



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

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“Quote of
the week”

*“If you get tired, learn
to rest not quit”*

Banksy

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for the academic year. It was wonderful to see so many families at our open afternoon. I hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to tour the school as well as have the chance to meet staff. If you were unable to attend the event and would like to look at our wonderful new building and facilities please contact the office.

We are currently updating our school website so that it reflects who we are. I would like to draw your attention to the **All About Us** page which encapsulates our school. For those families who were able to attend the family forum event on the last day of the Summer Term I asked for family feedback as to how we could improve our SEN information report. One of the suggestions was to include short video clips of parents/carers talking about the different elements of the SEN Information page. If you would be willing to talk for a short period of time about one of the aspects which make up the report, for example, rewards please contact our office.

As you are aware we have had a few issues regarding broadband. Whilst we now have access to the internet we are still waiting for BT to complete further works so that we have access to a landline. In addition I would like to make you aware that there are many parts of the building where there is no mobile signal. Therefore if you leave a message on a specific members of staff's mobile phone the individual staff may not be aware of this until later on in the day. I am sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

Gaia, our ICT provider, also went into administration over the summer holidays and as a result of this we have not had access to certain areas of our intranet / received ICT equipment. As Gaia is used by schools across the country the Department for Education have been working with us to resolve the situation. Please be rest assured that all orders have been guaranteed. (Pupil laptops and iPads, staff laptops and class iPads, promethean boards for some classrooms and cameras for pupils to use in photography).

As promised we will be opening every Thursday evening between 5.30 and 7.30 in the evening after the October half- term. A letter will be sent out informing you about the different clubs the learners can attend and the workshops/drop in sessions that will run throughout the year. In addition the café will always be available during these times should you drop by for a coffee and chat to other families.

Finally, thank you for ensuring that your child wears the correct school uniform as I feel that it really helps support learners to feel part of the school community and a sense of belonging.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells.

OUR VISION

Our Quest “ working together, nurturing individuals, celebrating uniqueness, unlocking potential , friendships and memories, **Ready for Life.**”

OUR MISSION

To create a school community where everyone can “**be who they are and become who they are not yet**”.

OUR ETHOS

We use the Spanish word **Querencia** to describe the way we work together, creating a sense of belonging through mutual trust and connectivity.

OUR VALUES

Compassion - we focus on the positives; **Ambition**- we challenge ourselves (pupils, families, staff and schools) to go further; **Partnership** – we are better when we work together.

Book of the Week

This Zoo Is Not for You

Written and Illustrated by: Ross Collins

About a platypus enduring a series of job interviews with some snooty zoo animals. Told in rhyming couplets with beautifully expressive illustrations, it bounces along, a pleasure to read aloud.

First to grill the platypus is Chi Chi the panda, who resembles a podgy, ageing star, surrounded by his own merchandise: “I’m special, rare/ and famous too/ To get me here/ was quite a coup/ But you don’t even eat bamboo!/ I think, this zoo/ is not for you.” And it’s downhill from there: to the flamingos the platypus looks like “a worn-out shoe”, while the monkeys target him with poo.



Like Rod Campbell’s classic lift-the-flap book, *Dear Zoo* (celebrating its 35th birthday this year), Collins’s tale explores how the differences between things can be described, but has added bite. After the dawning realisation that they’ve been rude, however, the animals apologise and the story evolves into one about acceptance and understanding. the book’s final scenes are a riot of glitter balls, costumes and cocktails as it transpires the platypus had visited the zoo to deliver a party invitation, not apply for a job, and the animals make friends before hitting the dancefloor. Clearly Collins knows how to throw a good party – young children should find the invitation irresistible.

OFSTED FAMILY FEEDBACK: QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS END OF SUMMER TERM 2019

	(please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Agree and above	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Summary
1	My child feels safe at this school.	11	10				100% agree and above
2	My child is making good progress at this school.	12	6	1			100% agree and above
3	This school meets my child's particular needs.	14	6				100% agree and above
4	This school ensures my child is well looked after.	15	5			1	100% agree and above
5	My child is taught well at this school.	12	8				100% agree and above
6	This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	14	6				100% agree and above
7	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	7	12	1	1		95% agree and above
8	My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour.	6	10	6			100% agree and above
9	This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	9	8	4			100% agree and above
10	This school helps me to support my child's learning.	11	8	1			100% agree and above
11	This school responds well to my concerns.	16	4				100% agree and above
12	This school keeps me well informed.	14	4	2			100% agree and above
13	I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes	20	No			100% agree and above
14	<p>What positives have we made?</p> <p>Life is happier. He is happier. He is learning.</p> <p>My Child enjoys going to school and has friends at Quest that he never had before</p> <p>My child has made amazing progress. He has made friends and there are staff supporting his learning very well. I am particularly happy with SALT and Amy's input has been very significant in his progress. The class staff is nurturing and has a good rapport with my child. He loves coming to school, enjoys the weekly trips and loves playing football and lunchtime. I am a very happy parent and I have a very happy child. Thank you.</p> <p>Strategies provided to parents and child to deal with extreme physical negative situations</p> <p>My son is actually doing his work which is amazing</p> <p>Our child has gained confidence to just be himself; as a result he looks forward to school each day.</p> <p>My son is more confident in himself</p> <p>Child has come on leaps and bounds, making progress, calmer at home, very positive language used at school and reflected at home learning to take turns and understand others and improvements in self regulating</p> <p>Small classes are enabling my child to engage in activities and we have already seen development in his social skills.</p> <p>Stability of schooling</p> <p>He attends school and has some safe people to go to</p> <p>Loads</p> <p>One item I have is managing change for the new term. There is a massive change in location which will be unsettling for the children. Last year there was a lot of what ultimately positive change but it was done at once which resulted in our child taking ¾ a year to settle back to the fantastic progress there was in the first year.</p> <p>Ultimately you are doing a brilliant job some changes are not controllable such as staff and environment but managing controllable change would be a step forward.</p>						

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our Educational Psychologist, Dr Xavier Eloquin, is holding a series of bookable consultation slots across the year. At present this is a pilot and the slots are available on a "first come, first served" basis. These consultations are an opportunity to discuss a concern or problem involving your child. It can be about learning or behaviour, for example. Over the course of thirty minutes it is a chance to explore the concern and come up with some practical interventions.

If you would like to book a slot, please email quest.office@macintyreacademies.org. We will be making more time available throughout the year.

The times for this term are:

25th October

1:30- 2:00

2:05 – 2:35

2:40 – 3:10



UNIFORM

Thank you to parents/carers who ensure that their child wears the correct uniform. It is important for all pupils to wear the correct uniform as it makes them feel part of Quest and helps to prepare them for the expectations around dress code when they leave the school and enter the world of work.

If you would like to purchase new uniform, we have a limited stock of polo shirts, jumpers and blazers available in school. Please see stock level and prices to the left. If we don't have the size or you require PE uniform, these can be ordered directly from Webb Ellis in Rugby. You can call and order over the telephone on **01788 567777** or email directly Christine@webb-ellis.co.uk.

We also have two new uniform items, black joggers for PE and a black V-neck sweatshirt (an alternative for the jumper).

The hoodie is for PE only and not part of the every day uniform.



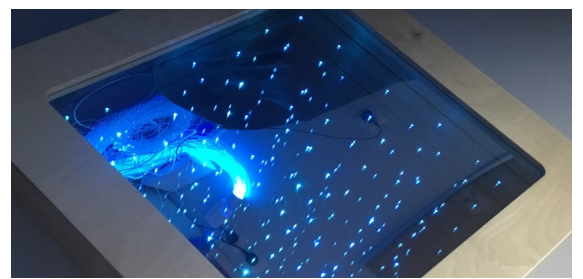
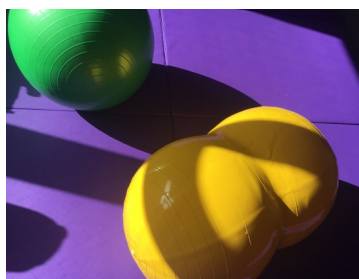
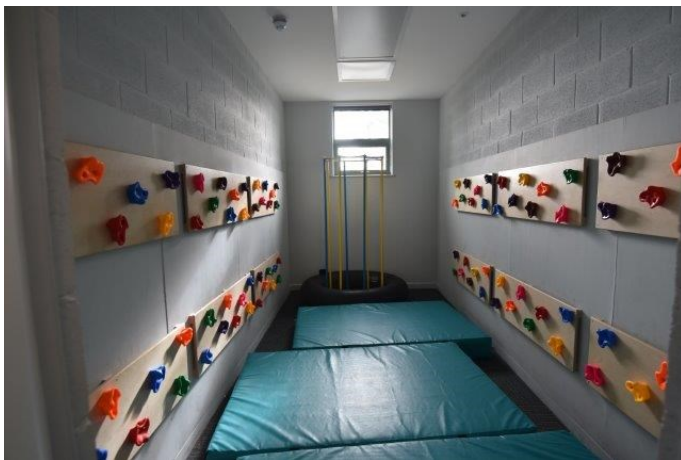
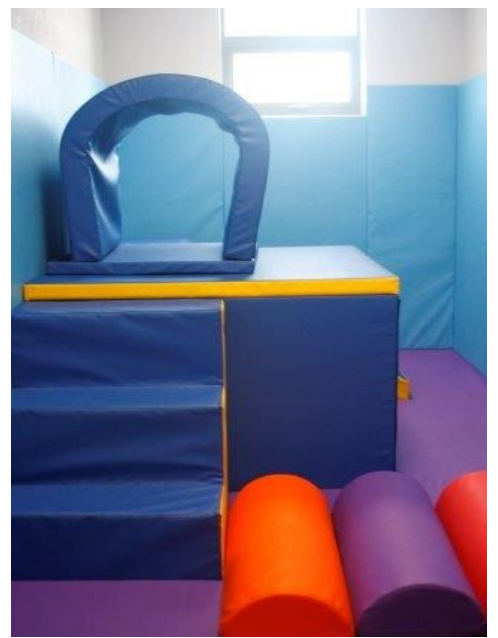
Blazer Size	Quantity In Stock at Quest	Price
28" / 6	1	£34.99
30" / 8	1	£34.99
32" / 10	1	£34.99
34" / 12	1	£34.99
36" / 14	3	£34.99
38" / 16	2	£36.99
40" / 18	2	£36.99

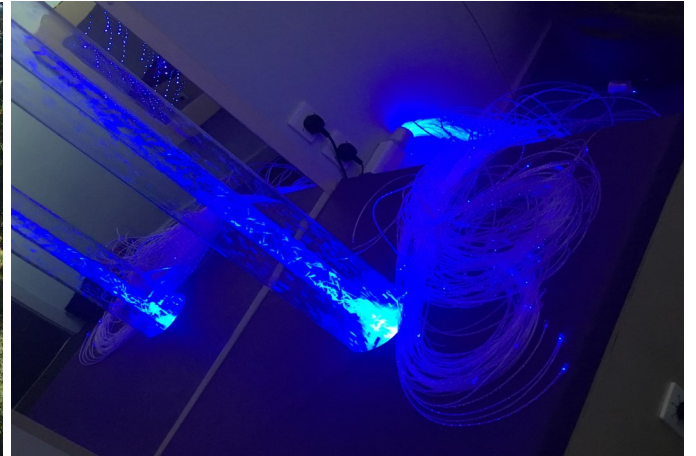
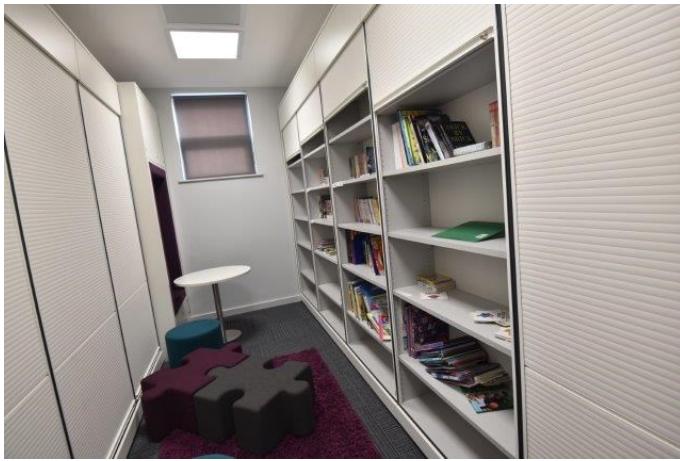
V-Neck Jumper Size	Quantity In Stock at Quest	Price
30" / 76cm	1	£19.99
40" / 102cm	1	£21.99
42" / 107cm	2	£21.99

Polo Shirt Size	Quantity In Stock at Quest	Price
9 - 10 Years	2	£11.99
11 - 12 Years	1	£12.99
S	3	£13.99
XL	4	£13.99


COMPULSORY UNIFORM:

- ◆ **Purple** polo shirt with white Quest logo
- ◆ **Black** V-neck jumper or blazer (one or both)
- ◆ Standard **black** school trousers
- ◆ **Black** school shoes, or completely **black** trainers (no logos or entirely black logos)





Photography by Charlie C.
(Year 9)



Antiism Friendly skate

**STARTS
TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER**

DISCO LIGHTS

LOW MUSIC

5:00PM-6:30PM

Midlands Roller Arena, Ashby Lane
Ashby Parva, Lutterworth, LE175JL

INFO@MIDLANDSROLLERARENA.COM

01455 209225

£4.00

Skate Hire £1

Wrist/Elbow/Knee Pads Free

Adults are able to walk around the rink to assist where required

I am writing to inform you that, from the beginning of the academic year 2019/20, the school will be taking part in a jointly run operation called Operation Encompass in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police. Many other schools in Warwickshire will also be participating in the scheme.

Operation Encompass is a way of working initially developed in south-west England that is already operating successfully in a number of other Local Authority areas. Its objective is to help schools provide support to children who are affected by incidents of domestic violence and abuse.

There is a great deal of research evidence that children can suffer significant physical and/or emotional harm when they are present during, witness or are directly involved in incidents of domestic violence and abuse.

The Operation Encompass process is simply that after any incident of domestic violence or abuse attended by the Police, the Principal and the Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school attended by any child in the household will receive a confidential and secure email on the morning of the next school day.

The email will only inform the Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead that the Police have attended an incident and will request that the school is mindful of that in their care and responses to the child throughout the school day. The school will not be informed about the specific details of the incident. The only exception would be when Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police deem the incident to be a child protection matter that requires further investigation. Information would then be shared with the school as part of Warwickshire County Council's child protection checks and investigation, which is current practice and will not be changed by Operation Encompass.

The Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead have entered into a formal agreement with Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police to use the information shared to make sure that the right support is available for children who are present during, witness or are directly involved in an incident of domestic violence or abuse. This means that the school will also be in a position to offer parents and carers support as appropriate.

The confidential information shared securely with the school will be managed and stored with the utmost sensitivity and discretion. We want to assure all parents and carers that only the nominated Designated Safeguarding Lead and me as the Principal will see the information shared with the school. We will then use the notification discretely to ensure that teachers and other staff directly in contact with affected children support them with due kindness, care and sensitivity.

The governing body hopes that every parent and carer will endorse the school's decision to participate in this process in order to provide children affected by domestic violence and abuse with appropriate support and understanding.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact me or Anna Stelfox, Safeguarding Lead, who will receive Operation Encompass Notifications and we will be happy to discuss this further.

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 Holiday

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January



The early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Warwickshire school term dates have been updated to reflect this, with Monday 4 May 2020 now designated a normal school day.

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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

Please can we remind parent/carers to call school on 01788 593 112, before 9am if your child may be late or is unwell.