



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

MARCH 2019 EDITION 2: NEWSLETTER



“Quote of the week”

“Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass any way.”

Earl Nightingale

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parent's afternoon last Thursday and to hear about the positive difference we continue to make to your child and your family's lives. I know that some of you were unable to attend the event due to other commitments and transport issues but am aware that every teacher has contacted you by phone to ensure that you have been updated about your child's progress. At the end of term you will also receive a progress and/ or full written report.

Last week Rachelle Russell and I met with Mark Pawsey, the MP for Rugby, who was very impressed with the new school build and the opportunities it will bring to the community. I also received some very positive feedback from the Sherriff of Warwickshire about Quest and our achievements. He will be visiting the new school site in the Autumn Term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that Chris Edwards-Dewey has recently been appointed as Assistant Principal. Many of you will be aware that Chris first joined Quest when the school opened and since then he has played a significant part in helping the school develop.

We are now starting our recruitment campaign for September and have advertised for the following positions: Assistant Principals, Teachers, Higher Level Teaching Assistants, Teaching Assistants, Family Footings Facilitators, Finance Officer, Receptionist, EHCP Co-ordinator, Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapist.

Gareth Plant, Deputy Head, has left his employment at Quest and we would like to wish him all the very best for the future. This has not yet been communicated to the pupils but they will be given the opportunity to talk with their form tutor if they would like to on Monday. We will be welcoming three new members of staff during April and May. Joan Goodrich who will be a Family Footings Facilitator, Holly Shenton , Performing Arts HLTA and Guy Nash who will lead on Outdoor Education including forest schools.

I look forward to seeing you all on the last day of term.

Kind regards

Nicola

PIZZA EXPRESS WORKSHOP FOR CLASSES JK ROWLING AND ROSA PARKES

During food tech pupils will be learning about where food comes from and foods from around the world. We have been lucky to secure a free workshop at Pizza Express in Rugby, which will take place on **Tuesday 2nd April**.

During the session, pupils will be spend a lively morning with staff learning about good food, tasting fresh ingredients, and of course, making authentic, Italian pizza. If you would like to visit the website before that day feel free to use this link www.pizzaexpress.com/kids/school-visits



REMINDER...DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!
FAMILY CELEBRATION AND EASTER FAYRE...
FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 2019



Book of the Week

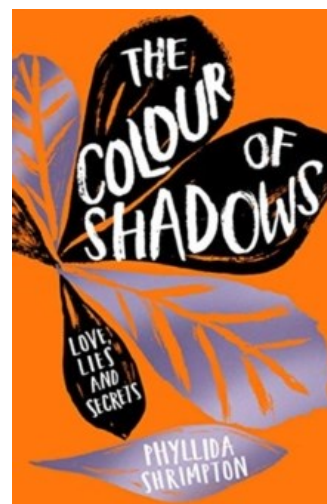
The Colour of Shadows

By Phyllida Shrimpton

A moving portrayal of a teenager coming to terms with a secret about her mother that her father decided to keep from her . . . was he right to do so? Saffron must work that out . . . Seventeen year old Saffron discovers a secret in the attic - a secret that changes both her past and her future... Having believed ten years ago that her mother had become ill and subsequently died, Saffron learns that her mother is in fact alive and well.

Angry at the years of deceit from her father and step mother, she goes in search of the truth about her mother - and leaves home.

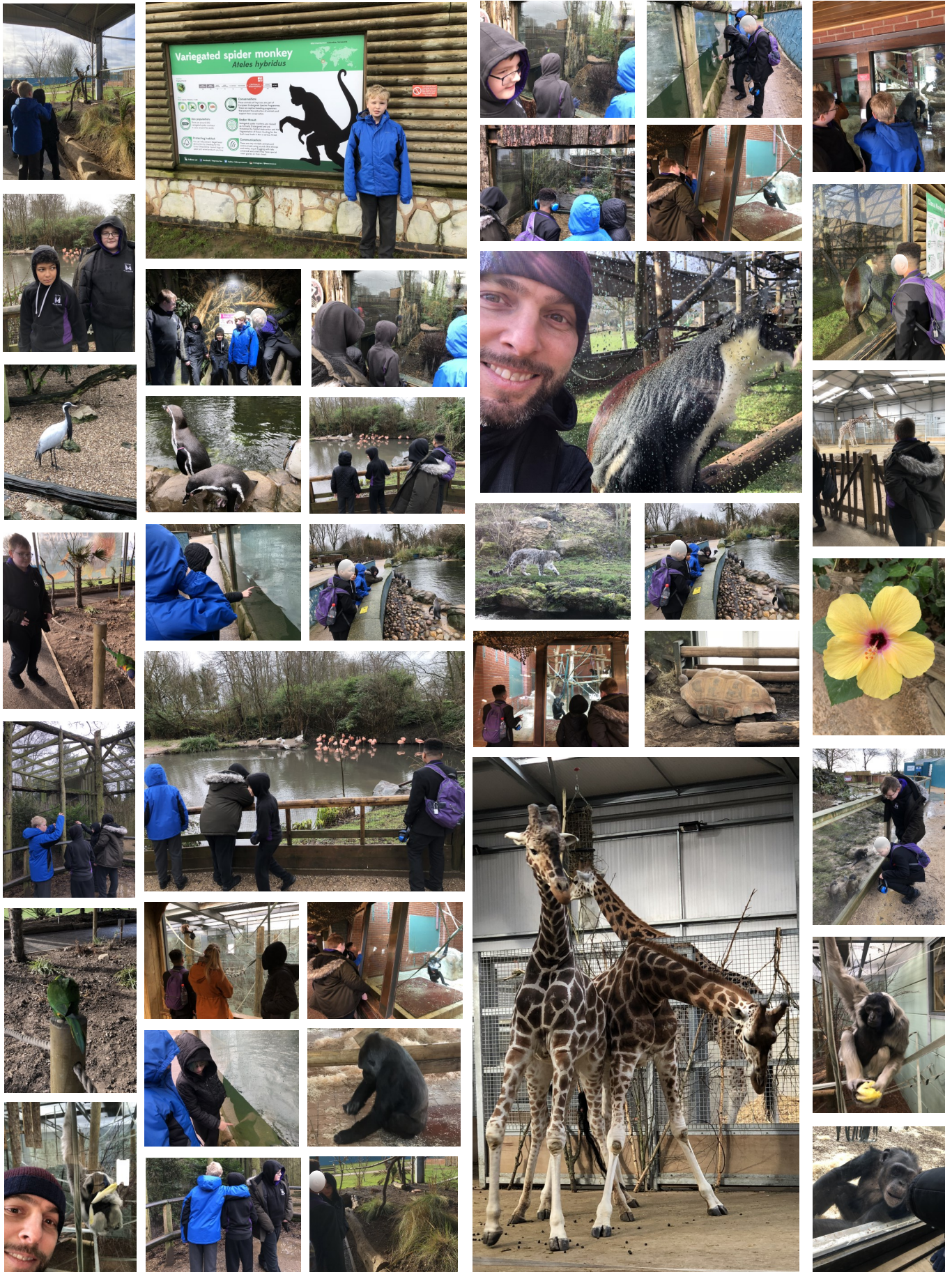
Homeless and alone, Saffron has to deal with the mental turmoil and anger at her father as she processes the lies she has been told. And then Saffron comes face to face with the dangers of being a homeless teenage girl . . .



LOWER SCHOOL TRIP TO TWYCROSS

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Twycross Zoo
IN THE HEART OF CONSERVATION

Pictures courtesy of class - Winston Churchill



GAME OF THE WEEK

Playing games with your children is a great way to improve social communication and language skills.

This week's game of the week is **Pictionary**. You don't need any special equipment, just a pencil and paper.

So what skills does Pictionary target?

Cognitive skills

The players must see and represent the word as images. Converting the word into an image in the mind requires visualisation, imagination, memory, manipulation of mental images, and organisation of thoughts. All of these skills are essential when reading and understanding the written word. The act of drawing requires hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills.

Focus & Attention

Pupils have to 'think with their eyes' which involves looking and attending to the person and what they are drawing. This can improve observation skills.

Social skills

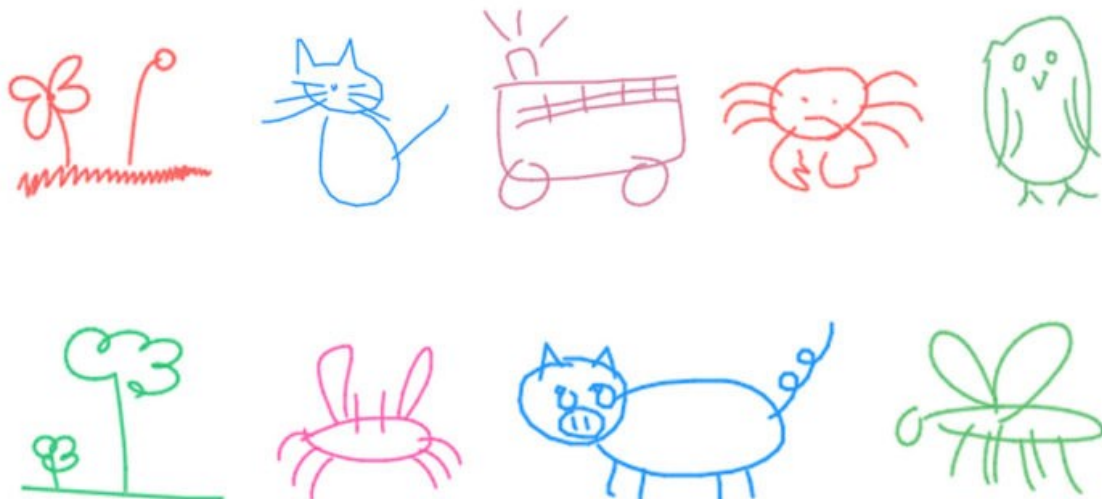
It's perfect to target social skills such as turn taking, communicating non-verbally and working as a team. This game requires rule following such as not talking and only drawing.

What do Quest pupils think about UNO?

"Pictionary is fun because I get to draw, I love drawing, its super fun"

"I don't play it very often but I would like to do it more"

"Really good because it helps you learn corresponding pictures and words"



APEX LEGEND - NEW GAME



Gaining more than 50 million players within a month of launch, Apex Legends is set to be the new gaming sensation everyone is talking about.

Rivalling the popular game Fortnite, Apex Legends is a free-to-play Battle Royale game where players can team up with two other players to make a squad, and then compete against nineteen other squads in a bid to be the last ones standing.

Is Apex Legends appropriate for my child?

Experts at the NSPCC feel that the game is similar to Fortnite but looks to be a grittier version. PEGI determines age suitability for platforms such as Xbox, PS4, PC and Nintendo, and has rated Apex Legends as suitable for children aged 16 and over, which is higher than the age rating of Fortnite (12 and over). PEGI does not take into consideration the chat features in games, therefore children could be exposed to inappropriate language from other players.

Know the risks

While you have to turn on voice chat to speak to others, the feature cannot be permanently turned off. There is no way of preventing players in your squad from talking to you, unless you mute them.

The gaming platform doesn't enable players to be reported within the game, making it a harder and longer process to do so if another user is being inappropriate. Users can be reported through the Origin website or via a console account.

Users can play and enjoy the game without using in-game chat as it has a 'pings' feature allowing users to send an automated message to their squad. This allows them to speak to each other purely for the benefit of the game, e.g. users can ask their team to revive them or to collect some weapons.

Weeks	Form Time Focus		
	Help Scripts	Core British Value	School Impact Objectives
5/6	We prefer polite. Restate with respect.	Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I take responsibility for all my actions - We all have a responsibility to promote and protect the well-being of others

GEORGE ELIOT HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING FAIRTRADE CORNFLAKE CAKES AND CHOCOLATE APPLES IN FOOD TECH THIS WEEK.



LOWER SCHOOL TOPIC WORK TRIP: BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM



During Topic sessions, pupil will be learning about the History of British Transport and how it has changed over the years. The trip will take place on **Thursday 16th May**.

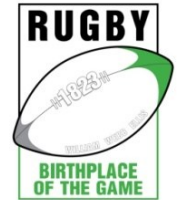
Pupils will be able to look around the Museum and also take part in an interactive workshop on Forces and building a toy car.



Mark Pawsey MP

Member of Parliament for Rugby

Rugby through and through



New Rugby school site visited by local MP Mark Pawsey on 25th March

Quest Academy is due to open its doors in September to 80 pupils

Local MP Mark Pawsey last week visited the site of the new Quest Academy in Rugby which will provide education for children with Special Educational Needs, such as autism and social, emotional and mental health needs.

The school, due to open its doors this September, will be the new home of Quest Academy and provide 80 places for boys and girls aged 9 – 19 years old. The academy, part of Macintyre Academies, is currently being run from a temporary site in Nuneaton, where it has enjoyed success. The brand-new site near Rugby Free Secondary School will greatly expand the opportunities it can offer to young people.

During his visit, Mark spoke with Nicola Wells, the Principal of Quest Academy, about her vision for the school's new home in Rugby. This includes not only all the educational facilities of a modern school, but also a café and shop near the entrance of the school and an educational psychologist, clinical psychologist and occupational therapist to help meet all the needs of the pupils there.

Speaking after visiting the site, Mark commented:

"I know from speaking to parents here in Rugby how important it is to ensure that every child gets the best possible education. Macintyre Academies has a great track record of delivering excellent education for children with Special Educational Needs and this new school will give many more children the opportunity to have the best start in life."

Mark continued:

"It was great to see how Nicola Wells' vision for the school has influenced the design of the buildings, so that the whole site can best meet the needs of the pupils. Alongside this, one of the most exciting things about the Quest Academy is its proximity to Rugby Free Secondary School, so there can be strong links to mainstream education."

Nicola Wells, Principal of Quest Academy, added:

"Everyone at Quest is passionate about making a difference to the lives of pupils and their families in Rugby and the surrounding areas. Being based in the local community will enable us to further improve our services so that we can continue to make a positive difference as well as build relationships with different stakeholders within the community."

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Rugby MP Mark Pawsey (centre) was shown the new Quest Academy buildings by Rachelle Russel, Chief Executive Officer at Macintyre Academies (left), Nicola Wells, Principal of Quest Academy (centre right) & David Hipwell, Design Manager of BAM Construction Ltd (far right)



Nicola Wells, Principal of Quest Academy (centre), talks to Mark Pawsey MP (centre right) about her vision for the Quest Academy inside one of the school's new buildings

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Rugby MP Mark Pawsey is shown around the new Quest Academy site by Rachelle Russel, Chief Executive Officer at Macintyre Academies (centre), Nicola Wells, Principal of Quest Academy (right) & David Hipwell, Design Manager of BAM Construction Ltd (rear)

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YEAR 8 & 9 ART & DESIGN: ENGINEERING



TERM DATES 2018- 19

- ♦ January – April (Spring Term 2019)

Last Day of Term: Friday 12th April

- ♦ April – July (Summer Term 2019)

Start of Term: Monday 29th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May (no school)

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 31st May

Last Day of Term: Friday 19th July



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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 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.