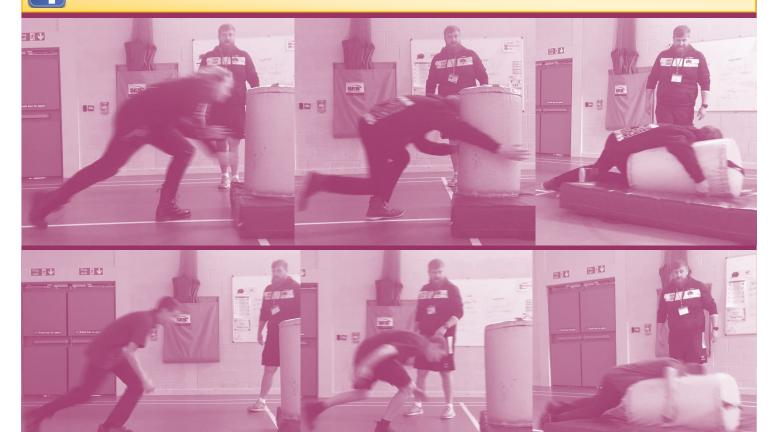
#### MacIntyre Academies Quest Academy

#### **MAY 2023 EDITION 2 NEWSLETTER**

#### FACEBOOK PAGE — Quest Academy Family Group



**Back to School** — Monday 5th June



"*No school without spectacular eccentrics and crazy hearts is worth attending.*"

- Saul Bellow.

## Dear Parent/ Carer,



It was wonderful to see so many families and learners at our options and careers event last night. I hope that you found the evening informative and that you now feel more able to support your child with their options choices. The presentation delivered by each subject specialist will be available on our website and once the presentation has been uploaded you will be sent a link via email. If you have any queries about options, careers/work experience and Post 16 provision please contact Tyla Owen (options) or Emma Butterworth (careers, work experience, Post 16).



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work and commitment this term . Well done, also, to all the learners who have really engaged with their learning and produced some excellent pieces of work.

I hope that you all have a really enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing learners back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>June .

Kind regards, Nícola Wells

Please complete our <u>Quest Parent/ Carer</u> <u>Communication</u> Form, (link also in the email)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

#### We are successful because;-

...one of our learners shared that he thinks that Quest Academy is the best school. He shared that he feels that the teachers are nice and that there is help whenever he needs it. The learner said that he just enjoys being at Quest Academy and that he is good at asking for more help if needed. He shared that he is struggling in some subjects, but staff are supporting him with his learning.

...the mother of one of our learners said that her son is doing much better at Quest Academy, as the school fits with his needs and provides the right level of support.

## Book of the Week

#### The Kingdom Over the Sea

By Zohra Nabi

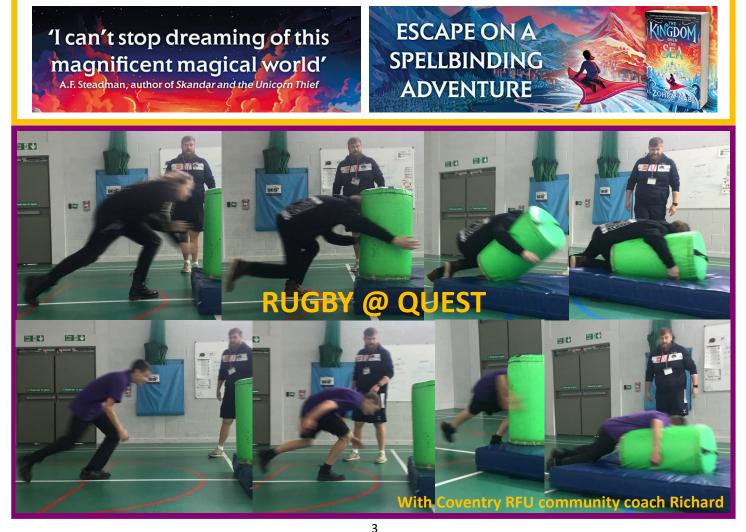
Hugely imaginative and genuinely thrilling, Nabi's debut fantasy sends a young girl across the sea to an enchanted land of alchemists and sorcerers where an evil sultan is bent on outlawing magic.

'My own Yara, if you are reading this, then something terrible has happened, and you are on your own. To return to the city of Zehaira, you must read out the words on the back of this letter . . . Good luck, my brave girl.'

When Yara's mother passes away, she leaves behind a letter and a strange set of instructions. Yara must travel from the home she has always known to a place that is not on any map - Zehaira, a world of sorcerers, alchemists and simmering magic.

But Zehaira is not the land it used to be. The practice of magic has been outlawed, the Sultan's alchemists are plotting a sinister scheme - and the answers Yara is searching for seem to be out of reach.

Yara must summon all of her courage to discover the truth about her mother's past and her own identity . . . and to find her place in this magical new world.





Reading age

8 years and up



#### WHAT IS THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK?

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest call for action on climate change. It celebrates community action to tackling climate change and protecting nature, and will take place this year between **10th and 18th June 2023**,

Together, we will show decision makers that people from all walks of life are stepping up to take action on climate change - and we need them to step up too.

Last year, over a quarter of a million people got involved in Great Big Green Week, by showing up for the planet in their community and online.

Great Big Green Week is coming! #GreatBigGreenWeek is Head to <u>greatbiggreenweek.com</u> to find information on how to start planning an event in your community.

We will be doing our own big clean up, by doing some litter picking!

#### **FANTASTIC FOOD TECH!**



#### MATHS WITH ROSA PARKS CLASS

During maths lessons we have been focusing on measuring liquids. Learners were set the challenge to follow instruction on different types of drinks.

















#### **STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS MAY 28 & JUNE 11**

#### **STAY AND PLAY**

Are you looking for a space where you can meet other parents or carers who have children with additional needs? Rose Cottage Care Farm can provide that space, giving you time to play with your child, whilst also meeting other parents who have similar experiences.

Stay & Play sessions are on Sunday May 28 & Sunday June 11, 10:00 - 12:00 or 13:00 - 15:00, and are open to children with autism, Down's Syndrome, other additional needs, and their siblings.

Relax and talk with other parents/carers over a cup of tea or coffee, whilst your child plays.

Rose Cottage Care Farm has friendly animals, garden space, a swing set, a sensory garden, and a sensory room. We can also provide activities for children to do indoors such as arts and craft's.

#### **BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

All play & stay sessions must be pre booked, please call **07825 698649**, and cost £10 per child

Find out more about Rose Cottage Care Farm and what we do at -www.rosecottage.care or email us at tina@rosecottage.care

Rose Cottage Care Farm, Stratford Road, Hockley Heath, B94 5NH Sister company of Te Hira Care Home Ltd

#### **KIDS HALF TERM EVENTS IN WARWICKSHIRE**

## **OCEAN** ADVENTURE

Friday 26 May 2023 Timed entry at 5.30pm, 6.30pm & 7.30pm Event closes at 9.00pm Adults and children £4,

under 2s are free

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#### Night at your museum

#### Half Term Indoor Events in Warwickshire

- Ocean Event Night at Your Museum at <u>Rugby Art Gallery & Museum</u> (Rugby) 26th May
- The Case of the Disappearing Dragon Egg at <u>The Magic Alley</u> (Stratford)
- Playing with gravity, family engineering session at <u>Coventry Transport Museum</u> (Coventry)
  27th May
- May half term crafts at the <u>Herbert Art Gallery & Museum</u> (Coventry) 27th May 3rd June
- Junk Modelling Maker Challenge at <u>Coventry Transport Museum</u> (Coventry) 27th May 4th June
- <u>Silverstone Museum</u> tbc
- Young Driver for 10-17 year olds at the <u>British Motor Museum</u> (Gaydon) 28th May
- Kids Rule at Kenilworth Castle (Kenilworth) 27th May 4th June
- Discovery Room at <u>Compton Verney</u>

#### Half Term Outdoor Adventures in Warwickshire

- Giant's Garden at at Bodenham Arboretum (Kidderminster) 24th May 4th June
- Pirate Invasion at Hatton World (Hatton, near Warwick) 27th May 4th June
- <u>Umberslade Adventures</u> tbc

#### Half Term Family Theatre, Live Music and Puppets in Warwickshire

- Around the World in 80 days at the <u>Albany Theatre</u> (Coventry) 30th May 3rd June
- Mog the Forgetful Cat at the <u>Belgrade Theatre</u> (Coventry) 30th May 4th June
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears at the <u>Albany Theatre</u> (Coventry) 4th June

Belgrade Theatre Coventry

Mog is a very forgetful cat. She forgets that she has a cat flap, she forgets that she's already eaten her supper, and she forgets that cats don't have eggs for breakfast every day. Bother that cat!



## Department for Education

#### SUMMER 2023 - HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF)



Dear Parent/Carer,

The Department for Education (DfE) funds the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme across the United Kingdom. At it's core, HAF provides young people the opportunity to access enriching activities alongside healthy meals over the **main school holidays at Christmas, Easter & Summer.** 

## Please note that this programme is entirely separate from the <u>Local Welfare Scheme</u>'s household support funding (i.e. supermarket HUGGG vouchers).

Each eligible young person (in full-time education from Reception to Year 11 who receives benefits-related free school meals) with a HAF code can access a maximum of **16 sessions** over the summer holidays. Families have the flexibility to book with multiple activity providers if desired. All providers can request additional funding for 1-to-1 support if this is required, however this will depend on their staff availability and qualifications. We do have a number of SENDspecific activities which may be a more suitable option.









Eligible families need to request a HAF Code via a brief online form. This can be found at <u>https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf</u> or you can scan the QR code below. HAF codes are valid for the academic year, so if you've had a HAF code at Christmas or Easter, the same code can be used. If you need codes to be re-sent, just send us an email via <u>hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk</u>

For families not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, we can release a limited number of HAF codes for each delivery period. A separate referral form will need to be completed on behalf of your family, if you're facing a significant financial barrier and one (or more) of the following criteria apply:

- · Have an allocated family support worker or social worker
- · On an open early help plan
- Your child(ren) acts as a young carer

The referral form is available upon request from a professional/allocated worker on <u>hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk</u>

Summer activity listings will be available online from Monday 12th June. Contact providers directly to discuss booking.

#### Scan the QR code below to visit the HAF website.

Thank you for your continued engagement with the Warwickshire HAF programme. Please contact us directly if you have any queries related to the HAF scheme.



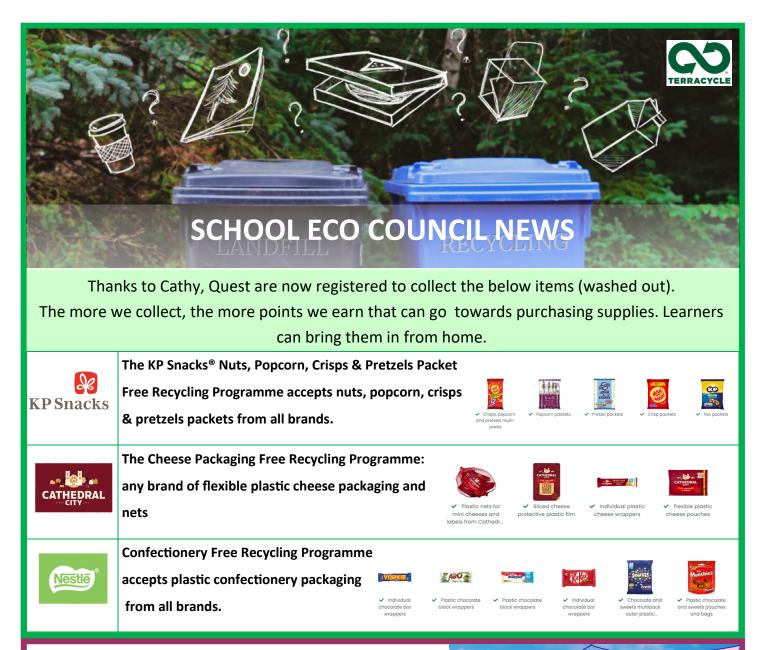
Family Information Service 0800 408 1558 fis@warwickshire.gov.uk Facebook: @WarwickshireFIS

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Warwickshire HAF Team This is for Summer 2023, HAF **does not** run during **May Half Term**.



Coventry and Warwickshire Mind have organised a fun-filled afternoon. From bouncy castles, a disco, crafts, face painting, and a chill-out zone to outdoor games such as tag rugby, penalty shoot-out and many more. There are lots of activities that will keep your little ones entertained (and maybe you too)! You'll even get a packed lunch.

Tickets are £8 for adults and £7 for children (Car parking at pay machine - not included). All activities are included in the ticket price. All proceeds go to supporting people in your local community with mental health issues.

This event is now live on Eventbrite; <u>https://</u> <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-fun-day-tickets-</u> <u>567904105467</u>



#### WHAT A DIFFERENCE THE SUNSHINE MAKES!











#### **TERM DATES FOR 2022 - 2023**

#### **SUMMER TERM 2023**

Half term

**INSET day (no learners on site)** 

**INSET day (no learners on site)** 

Ends

Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June 2023 Monday 10th July 2023 Tuesday 11th July 2023 Friday 28th July 2023

#### **ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Please find below the agreed dates for academic year 2023 - 2024. We have two extra days for half term in October and days added on to the Summer Term. The rationale is that the days have been organised to allow families to take advantage of quieter and cheaper holidays.

#### AUTUMN TERM 2023

INSET Days (no learners on site)	Friday 1st, Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023
Learners Start Back	Wednesday 6th September 2023
Half term	Monday 30th October to Tuesday 7th November 2023
Learners Start Back	Wednesday 8th November 2023
Ends	Friday 22nd December 2023
Christmas holiday:	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024
SPRING TERM 2024	
Starts	Monday 8th January 2024
Half term	Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024
Learners Start Back	Monday 19th February 2024
Trust INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 8th March 2024
Ends	Friday 22nd March 2024
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 25 March 2024 to Friday 5 April 2024
SUMMER TERM 2024	
Starts	Monday 8th April 2024
Bank Holiday (no learners on site)	Monday 6th May 2024
INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Half term	Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024
Learners Start Back	Monday 3rd June 2024
Ends	Tuesday 23rd July 2024

### Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



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2hr Routine and Boundaries Workshop 6<sup>th</sup> June https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/517885849517

2hr Sleep Workshop **13<sup>th</sup> June** https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/611232180907

10 week Solihull Approach parenting programme. Start date: **12<sup>th</sup> September** <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/634038063917</u>

4 week Keeping the Child in Mind. Start date: **20<sup>th</sup> June** <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/624381059557</u>



We want all children in

Warwickshire to be...

#### **PRIVACY NOTICE**

MacIntyre Academies collects and uses pupil information which complies with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This is Europe's framework for data protection laws – it replaces the previous 1995 data protection directive, which UK law has previously been based upon.

You can read the full details of our <u>Privacy Notice</u> in the policy. This includes more details of our legal basis for the use of specific information.

# Quest Contact details:Quest AcademyAnderson AvenueRugbyWarwickshireCV22 5PEE: quest.office@macintyreacademies.orgT: 01788 593 112How 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.





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