measures in place for learners and staff, along with visitors, is to social distance. Please can you help your learner by reinforcing this when walking to school with them. Making sure they are social distancing from anyone outside of the household helps set a vital example. Please encourage your learner to maintain our social distancing measures when not at Quest. For instance not mixing with those outside of their class bubble.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the Coronavirus symptoms, they are as follows:

- a new, continuous cough or worsening of a cough,
- and/or high temperature
- and a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

If anyone in your household is experiencing these symptoms you need to seek a test as soon as possible. The rest of the household then does need to self-isolate until a negative test is received, or for fourteen days, whichever comes first. If the test is positive then the household needs to self-isolate for 10 days in total. Please find a guide attached to help explain when there is a need to self-isolate. Please inform the school, at your earliest convenience, should your learner receive a positive test result. If this is out of school hours please call either the Principal, Nicola Wells on

07932 909 754 or the
Business Manager,
Victoria Scranage 07504
001 920 to inform them.

Many thanks,
Victoria Scranage
School Business Manager

Situation	Isolate
1. I have tested positive for COVID-19	Yes (for 10 days, +48hr after temperature resolves)
2. I have developed symptom and not tested yet.	Yes (until you test negative, if the test is positive see above)
3. I have been told I am a close contact of a case	Yes (for 14 days, unless you develop symptoms and test positive, then see above)
4. A house hold member has developed symptoms and has not tested yet.	Yes (until they test negative, if test is positive isolate for 14 days)
5. A household member has been told to isolate as a close contact.	No. (be vigilant, if they start to feel unwell you will need to isolate until they test and its negative)
6. I visited someone, within 2m, who has now been told to isolate as a close contact.	No. (The person was not symptomatic, if within 48 hrs of the visit they develop symptoms and test positive follow number 3.)
7. I am a close contact of someone who tested positive, I've got tested however and I was negative.	Yes (for 14 days, unless you develop symptoms and test positive, then see above)
8. My sibling in another class and needs to self isolate due to a COVID-19 positive case in their class. I am in a different class	No. (They are not themselves a close contact of a positive case, if their sibling develops symptoms they will need to isolate)
9. My nan is unwell and I saw her 2 days ago.	Maybe. (Need to check if the nan had COVID-19 symptoms, a positive test result and whether they were a close contact. If they were none of those then no. If they test positive then follow number 3.)

NEW STAFF



We have had a new Teaching Assistant officially join our staff team over the last couple of weeks, so of course we had to do a Quest Quiz to get to know them!

Below are John's responses....

1. What is the best job you've ever had and why?

Worked at my boy hood football Club West Bromwich Albion

2. Where's the most interesting place you've ever been too?

Bali

3. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

I would live where I do now in Leamington as it's a great place to live and I'm close to family.

4. Who is the most famous person you've met?

Lennox Lewis

5. Tell us an interesting fact about yourself?

I have been in a signed band.

6. Thinking about your working life, tell us about a time where you have gone beyond the requirements of your role to achieve something amazing?

I lead and organised a year 9 residential, attending the Calvert Trust for a week to do outdoor adventures.

8. Do you prefer hot sunny holidays' or wonderful winter holidays and why?

I love hot sunny days to play sport

9. What is the most disgusting food you've ever eaten?

Frogs legs

10. What sport do you like to watch and why?

Football – played football all my life and enjoy attending the Hawthorns on a Saturday

11. What sport do you play and at what level?

Football – non league

12. What's your biggest sporting achievement?

Coached for W.B.A.

13. Have you ever done anything to raise money for charity?

Taken part in charity swims for children in need

14. What's your best party trick?

Uuuuuuummm keeping out of trouble

15. What's your favourite food and why?

Roast dinners for sure

16. What was the last TV series you watched?

Breaking Bad

17. What car do you drive?

Renault Megane

18. What car would you like to drive if money was no question?

Mercedes

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We have had a lot of queries recently regarding learner school photographs. We are in the process of investigating the possibility of hosting an external agency coming to site. We are looking at costs and how we can support families.

Please bear with us, we shall try to keep you updated.



GARDENING GROWTH AT QUEST





SAFEGUARDING

It has come to our attention that a highly inappropriate video has been shared on the social media platform TikTok. The video in question shows a disturbing scene and has circulated under various searches and hashtags. It has also extended to all social media platforms including Instagram and Facebook. If you are aware that your child has access to any of these please be mindful that they may have access to this video or have seen it already and also be aware of the age restrictions for social media; none of the above, named platforms should be used by children under 13 years of age.

There are some safety measures that you can implement to ensure your child is not exposed to any inappropriate content;

- Use privacy settings You can safeguard their account by making it private. Within the settings of the app, ensure this setting is ticked. This keeps the account secure from strangers.
- Enable restrictions; in the digital wellbeing section there is a restricted mode that you can enable, using a PIN system. This filters out any age appropriate content. This setting isn't 100% fool proof, so care and vigilance is still needed in monitoring any usage of TikTok.
- Reporting inappropriate content; if you do come across any inappropriate content, TikTok has a feature that allows you to flag and report it. You are also able to block any users you do not wish to see content from.

***The above also applies to Facebook and Instagram settings.**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Anna Stelfox-The Safeguarding and Wellbeing lead at Quest Academy, if you have any questions relating to this letter or any general Safeguarding related questions please get in touch. Also, please refer to the School website for Safeguarding information and links to useful websites.

<https://www.thequestacademy.org/page/?title=Safeguarding+Information+for+Families&pid=1096>

Anna Stelfox

Safeguarding and Wellbeing Lead.



QUEST TERM DATES FOR 2020 - 21:

AUTUMN TERM 2020	
INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 1st September 2020
Starts	Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Half term	Monday 26th October 2020 - Tuesday 3rd November 2020
Ends	Friday 18th December 2020
Christmas holiday	Monday 21st December 2019 - Monday 4th January 2020
SPRING TERM 2021	
INSET day (no learners on site)	Monday 4th January 2021
Starts	Tuesday 5th January 2021
Half term	Monday 15th February 2021 - Friday 19th February 2021
Trust INSET (no learners on site)	Friday 5th March 2021
INSET day (no learners on site)	Monday 8th March 2021
INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 9th March 2021
Ends	Thursday 1st April 2021
Spring (Easter) holiday	Friday 2nd April 2021 - Friday 16th April 2021
SUMMER TERM 2021	
Starts	Monday 19th April 2021
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
Half term	Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021
Ends	Friday 23rd July 2021

SAFEGUARDING & FAMILY FOOTINGS TEAM



- **Daisy** is responsible for lower school families and is available on; daisy.howden@macintyreacademies.org Work mobile 07504001918



- **Joan** is responsible for upper school families and is available on; Joan.goodrich@macintyreacademies.org Work mobile 07377990796



- If you have any higher level Safeguarding concerns or questions please contact **Anna** on anna.stelfox@macintyreacademies.org Work mobile 07377990797.

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.

Quest Contact details

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Rugby
Warwickshire
CV22 5PE

E: quest.office@macintyreacademies.org

T: 01788 593 112

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.

