



MacIntyre Academies  
Quest Academy

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“Quote of  
the week”

*"Let us remember: One book, one pen,  
one child, and one teacher can change  
the world."*

*- Malala Yousafzai*

# WELCOME



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year. It was wonderful to see the children back after the Christmas holidays.

As you will be aware from the information sent out in the last newsletter during the first week back learners were based in their tutor groups following bespoke timetables linked to their priorities for learning. During this time all learners also carried out a reading assessment and where appropriate a phonics test so that we could monitor how much progress each child made last term. Our initial analysis of the progress made by all learners has been very pleasing. We will now analyse the information in detail so that we can ensure each child's reading and literacy pathway programmes are appropriate. Once staff have had time to analysis your child's reading/ phonics assessments they will contact you to discuss.

During the first week back learners also discussed the progress they had made against their Personalised Development Plan (PDP) targets and were involved in setting new targets for the next term. A copy of this will be sent home at the end of next week.

On **Thursday 16th February, 4 - 6 pm**, there will also be a **Lower School Parents Afternoon**. You will be contacted to make an appointment for this.

After School Club is now going to be held on a Wednesday, with the first one starting on **Wednesday 25th January 2023**. New permission letters will be sent out next week and will need to be returned ASAP if you would like your child to attend.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

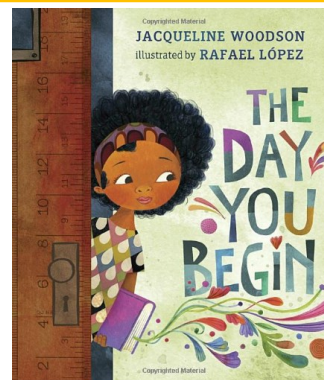
*Nicola Wells*



## We are successful because...

*...the family of one of our learners said that he enjoys coming to school, loves the routines and achieves consistent success with the reward scheme.*

*...the parents of one of our learners are pleased that he is consistently and positively engaging at school. Their son has shared that he loves his art lessons and feels inspired with his teacher – he has been able to regulate his sensory needs to explore art materials and he now loves to create art.*



**The Day You Begin** by Jacqueline Woodson

There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you. There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.

Jacqueline Woodson's lyrical text and Rafael López's dazzling art reminds us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway.

**I'll Be The One** by Lyla Lee



Skye Shin has heard it all. Fat girls shouldn't dance. Wear bright colours. Shouldn't call attention to themselves. But Skye dreams of joining the glittering world of K-Pop, and to do that, she's about to break all the rules that society, the media, and even her own mother, have set for girls like her. She'll challenge thousands of other performers in an internationally televised competition looking for the next K-pop star, and she'll do it better than anyone else. When Skye nails her audition, she's immediately swept into a whirlwind of countless practices, shocking performances, and the drama that comes with reality TV.

What she doesn't count on are the highly fat-phobic beauty standards of the Korean pop entertainment industry, her sudden media fame and scrutiny, or the sparks that soon fly with her fellow competitor, Henry Cho. But Skye has her sights on becoming the world's first plus-sized K-pop star, and that means winning the competition - without losing herself.

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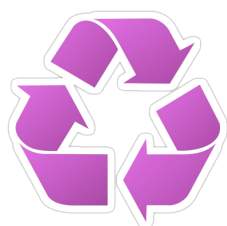
We are available to help families with things like accessing family support, Early Help, Child In Need Meetings, Child Protection Meetings, taxi queries, support working with other professionals such as CAMHS, general safeguarding questions and much more.

*"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something."*

- Neil Gaiman



# RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TINS AND TUBS!



If you were lucky enough to receive some choccy's over Christmas and have been left with an empty tub please send them in to Cathy for Food Tech, we will happily reuse.



## WCC FAMILY INFORMATION



### Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme



The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps our most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. To enquire or to apply for support, call the Local Welfare Scheme on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182.



### Winter Wellness

To help residents stay safe and well through winter, Warwickshire County Council and partners have produced a [Winter Wellness guide](#). It features a range of information and links to services and support people may need help at this time, particularly those who may be isolated or vulnerable.

The Winter Wellness website also has information on cost of living, stopping smoking, loneliness, mental health, and more.



### City Save Credit Union

Citysave Credit Union is an ethical loans and savings provider. Citysave provide saving plans to protect against financial shocks and longer-term plans, alongside ethical, fair priced loan options for the real people of Warwickshire:

- Helping you save for your tomorrow
- Savings are protected to the same level as any bank or building society
- Save online and mobile account access 24/7
- Free text balance service
- Affordable loans tailored to your needs with no hidden charges
- Choice of repayment methods
- Member owned and Yearly dividends

If you want to find out more about Citysave, their loans and savings accounts, [view their FAQs](#).



# WINNIE THE POOH DAY

Wednesday 18th January

Celebrated on author A. A. Milne's birthday (18th January 1882), 'Winnie the Pooh Day' celebrates the beloved honey-obsessed bear with readings and teddy bear's picnics.

Once upon a time, a father began to tell bedtime stories to his son. The stories were about the little boy's adventures in a friendly wood and his companions in these stories were all his favourite toys - a donkey, a piglet, a tiger and a kangaroo. His favourite toy, however, was a stuffed bear that he had named **Winnie-the-Pooh**, after a bear that he had seen in London Zoo.

It is true to say that Pooh Bear - as he became known - was not the cleverest bear in the world, but he was loyal and kind and always ready to help his friends.

The father, A. A. Milne, began to write down the stories and poems that he wrote for his son Christopher Robin and eventually they were published. The first collection of stories was simply called Winnie-the-Pooh (1926), and this was followed by The House at Pooh Corner (1928). Milne also included a poem about Winnie-the-Pooh in his book of children's verse When We Were Very Young (1924) and several poems about Winnie the Pooh and his friends appeared in Now We Are Six (1927). All of these books were illustrated by E. H. Shepard.

The books were extraordinarily successful and have been turned into stage plays, radio shows TV series and of course the hugely popular Disney animations that brought Winnie the Pooh (it was Disney who removed the hyphens from his name) to a whole new generation of children.

Although he did not realise it, being a Bear of Little Brain, Pooh Bear was a true philosopher. In honour of **Winnie the Pooh Day**, here are 10 Winnie-the-Pooh sweet and inspirational quotes.

1. "Rivers know this: There is no hurry. We shall get there some day." — Winnie the Pooh
2. "Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart." — Winnie the Pooh
3. "A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference." — Eeyore
4. "If you live to be a hundred, I hope I live to be a hundred minus one day, so that I never have to live a day without you." — Winnie the Pooh
5. "A hug is always the right size." — Winnie the Pooh
6. "The things that make me different are the things that make me, me." — Piglet
7. "If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever." — Winnie the Pooh
8. "If the string breaks, then we try another piece of string." — Owl
9. "Love is taking a few steps backward maybe even more to give way to the happiness of the person you love." — Winnie the Pooh
10. "It isn't much good having anything exciting, if you can't share it with somebody." — Winnie the Pooh



# CHRISTMAS QUIZ - ANSWERS



1. Which Christmas movie features Swirly Twirly Gumdrops and Candy Cane Forest? **Elf**
2. In a famous Christmas song, what type of bird was sat in a pear tree? **A Partridge**
3. What are the two most popular items placed on top of a Christmas tree? **Star or angel**
4. Which famous drinks company was the first to use Santa Claus in its advertisements? **Coco Cola**
5. What is the name of the Grinch's dog? **Max**
6. True or false: there is a town called Santa Claus? **True - Spencer county, southwestern Indiana, US**
7. What date is Christmas Eve on? **24th December**
8. How many ghosts visit Scrooge: **3, 4 or 5? Christmas Past, Present and Future.**
9. Traditionally, what colour is Santa's sack? **Red**
10. 'Merry Christmas you filthy animal' is a quote from which popular movie? **Home Alone**
11. What type of animal does Santa use to pull his sleigh:  
a) Horse      b) Donkey      c) **Reindeer**
12. What is the missing word from this famous Christmas song – O Little Town of... :  
a) Nazareth      b) **Bethlehem**      c) Jerusalem
13. What is the name of Kristoff's reindeer in the Disney movie 'Frozen'? **Sven**
14. How many doors would you open on an advent calendar before Christmas Day arrives? **24**
15. In the famous Christmas song, what type of plant was Mummy kissing Santa Claus under?

## **Mistletoe**

16. What gifts did the three kings take to baby Jesus? **gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**
17. What is the missing word from this famous Christmas song: Ding Dong ... On High:  
a) Happily      b) Joyfully      c) **Merrily**
18. Which Christmas song includes the lyrics: 'Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh'?

## **Jingle Bells**

19. What three small words are the laughter of Father Christmas? **Ho Ho Ho**
20. According to the fabulous Christmas song, what colour is Rudolph's nose? **Red**
21. Where does Santa live? **The North Pole**
22. What might you pull on Christmas Day:  
a) A balloon      b) **A cracker**      c) A muscle?
23. How many times does the number 1 appear on an advent calendar with 24 doors? **13**
24. Which TV family has a pet dog called Santa's Little Helper? **The Simpsons**
25. What two colours are candy canes? **Red and white**
26. In the movie Elf, which city does Buddy travel to in search of his father? **New York**
27. Can you fill in the missing words from these famous Christmas song lyrics: Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, .... nipping at your nose? **Jack Frost**
28. What's the name for sausages wrapped in bacon? **Pigs in blankets**
29. What's the name of the main villain in The Nightmare Before Christmas? **Oogie Boogie**
30. Which fairy tale was the first gingerbread houses inspired by? **Hansel and Gretel**



# CHRISTMAS TUNES WORDSEARCH – ANSWERS

Away in a Manger  
 Choir of the Bells  
 Dominick the Donkey  
 Frosty the Snowman  
 Holly Jolly Christmas  
 Jingle Bell Rock  
 Jingle Bells  
 Let it Snow  
 Little Drummer Boy  
 Little St Nick  
 O Holy Night  
 Rudolph  
 Santa Baby  
 Silent Nigh  
 Silver Bells  
 The Christmas Song  
 The First Noel  
 Winter Wonderland



A 15x15 grid of letters with several words highlighted in red. The words are: AWAY, DOMINICK, FROSTY, HOLLY, JINGLE, LET IT, LITTLE, O HOLY, RUDOLPH, SANTA, SILENT, SILVER, THE CHRISTMAS, THE FIRST, and WINTER.

## RECYCLE THE UNRECYCLABLE WITH TERRACYCLE®



Thanks to Cathy, Quest are now registered to collect the below items (washed out). The more we collect, the more points we earn that can go towards purchasing supplies. Learners can bring them in from home.

The KP Snacks® Nuts, Popcorn, Crisps & Pretzels Packet Free Recycling Programme accepts nuts, popcorn, crisps & pretzels packets from all brands.

**KP Snacks**

- ✓ Crisps, popcorn and pretzels multi-packs
- ✓ Popcorn packets
- ✓ Pretzel packets
- ✓ Crisp packets
- ✓ Nut packets

The Cheese Packaging Free Recycling Programme: any brand of flexible plastic cheese packaging and nets

**CATHEDRAL CITY**

- ✓ Plastic nets for mini cheeses and labels from Cathedral
- ✓ Sliced cheese protective plastic film
- ✓ Individual plastic cheese wrappers
- ✓ Flexible plastic cheese pouches

Confectionery Free Recycling Programme accepts plastic confectionery packaging from all brands.

**Nestlé**

- ✓ Individual chocolate bar wrappers
- ✓ Plastic chocolate block wrappers
- ✓ Plastic chocolate block wrappers
- ✓ Individual chocolate bar wrappers
- ✓ Chocolate and sweets multipack outer plastic...
- ✓ Plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags

Together with Autism Conference 2023

**FREE Event**

For queries and information: [info@actforautism.co.uk](mailto:info@actforautism.co.uk)

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For professionals, parents and carers of autistic children, adults and for anybody wanting to better understand autism.

**Workshops include:**

Sensory support  
 Getting into employment  
 School challenges  
 Autism and ADHD

Autism and girls  
 Equine Therapy  
 Dimensions Tool

**Stalls include:**

Sendias, Family support service,  
 CASS Coventry and Warwickshire Mind  
 Neurodevelopmental Team  
 And many other service providers

act for autism and partners will be launching the autism strategy.

Please join us for inspiring talks, workshops and meet with your local services representatives.

**FREE Tea & Coffee**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023: 10am - 4.30pm**

Meadow Park School, Abbey Rd, Coventry CV3 4BD

This is a funded event, open to Coventry and Warwickshire residents only. Entrance only with a ticket from:

<https://bit.ly/TwAC2023Coventry>

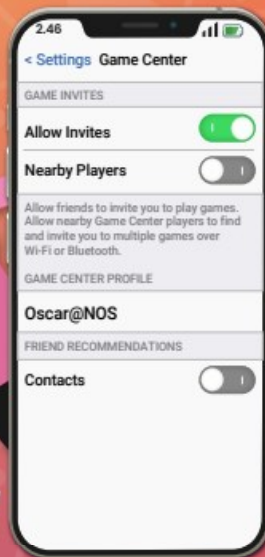


Tickets available Now

NB: Lunch is not provided

# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and Features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the Features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



## How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

## How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

## How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



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# TERM DATES FOR 2022 - 2023

## SPRING TERM 2023

INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Starts	Wednesday 4th January 2023
Half term	Monday 20th - Friday 24th February 2023
Trust INSET (no learners on site)	Friday 10th March 2023
Ends	Friday 31st March 2023
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April 2023

## SUMMER TERM 2023

Starts	Monday 17th April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2023
Bank Holiday (Kings Coronation)	Monday 8th May 2023
Half term	Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June 2023
INSET day (no learners on site)	Monday 10th July 2023
INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 11th July 2023
Ends	Friday 28th July 2023

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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 email 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.

You will also need to contact the taxi company to let them know.

