

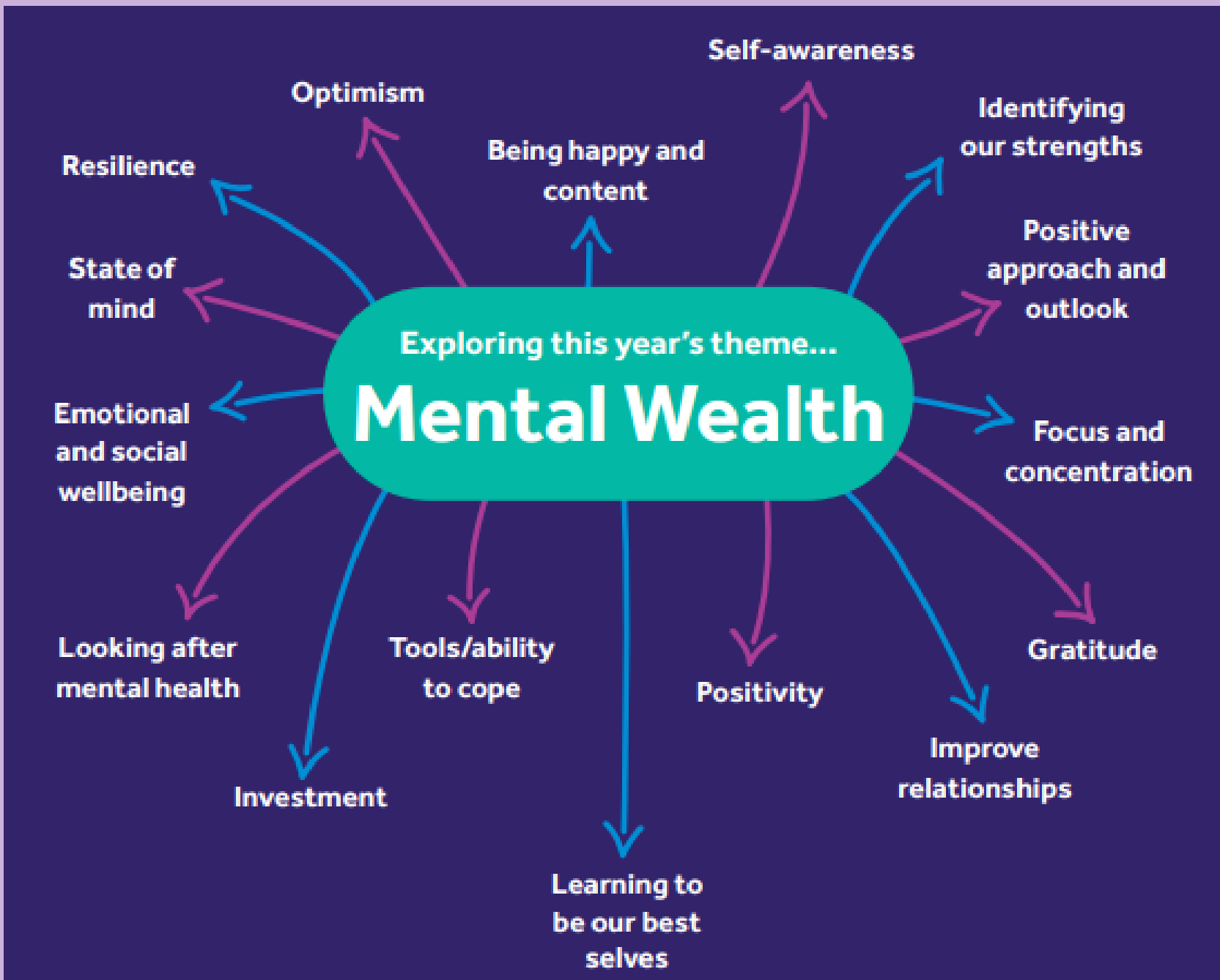
# Quest Theme Spring Challenge

MacIntyre Academies  
Quest Academy



National Creative Awards

This term we are again taking part in the Engage National Creative Awards.



The theme this year is 'Mental Wealth'

You can choose to do 4 different things to enter.

You can enter ALL 4 if you like or just 1.





## How long can poems or short stories be?

- Poems must fit on one side of A4 paper.
- Short stories should be no longer than 500 words long.
- If hand-written, the story or poem must be legible, or if typed the font size must be between 10pt and 12pt.
- Any entries that do not meet these specifications may not be accepted.

## Short Story Tips

- A story needs to have a beginning, a middle and an end. Is there a clear storyline? Does the story start and finish in a different place?
- Create original, exciting characters and ask yourself "What if my character did that?". This will help develop a great idea into a great story.
- Read your story out loud. Not only will this help with grammar and punctuation, but it will also help you work out how the words you've written will really sound to a reader.
- Don't be afraid to edit or re-write.





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## Poetry Tips

- What do you want your poem to do or achieve? For example, do you want to communicate how you're feeling, or maybe you want to describe an event?
- Use words to create images, senses and smells.
- See what other people see but use your creativity to look at it in a different way.
- Consider the theme and what it means to you, and then use your poem to express that view/opinion/response.





## What size can photographs be?

- For offline entries in the photography category, the maximum print size is A4.
- For online entries, the maximum file size is 500MB.
- Any entries that do not meet these specifications may not be accepted.

## Photography Tips

- Think about the shot first. What do you want it to capture or communicate?
- Think about how to frame the shot - whether it's filling the frame with your chosen image so no space is wasted, or drawing attention to something in particular by framing it within the picture.
- How can you use light (and shade) to make your photo better?
- Consider perspective, i.e. could you crouch or lie down to take the photo, or maybe elevate your position?



## What can I enter in the art category?

- The new art category is for creativity and self-expression that does not fall into one of the other categories. This may include painting or drawing.
- Entries in this category can either be posted to us or a photo taken and submitted.

## Art Tips



- What form of art do you want to use - painting? drawing? - and what materials do you need?
- Make sure your art reflects you: do what comes into your head or catches your imagination.
- Think about standing back from your work to give yourself a different perspective.

## How are the entries judged?

- Entries are split into Key Stage categories - KS1&2, KS3, KS4, Post-16 and Staff.
- Each creative category has its own judging panel who look for originality, adherence to the theme of 'Mental Wealth' and the use of photographic, poetic, short story writing or artistic techniques when scoring each entry.
- The scores are then collated to identify those in first, second and third place. For the last three years, we have also been able to recognise those placed fourth with a Special Recognition award.

**The closing date for entries is Friday 29th April 2022.**

## What are the prizes?

- All participants will receive a certificate.
- Short-listed winners in the student categories will receive a trophy and certificate and have their winning entry printed, framed and displayed before being sent to them to keep.



# Some of our Previous Winners

Since its launch in 2015, the National Creative Awards has received hundreds of entries and celebrated nearly 300 winners. Here are just a few of them...



'Hold Tight.' 2020 winner of the Special Recognition prize KS3.



'Billy.' 2019 2nd place winner KS3.



'Bouncing Back.' 2019 1st place winner KS3.



'Faces of Fun.' 2015 1st place winner KS1&2.



'Edge of the World.' 2017 Joint 2nd place winner KS1&2.



'To Love, Not Fight.' 2016 2nd place winner KS4.



'The Retired Shuttlecock.' 2021 1st place winner KS4.



'This Globe My World.' 2018 2nd place winner KS3.



'The Start of Life's Journey.' 2021 Joint 1st place winner KS3.

## The Journey of Coraline: My Row-Boat

It was the 1st of December 2002, I had just finished working on my newest creation 'Coraline'. She was a small row-boat with an oar and everything!

After building Coraline for almost 2 months, she was ready to set sail. However, I was not prepared for what was to come... Storm Z. I wish I had been more prepared. I set sail on the 1st of December at 17:00pm, everything was calm and quiet... at first.

Once on the sea, all seemed well. Until my compass broke in the middle of the ocean! I attempted to look for land to no avail. I was stuck with no compass. That is when Storm Z showed up. Just my luck! No compass, floating on an empty sea with clouds above my had ready to unleash. I started to give up all hope. That was until I saw a ship. As it got closer, I realised that it was a pirate ship. I had no choice but to ask for help or let myself get eaten by sharks. Thankfully, they spotted me and drifted right by me so I could get on.

These were nice pirates. They saved me and they offered me a job! Of course, I accepted!

2021 1st place winner KS3 short story.

## Life

*The Vibrant, beautiful coastline,  
The glittering, shimmering sea.  
The green fields.  
The majestic mountains.  
The earth is coming back to life.  
Pollution has stopped,  
The ozone layer is healing,  
The birds are singing in celebration.  
Animals are living their best life.  
I sit and appreciate our shared home,  
Our Planet,  
Earth.*

2020 2nd place winner KS3 poetry.

## Connections (during Coronavirus)

*Caring calls from teachers during Covid 19 home Ed.  
Online chat, shopping and working instead.  
Now more than ever families spending time together.  
Neighbours having conversations, that never happened before.  
Even Nan can FaceTime while she's sat behind her front door.  
Clapping to show our support to the NHS.  
Together we can beat this.  
In time we will meet again.  
One day soon we will return.  
Never forget this terrible plight.  
Stay safe! Keep talking! Goodnight!*

2020 3rd place winner KS4 poetry.