



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

DECEMBER 2019 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER



“Quote of
the week”

*“Make your life a masterpiece;
imagine no limitations on what
you can be, have or do”*

Brian Tracy

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. It was wonderful to see so many of you during our Parent's Afternoon and at our end of term celebration event.

This term I have been particularly impressed with our School Council who have been involved in making decisions about how we can make further improvements to our school. They also recently represented learner voice during our Department for Education (DfE) visit. Jayne, from the DfE, was very impressed with the learners and asked me to thank them for their invaluable contribution.

This term we have been encouraging our learners to read more so that they develop a love of reading. Our new library area and the new reading areas in classrooms have certainly helped us to achieve this. After Xmas we will be creating:

- An outdoor reading area with a fire pit so that learners can enjoy reading with a relaxing hot drink.
- A covered reading area with bean bags in the sensory garden
- Creating a learning resource area for learners in the Upper School

We have also just spent an additional £5,000 on reading books and created a reading noticeboard where learners and staff can share information about the books they have enjoyed reading.

At some point in the Spring Term, Sydney, the therapy reading dog will come into school to listen to the children reading. I will let you know more about this nearer the time.

I look forward to seeing all of the learners smartly dressed in their school uniform on Monday January 6th.

Thank you for your on-going support. Wishing you all a very Happy Xmas and New Year!

Kind Regards,

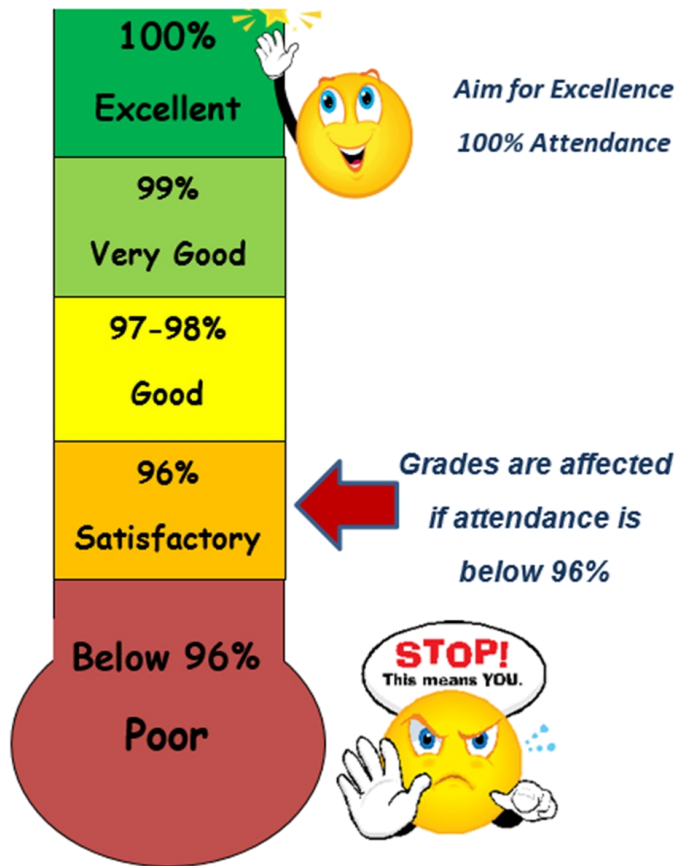
Nicola Wells.



WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR EQUALITY CHAMPIONS:

After reading through all the application forms the Compassionate Team have decided to have one Equality Champion for the Upper School and one Equality Champion for Lower School. We are proud to announce Kieran will be the Equality Champion for Upper and Sebastian for Lower. Congratulations to both boys on their new roles, they will be supporting equality throughout the school.

ATTENDANCE



MISSING
(SCHOOL)=
MISSING
OUT

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD
IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

attendance
MATTERS

Book of the Week

Malamander (The Legends of Eerie-on-Sea)

Author: Thomas Taylor

Nobody visits Eerie-on-Sea in the winter. Especially not when darkness falls and the wind howls around Maw Rocks and the wreck of the battleship Leviathan, where even now some swear they have seen the unctuous Malamander creep...

Herbert Lemon, Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, knows that returning lost things to their rightful owners is not easy - especially when the lost thing is not a thing at all, but a girl. No one knows what happened to Violet Parma's parents twelve years ago, and when she engages Herbie to help her find them, the pair discover that their disappearance might have something to do with the legendary sea-monster, the Malamander. Eerie-on-Sea has always been a mysteriously chilling place, where strange stories seem to wash up. And it just got stranger...



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Did you know.... just registering your child for Free School Meals means the Academy gets much needed extra money?

Even if you do not want your child to have our hot meals we still urge you to register- your child can still bring a packed lunch if you prefer.

It is very easy to check if you qualify and our Family Footings Team can even do this for you if you would like them to.

If you get any of the following benefits you can register for Free School Meals:

- income support
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
 - guarantee element of state pension credit
 - Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
 - Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both.
- You should also qualify if you receive both but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

How to register:

Check the list above to see if you qualify- it is not just if you are unemployed.

Registering is **really quick & easy**- you can:

Telephone: 01926 4140410 and give your full name, National Insurance Number, your child's name and school.

Apply online: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals

Please don't let the Academy miss out on valuable funding for the sake of a phone call.

Any queries please contact Joan Goodrich in Family Footings on 01788 593 112.

SUPER SIMPLE FAIRTRADE GINGERBREAD



Ingredients

(makes 15 gingerbread people)

300g plain flour

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

2 tsp Fairtrade ground ginger
(for a milder taste use 1 tsp)

1 tsp Fairtrade ground cinnamon

1 tsp Fairtrade ground nutmeg

1 tsp Fairtrade vanilla

100g Fairtrade brown sugar

125g unsalted butter

2 tbsp Fairtrade honey

1 tbsp Fairtrade golden syrup

1 pinch of ground Fairtrade cloves
(optional)

Zest of ½ orange (optional)

For the icing:

100g Fairtrade icing sugar

2 tsp warm water



Instructions

- 1 Pre-heat your oven to 180°C.
- 2 In a large bowl mix the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg (optional cloves and orange) then make a well in the centre.
- 3 In a medium pan combine the vanilla, brown sugar, butter, honey and golden syrup. Place on a low heat and stir until a smooth syrup forms.
- 4 Pour the syrup into the well in the centre of the mixing bowl and stir until combined into a soft dough. Then put the dough in the fridge to cool for 1 hour.
- 5 When cooled, roll the dough on a flat surface using a rolling pin until it is roughly 4mm thick. Then use either the cut-out stencils provided or a cutter to make your gingerbread shapes.
- 6 Place your gingerbread on a baking tray and cook for 8 minutes until golden brown.
- 7 Once cooked leave them to cool and make the icing by mixing the icing sugar with warm water and stirring until smooth.
- 8 Finally, decorate your gingerbread with icing and your favourite Fairtrade treats!



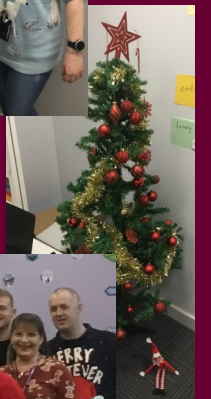
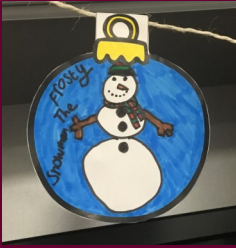
Joint Council for Qualifications

On Thursday 12th December we had our first visit from JCQ in readiness for exams taking place at our new school.

If you would like to find out any more information regarding exams this information can be found on our website including:

- **Examinations Policy** (Details of Examinations Contingency Planning can be found on page 5, the contingency date is 24th June 2020).
- **Complaints Policy and Procedure**
- **JCQ Information for Candidates Written Exams**
- **JCQ No Mobile Phones**
- **JCQ Warning for Candidates**
- **JCQ Social Media Information for Candidates**

CHRISTMAS 2019 AT QUEST



LEARNERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN PROJECT24 IN THE NEW YEAR

PROJECT
24

Project24 is a road safety competition for young people to make short films that raise awareness about road safety and the amazing solutions available to prevent road death and serious injury.

Every 24 seconds, someone, somewhere in the world is killed on a road

Explain in just 24 seconds...

- the true impact of road crashes
- the amazing solutions that make roads safer
- how to campaign for safe and healthy mobility

1 What's the problem?

What do you want to tell people? Choose a road safety story that's important to you and your community.

2 How will you say it?

Decide how you're going to tell your story. You can film yourself or other people, or make an animation. Say something important in a simple way.

3 Get creative

Film outside or inside, talk to camera, write a short song, recite a poem, create artwork or anything else you can think of.

4 Find out more

Good facts and figures will really help you get your message across. Learn more about road safety at www.brake.org.uk or use the **Project24 factsheet**.

5 Film it

Start making your film. Remember, you only have 24 seconds!

6 Edit

You can add music, images, voices or text to your film but you must have permission to use these.

7 Enter

Fill out the competition entry form and send with your finished film to

project24@brake.org.uk.

Register at brake.org.uk/project24

Together we can make
roads **SAFER** for everyone

 **Brake**
the road safety charity



Terms and conditions apply. Find out more at www.brake.org.uk/project24

ADVICE FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

Public Health Warwickshire have been informed by Public Health England that there has been an increase in levels of norovirus in Warwickshire and it is now circulating within schools, nurseries and the community in general.

We would be very grateful for the support of parents in helping us reduce the spread of diarrhoea and vomiting illness/infection. If your child has symptoms of diarrhoea and or vomiting, please keep them at home until **at least 48 hours** after they are symptom free. A 48-hour exclusion period is advised in current clinical guidance; however, preference may be to practice a 72-hour exclusion period. During this time, they should not mix with other children outside the home or visit local venues.

Norovirus is commonly known as Winter Vomiting Disease and often occurs in the community and in schools and nurseries at this time of the year. If your child is ill, you may find the following information useful:

ADVICE FOR PARENTS ABOUT NOROVIRUS

What are the symptoms?

Diarrhoea and vomiting usually lasting 1 -2 days

What should you do if your child is unwell?

- Make sure they get lots of rest.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids, taking sips rather than gulps to avoid vomiting.
- Give infant Paracetamol or Ibuprofen, according to product instructions, to help keep their temperature down.
- If your child is unusually sleepy, won't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as blood in their diarrhoea, an unusual rash, headache, neck stiffness or difficulty breathing, ring NHS Direct (0845 4647), contact your GP or take your child to hospital.
- Please ring school and let them know that your child is ill and what symptoms they have.
- Keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. However, if your child has been suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting keep them at home until they have been free of symptoms for **at least 48 hours**.

How can you prevent the spread of these infections?

- Hand washing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person looking after them.
- Hands should always be washed, using liquid soap if possible:
- Before and after caring for your child
- After using the toilet
- Before eating or handling food
- After cleaning up a mess (vomit, faeces or urine)

Other ways of preventing the spread of infection are to:

- Keep a separate towel for family members who have symptoms
- Dispose promptly of used tissues and other items that your child may have coughed or sneezed on.
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels in a washing machine. Use the hottest wash for that fabric
- Clean baths and washbasins thoroughly and disinfect after use
- If cleaning up diarrhoea or vomit, wash the surface with hot soapy water and disinfect before allowing to dry. If using bleach remember that it can remove the colour from fabrics and can burn the skin

Please keep your child away from other children and people that are particularly vulnerable, eg the elderly and those with chronic illnesses.

TERM DATES FOR 2019 - 20:

Christmas Holiday Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 1 Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February

February Half Term Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Spring Term 2 Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April

MAT INSET Day Monday 16th March (no school)

Easter Holidays Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April



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.



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Quality Award

