



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy



DECEMBER 2020 EDITION 2 NEWSLETTER



“Quote of
the week”

*“What lies behind us and what lies
before us are tiny matters compares
to what lies within us”*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of an extraordinary Autumn Term. I am incredibly proud of all of our learners and staff for the way in which they have adapted to the changes that have had to take place.

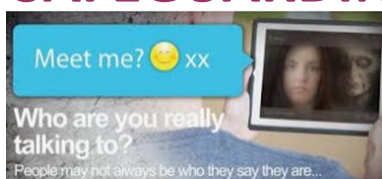
I would also like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of our families for all your patience, understanding and support through these challenging times. I hope that you enjoy reading our last newsletter of 2020.

Wishing all our staff and families a VERY restful Xmas holiday and we look forward to welcoming learners back on Tuesday 5th January 2021. (Monday 4th January is a Teacher Training Day).

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells.

SAFEGUARDING



Just a note in this newsletter regarding a recent issue we have had with school learners having been contacted by someone posing under a false name. This happened via the avenues of Whatsapp and Instagram. A girl gave a name that was false and was under a different name on Instagram. She was then in a group chat with some learners from different schools. Some images were shared and police involvement was sought.

With all the technology being as advanced as it is we are all online more than ever which means so are people looking to exploit, groom or mis-sell items or information. Please try to have your children's usernames on social media or at least know someone who can see what is being posted by your children. Have open and honest conversations with them as they may believe they are internet safe and not be aware of how manipulative and believable these people can be. Any issues with this please let me know.

Anna Stelfox

Safeguarding and Wellbeing Lead.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR LEARNERS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED 100% ATTENDANCE YEAR TO DATE 02.09.2020 - 11.12.2020

Benjamin A

Tyler A

Jacob B

Jamie B

Harvey C

Zakk CJ

Jacob C

Joseph E

Riley H

Adam H

Saffron H

Owain L

Marley M

Harvey MW

Evan N

Toby O

Chloe P

Luke P

Callum R

Elliot SK

Euan T

Declan W

Rhys W

Summer W

Book of the Week

The Night I Met Father Christmas

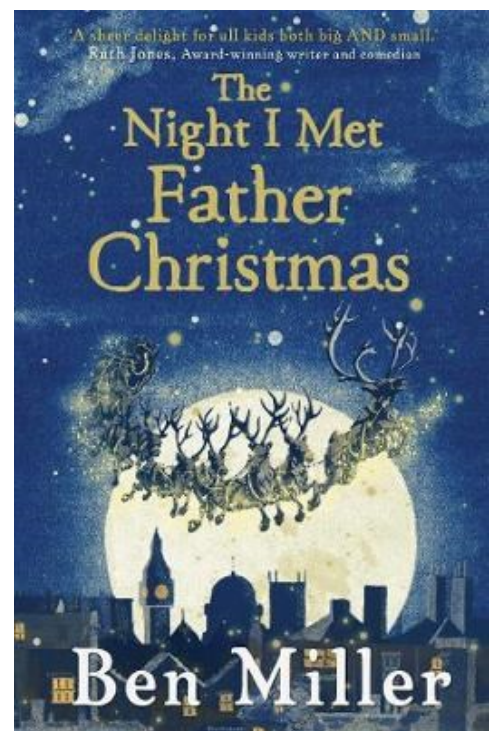
Author: Ben Miller

Jackson knows all about the flying reindeer, he knows about the elves and the secret North Pole workshop, he knows about the magic that allows Father Christmas to deliver presents around the world in just one night, but there's one thing he doesn't know ... **how did Father Christmas become Father Christmas?**

That all changes when, one Christmas Eve, Jackson *meets* Father Christmas and hears his incredible story.

So begins an enchanting fairy-tale into a **magical snowy**

landscape, where **Torvil**, a mean-spirited and miserly elf, is about to discover the true meaning of Christmas. This might not have been the story Jackson was expecting but, as Father Christmas tells him, no good story ever is...





THANK YOU TO JACOB S.

A big thank you to Jacob S. who has made mince pies for all the staff in school, they were very, very tasty. He also made a special jam tart which we ate while watching Newsround with a cup of tea.

His baking skills are excellent and we hope to see him on the Great British Bake Off in the future.



NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

What Is Hanukkah (Chanukah)?

Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day (**10 - 18th December**) wintertime “festival of lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

The Hebrew word Chanukah means “dedication,” and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple . Also spelled Hanukkah (or variations of that spelling), the Hebrew word is actually pronounced with a guttural, “kh” sound, kha-nu-kah, not tcha-new-kah. In the second century BCE, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who tried to force the people of Israel to accept Greek culture and beliefs instead of mitzvah observance and belief in G_d. Against all odds, a small band of faithful but poorly armed Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of God. When they sought to light the Temple's Menorah (the seven-branched candelabrum), they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks. Miraculously, they lit the menorah and the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukah.

How Chanukah Is Observed

At the heart of the festival is the nightly menorah lighting. The menorah holds nine flames, one of which is the *shamash* (“attendant”), which is used to kindle the other eight lights. On the first night, we light just one flame. On the second night, an additional flame is lit. By the eighth night of Chanukah, all eight lights are kindled. A menorah is lit in every household (or even by each individual within the household) and placed in a doorway or window.



Chanukah Foods

Since the Chanukah miracle involved oil, it is customary to eat foods fried in oil. The Eastern-European classic is the potato *latke* (pancake) garnished with applesauce or sour cream, and the reigning Israeli favourite is the jelly-filled *sufganya* (doughnut).



IT HAS BEEN A BUSY TERM IN FOOD TECH! JUST LOOK AT THESE DISHES!



5 Chef
Hats



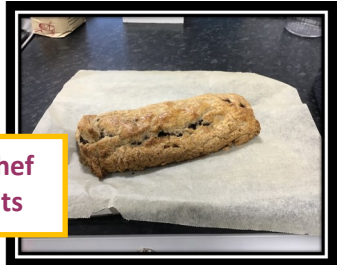
Enterprise: Hot
drinks for others



4 Chef
Hats



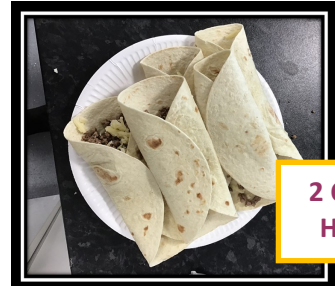
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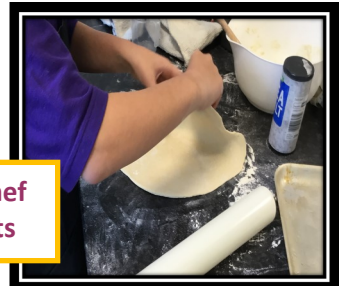
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Hats



2 Chef
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1 Chef
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I have been collating learner's work to display on my Celebrate Wall. Where possible I have also tried to email relevant images to parents/ carers. Here are some of our best!

Cathy Ward

HLTA Food Tech

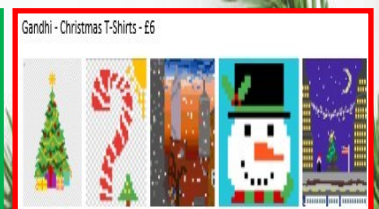
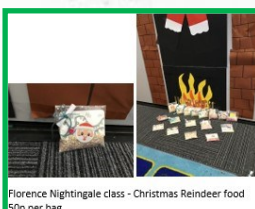
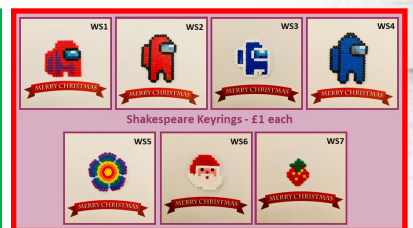


THE LAUNCH OF OUR AMAZING QUEST SHOP!

Over the last couple of weeks we have seen the launch of our Quest Shop

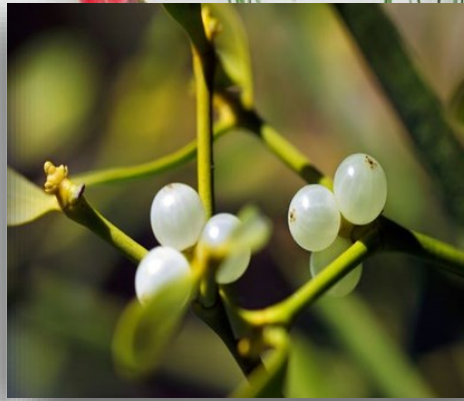
(via our [Quest Academy Website](#)).

Just look at some of the amazing things our learners have made!



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Can you guess what Christmas items these macro photographs feature?



SCHOOL COUNCIL & EQUALITY CHAMPIONS!

School Council and our Equality Champions met with Principal Nicola, to indulge in a little festive Christmas treat. Well done all for your hard work!



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

George Eliot and Alan Turing, Bird decorations based on the artist Mark Hearld.

These are going to look amazing on the Christmas tree!



CATHY'S CHRISTMAS CAKE COMPETITION

We had 176 votes cast by staff and learners



Cathy's comments of note :



Declan: for your presentation and perseverance -5 chef hats!



Haydn: you made staff smile with your "not Christmas" cake entry. Two people even guessed it was you who had made it!

Lower School Runners Up :



Elliot: 9 votes



Summer-Rae: 9 votes

Upper School Runners Up



Hartley: 14 votes



Jemima: 14 votes

Our Winners!



Lower school winner =
Louis with 10 votes



Upper School Winner =
Kiyia with 16 Votes

SAFEGUARDING & FAMILY FOOTINGS



- **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;
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- 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.

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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.