



# MacIntyre Academies Quest Academy

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# WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware from my previous correspondence with you, I am keen to involve families in the life of the school as well as provide a forum for the school to celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

Last week, pupils in Year 5 and 6 showed the rest of the school their Lego animations. Everyone was very impressed with the quality of the work that they produced. We are planning to share the footage on our website.

Pupils continue to respond well to the school's reward system and have achieved enough points to take part in a range of trips since we opened. This week, pupils were informed that every class would be provided with an annual budget of £1000 to cover their rewards they earn. From talking with the pupils today, it is clear that they have enjoyed finding out about the cost of different trips and deciding how they will spend their budget.

Over the last two weeks, we have welcomed many visitors to the school; all have commented on the positive relationships pupils have with their teachers.

Finally, thank you to all the families who attended our Macmillan Coffee morning last Friday, and to all the pupils for all of their hard work, to make our first coffee morning such a success. **We raised £60!**



Kind regards,

*Nicola Wells*

# HELLO FROM THE THERAPY TEAM

We are really looking forward to working with students and their families at Quest. We are here to support and advise staff and students around language, communication, sensory, fine and gross motor skills in order to increase pupils independence. Through 1:1 and group work, we aim to identify areas of difficulties and implement strategies to support student's to engage in everyday life.

Whilst working with your child, we may contact you for more information. It would be really helpful if you could let us know if your child has ever had any SALT or OT input previously.

Speech and Language Therapist	Occupational Therapist
Amy Wilkins	Priti Shah
	

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us on the school number (01788 593 112) or by email.

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OT: [priti.shah@macintyreacademies.org](mailto:priti.shah@macintyreacademies.org)

A local tree care company called iAXE have very kindly donated lots of wood chippings for our playground, which will be used to help keep everyone safe. The school thank them for their generous gift.

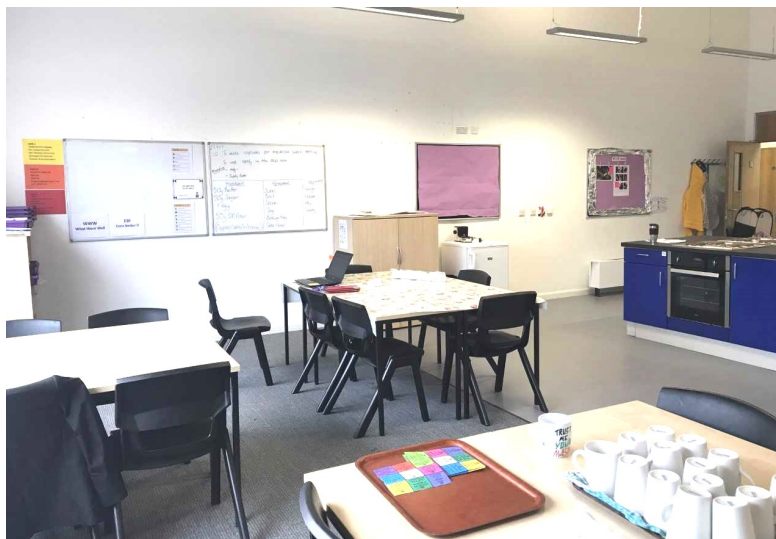




# FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Our Food Tech room is now up and running. You may have already had some lovely creations come home. Where possible please can we have lunchboxes returned so we can keep reusing them.



**\*Do you have any kitchen items you no longer use or were considering donating? If so, please consider donating them to our Food Technology room. All items would be gratefully received.**

*Thank you, Cathy.*

# EMPATHY POINTS

Encouraging others

Making the right choices

Perseverance

Above and beyond

Taking responsibility

Honesty

Yes, I can do attitude

Congratulations to all of the pupils who were awarded **EMPATHY POINTS!**

em·pa·thy

[em-puh-thee]

1.the psychological identification with or vicarious experiencing of the feelings, thoughts, or attitudes of another.

2.the imaginative ascribing to an object, as a natural object or work of art, feelings or attitudes present in oneself:

*By means of empathy, a great painting becomes a mirror of the self.*

Pupils who received Empathy draw entries last week were:

William B.	4	Isaac P-B	4
Alex G.	6	Josh S.	8
AJ. C.	4	Kieran L.	4
Ben H-B	8	Martin P.	2
Charlie C.	2	Mathew B.	2
Daniel S.	2	Rylan M.	4
Ethan H.	6	Sacha A.	1
Georja M.	1	Shane G.	4
Haydn H.	2	Tyler A.	1

## SAFEGUARDING

Keeping children safe in school is every school's priority.

As part of our Visitor's Policy, we require all visitors to sign in at reception and read and sign our Visitor's Code of Conduct.

Please, therefore, do not take offence when our office staff ask you to adhere to our procedures. Should any parent /carer feel unable to comply, we will be unable to let you past the reception area.

# CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Kieran who recently collected his 1<sup>st</sup> prize award at the Rugby In Bloom ceremony! He won best allotment with his Grandad Ken.



Kieran shares an allotment with his Grandad and spends many hours digging, weeding and planting, even in the cold and rain. Kieran has grown everything from lettuces and tomatoes in the summer, to carrots, runner beans and potatoes in the Autumn. **Well done Kieran!**

## NEW MINI BUS

Pupils at Quest Academy were delighted to receive a new minibus this week donated by The Lord's Taverners and made possible by MacIntyre. The new 16-seat minibus will enable Quest's pupils to participate in a wide range of community based learning opportunities including horse riding and local leisure facilities. Principal of Quest Academy, Nicola Wells said: *"We are very grateful to the Lord's Taverners for this generous contribution. As we begin a new journey for these young people and their families, having this minibus will be a great help to us. We will be using the minibus regularly to enhance the experiences that the pupils receive. Thank you"*



The event included a tour of the school and lunch with a group from Year 10, culminating with the presentation of the minibus by Lord's Taverners Trustee, Tim Graveney. His colleague, Tom Warner, Regional Development Manager said: *"We are pleased to support this great school and look forward to seeing how the minibus plays its part in the wellbeing of the pupils at Quest"*.



Every Tuesday Morning Y9 pupils take part in a range of activities to help them develop a range of skills and develop attributes such as perseverance. This week pupils completed a team trek task and a game called minefield. Both activities required them to develop their trust in each other, teamwork, and good listening skills.



## Year 9 Shakespeare Class

The class have been working on the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. They have been looking at the environment that Stanley Yelnats has been sent to. They have all produced a diary entry about his first day at Camp Green Lake which is now proudly displayed on our WOW Work board within class. I am really pleased with the work they have produced.



In Mathematics, we have been working on addition, subtraction and multiplication and they have been trying very hard. They have all produced wonderful bar charts showing our investigations.

Well Done. Thank you to all of the Year 9 class.

*Katie Dyson*



# HORSE-RIDING

We are really excited that we can now offer some of our pupils Horse-Riding Therapy. We have been visiting a riding school near Grandborough and it has been a great benefit to the young people involved. We hope to be able to roll this out to others pupils in the future.

## FINE TO FINISH

The purpose of this script is to support pupils with the procedures involved in bringing an activity to a natural end when they have not completed an activity, even if it is not complete.



### Facts

- ♦ Some pupils experience an increase in anxiety levels at points of transition.
- ♦ Some pupils have a 'perfectionist' approach to life and become anxious when they think they might not be able to meet their own high standard.
- ♦ Some pupils find it difficult to leave a piece of work unfinished, they may refuse to stop working and move onto their next lesson.

### Suggested Scripts

"There are 10 minutes left of the lesson. It is fine to finish working now."

"You can complete your maths in tomorrow's lesson/ after school..."

### Hints and Tips

To help pupils stop/ finish their task: develop a routine (using the same structure for ending each time) to make it easier for pupils to cope with their anxiety.



# SNACKS

We have put together a daily snack menu, this will be reviewed at half term.  
(this may be subject to change depending on availability)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b> Weetabix Cornflakes Toast Crumpets	<b>Breakfast</b> Weetabix Cornflakes Toast Crumpets	<b>Breakfast</b> Weetabix Cornflakes Toast Crumpets	<b>Breakfast</b> Weetabix Cornflakes Toast Crumpets	<b>Breakfast</b> Weetabix Cornflakes Toast Crumpets
<b>Break 1</b> Hot cross buns Banana	<b>Break 1</b> Oranges Scotch pancakes	<b>Break 1</b> Apples Rice cakes	<b>Break 1</b> Fruit of the week Flapjacks	<b>Break 1</b> Popcorn
<b>Break 2</b> Selection of fruit	<b>Break 2</b> Selection of fruit	<b>Break 2</b> Selection of fruit	<b>Break 2</b> Selection of fruit	<b>Break 2</b> Selection of fruit
<b>Snacks</b> Selection of vegetable snacks Raisins	<b>Snacks</b> Selection of vegetable snacks Raisins	<b>Snacks</b> Selection of vegetable snacks Raisins	<b>Snacks</b> Selection of vegetable snacks Raisins	

## Quest Contact details

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## Reporting pupil absence and lateness:

If your child is sick or will not be in school on time please ring reception on the above telephone number. You will also need to contact the taxi company to let them know.

## 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 rung.

Alternatively you can contact staff by e-mail. Some members of staff will have mobile telephones.