



MacIntyre Academies  
Quest Academy

## DECEMBER 2018 EDITION 1: NEWSLETTER



“Quote of the week”

*“Teaching is only demonstrating that it is possible. Learning is making it possible for yourself.”*

*Paulo Coelho*

# WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Parent's Afternoon last week. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to speak with you all as well as hear about the positive difference Quest has made to your children. At the end term you will receive a progress report for your child. If you have any queries please contact your child's form tutor.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school closes at 12:00 pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and reopens to pupils at the normal time on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

*Nicola*



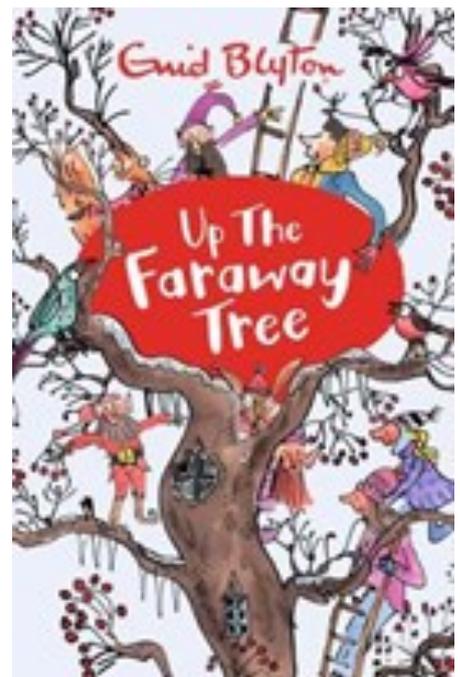
## Book of the Week

Up The Faraway Tree

By *Enid Blyton*

The final book in the extraordinary Faraway Tree series, published as a stand-alone edition for the first time in more than three decades!

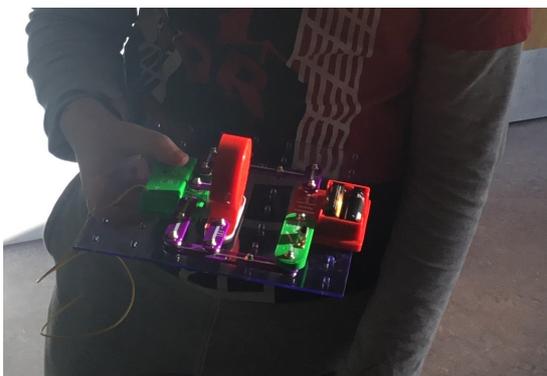
One day, Robin and Joy read about the Magic Faraway Tree in a book and decide to go meet Joe, Beth and Frannie themselves. The five children have all sorts of exciting adventures together, including being captured by the Enchanter Red-Cloak in the Land of Castles, a birthday treat for Joy in the Land of Wishes, and a delicious visit to the Land of Cakes!



## YEAR 7 HAVE BEEN MAKING FUDGE IN FOOD TECH



## IN SCIENCE A YEAR 8 PUPIL SUCCESSFULLY CREATED A CIRCUIT THAT WORKS A RADIO!



## DECLAN IN YEAR 7 HAS BEEN MASTERING JUGGLING!



Declan: "I started juggling one Sunday afternoon when I was bored, now after a while I can do some tricks and juggle without dropping the juggling balls or other items I might use such as socks or soft toys. My final aim is to juggle bottles of water or 4 balls ..."



# REWARDS



Thank you all for your ongoing support and I can't believe we have already completed this term. I just wanted to inform everyone the new exciting

developments within Quest's Reward System. As you may be aware, our rewards are on a points system with each point being worth 1p. As you can imagine over time and with full engagement the points can equate to a considerable amount of money. We have, in agreement, decided to issue Love2Shop vouchers for the points accumulated. The voucher codes will be sent to your emails in the new year. Love2Shop can be spent in the following places:



The Love2shop Voucher is accepted at over 150 leading brands including...



On another note, Lee Martin our Behavioural Lead has left Quest Academy. We wish him all the very best in the future and thank him for all his efforts.

**ARCHIE IN YEAR 9 HAS BEEN BUSY CREATING A CHRISTMAS TREE CUSHION/ ORNAMENT**



**YEAR 8 & 9 HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH TIE DYE, AS PART OF THEIR 'WORLD OF WORK' PROJECT**



# SAFEGUARDING: DIGITAL CHRISTMAS - TIPS FOR PARENTS



It's that time of year again, and with the Christmas shopping well under way (at least for the prepared) many of us will be buying digital devices for children, with technology continuing to feature high on those wish lists for Santa. Games consoles have always been highly targeted at the teenage market. Once designed solely for playing games, consoles are now connected to the Internet to allow a more interactive and collaborative experience. Consoles today don't just allow gamers to play games with others, but also allow them to exchange photos, engage in live messaging and even 'host' parties online. Please bare all of this in mind when you are buying your Christmas gifts this year. Check games age ratings, check the parental controls you have in place and change these accordingly.

If you are planning to buy a smart toy that can connect via Bluetooth, Wi-Fi or a mobile app, here are a couple of things to think about to keep children safe:

## How does the toy interact with your child and other devices?

Make sure you understand what key things your child can do with the toy and if it **can connect to any other devices**, for example, can it send messages to a phone or connect to a smart TV?

### Questions to ask

Is there a **chat function** that allows children to communicate with others?

Are there apps that can be used with the toy which **may contain ads and in-app purchases**?

Does the **toy require information about your child's location**?

Where is the interactive data stored and processed?

Are there any add-ons to purchase to get the best experience?

## Does the toy require your child's personal information?

Some toys ask for your child's name, their age and a parent email address to work. To ensure your child privacy and data are kept safe **make sure the toy company is reputable** and check out their data privacy policy so you are aware of what their procedure is, in the event of a hack on their systems.

### Things to do

Read reviews about the toy and see if there have been any other concerns raised

Put the minimal amount of information about your child required

Read the terms and condition and privacy policies.

Have a very happy and safe Christmas!!

*Anna*, Safeguarding and Wellbeing Lead.



# TERM DATES 2018- 19

## ♦ September – December (Autumn Term 2018)

Last Day of Term: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## ♦ January – April (Spring Term 2019)

INSET Day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January (no school)

Start of Term: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

INSET Day: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March (no school)

Last Day of Term: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

## ♦ April – July (Summer Term 2019)

Start of Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May (no school)

Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Last Day of Term: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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