



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

OCTOBER 2024 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER



Learner Individual Photographs - Tuesday 22nd October



Half Term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November



Quote of
the week

*“The best way to predict the future
is to create it.”*

— A braham Lincoln

SAFE & RESPECTFUL CONDUCT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We kindly remind all parents and carers who drop off and collect their children to adhere to the 5mph speed limit when driving on school grounds. Please remain vigilant as staff, learners, and other parents/carers may be crossing the car park. We all share the responsibility to ensure the safety of everyone on the school site.

Additionally, please be mindful of the conversations you are having, especially with learners around, and ensure that appropriate language is used at all times while on school premises. We kindly ask for your cooperation, as access to the school site may be reviewed for those unable to follow these guidelines.

If you have any concerns regarding your own child, another child, or another parent/carer, please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your understanding and support in maintaining a safe and respectful environment.

We are successful because...

...the parents of one of our learners thanked the Quest Academy staff team for supporting him; they are very proud of his progress.

DID YOU KNOW...

On the 5th of November 1605 The Gunpowder Plotters stayed at the Red Lion Inn in Dunchurch, near Rugby, Warwickshire awaiting news of Guy Fawkes's attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament. If successful they planned to then kidnap and crown the King's daughter, Princess Elizabeth of Bohemia from nearby Coombe Abbey.

Henry Ferrers (1549 - 1633), the owner of Baddesley Clinton, also in Warwickshire, sold his London house to Thomas Percy, one of the conspirators in the Gunpowder Plot, who used it for Guy Fawkes to store the gunpowder.



WELLBEING AWARD IN SCHOOLS

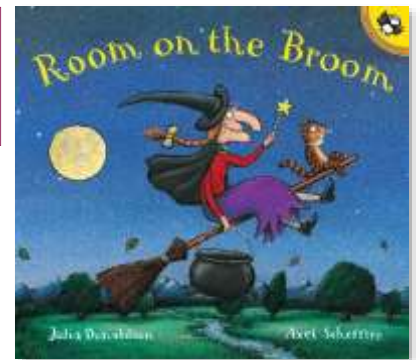
Quest is currently working to achieve the **Wellbeing Award in Schools**. In order to evaluate our current provision, we need your input. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better. Please follow the link below to complete the survey. It should only take a couple of minutes. All responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and used to plan a range of improvements. If you have any queries about this survey, please contact us.



[Click here](#) Or copy and paste the following

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/66ed95fada419>

Evaluation submissions are valid until 22/11/2024.



• **Room on the Broom**

Written by Julia Donaldson , Illustrated by Axel Scheffler

This fun family read-aloud is the perfect way to start Halloween celebrations and an ideal gift book. A sweet story of quick wits, friendship, and inclusivity from the creators of *The Gruffalo!*

The witch and her cat are happily flying through the sky on a broomstick when the wind picks up and blows away the witch's hat, then her bow, and then her wand! Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items, and all they want in return is a ride on the broom. But is there room on the broom for so many friends? And when disaster strikes, will they be able to save the witch from a hungry dragon?

• **Grace Ella: Spells for Beginners**

Written by Sharon Marie Jones

Spells for Beginners is the first children's book about witches in the fantastic Grace Ella series. Follow Grace Ella and her cat, Mr Whiskins, as they take their first steps into the witching world. Will Grace be able to use her newfound powers to defeat the school bully without revealing her magic to the whole school? Buy today to find out!

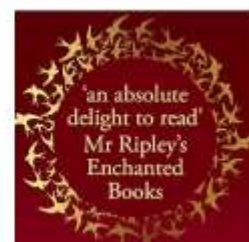
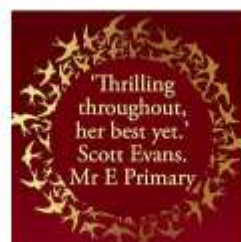
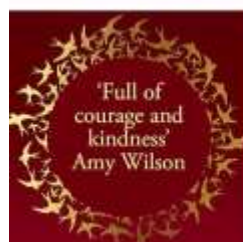
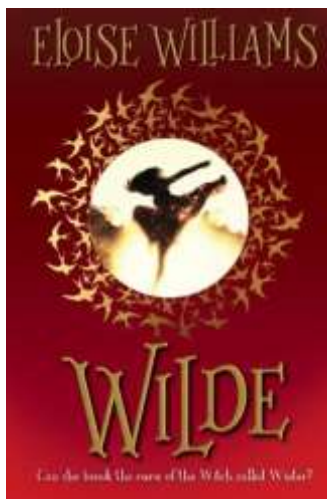


• **Wilde**

Written by Eloise Williams

Can she break the curse of the witch called Winter?

Being different can be dangerous. Wilde is afraid strange things happen around her. Are the birds following her? Moving to live with her aunt seems to make it worse. Wilde is desperate to fit in at her new school. But In a fierce heatwave, in rehearsals for a school play telling the local legend of a witch called Winter, 'The Witch' starts leaving pupils frightening curse letters. Can Wilde find out who's doing it before everyone blames her? Or will she always be the outsider?



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2024



On World Mental Health Day, **Thursday 10th October**, let's come together to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. Talking about our mental health can help us cope better with life's ups and downs. So, on WMHD and beyond it, why not check in with friends, family, peers, or colleagues?

The day is celebrated every year on 10 October. This year's theme set by the World Federation of Mental Health is **workplace mental health**, highlighting the importance of addressing mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, for the benefit of people, organisations, and communities.

Work can have a huge impact on our mental health. It can be good for our mental health, giving us a sense of purpose, boosting our

15%

of UK workers are estimated to have an existing mental health condition [1]

875,000

workers suffering from work-related stress, depression and anxiety in 2022/23 [2]

5th

most common reason for sickness absence in 2022 was mental health. [3]

self-worth, and providing opportunities to connect with others. But it can also be a source of stress and anxiety and contribute to developing or worsening mental health problems. Many people spend a lot of their time working, whether that's in the community, in an office, a workshop, at home, or many other workplaces.

Talking is good for your mental health. And talking *about* mental health is important. But starting a conversation

isn't always easy. Whether you'd like to talk to someone about how you're feeling, or check-in with someone you care about, here are some tips that can help.

Talking about your mental health

1. Choose someone you trust to talk to

This might be a friend, family member or a colleague. Or you might be more comfortable talking to someone you don't know, for example, through a support helpline. It can help to do a pros and cons list about talking to someone.

2. Think about the best place to talk

It's important to choose a place where you feel comfortable enough to open-up. You might want to choose somewhere private where you're less likely to be disturbed. You also might want to talk while you do an activity, like walking together.

3. Prepare yourself for their reaction

Hopefully, you will have a good experience when you open-up to someone. But there's a chance that they may not react in the way you hope. This may be for different reasons, like they may be worried or not fully understand at first. If that's the case, try to give them time to process what you've told them. It might help to give them information to read to help them understand. And don't forget to be kind to yourself and practise self-care.

Talking to someone about their mental health

1. Find a good space to talk without distractions

If you're worried about someone, try to find a place where you know you can have a conversation without being distracted. Make sure to give them your full attention. It might help to switch off your phone.

2. Listen and ask questions

Listening can be one of the most valuable ways to be there for someone. Show them that you're actively listening by facing them, making eye contact, and not interrupting. Questions can help you clarify what they mean and also show that you're actively listening. But make sure the questions are relevant to what they're saying, and not changing the subject.

3. Ask how you can help

Ask how you can help or make suggestions, rather than telling them what to do next. They might want support with making a GP appointment, help around the house, or just for you to keep things normal and chat about what's going on in your life.

ROSA PARKS CLASS

Learners prepared a script for the class, hoping for election to School Council.





IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

Year Group	Vaccines to be given	Date(s)
Years 7-11	Flu	16/10/2024
All Year 8	HPV	03/02/2025
All Year 9	Td/IPV & Men ACWY	15/05/2025



NATIONAL CAT DAY

Celebrated annually on **October 29th**, this delightful day falls provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and pamper our feline friend.

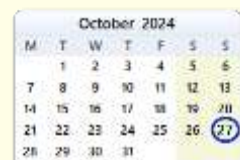
National Cat Day was created to raise awareness about the millions of cats in need of loving homes and to encourage cat adoption. It was founded in 2005 by Colleen Paige, an animal welfare advocate, to celebrate the bond between humans and cats and to promote their welfare. This day plays an essential role in promoting responsible cat ownership and advocating for the well-being of cats worldwide.



#NationalCatDay #CatsOfInstagram
 #AdoptDontShop #CatLovers #RescueCats
 #Purrfection #CatWelfare

WHEN DO THE CLOCKS CHANGE?

As much as many of us may welcome an extra hour in bed and savour the idea of cosy nights in, comfort food and candlelight, the clocks going back can be a bit of a shock if you get caught out!



Sunday 27th Oct 2024

The clocks change twice a year, once in March when they go forward an hour, and once on the last Sunday of October, when they go back an hour (fall back). We will gain that hour at 2am on **Sunday 27th October 2024**. And although our smartphone and laptops will update automatically, don't forget your analogue clocks and other digital clocks, like car and oven clocks, will need to be changed!



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Tuesday 22nd Oct 2024

On **Tuesday 22nd October** a photographer is coming to school to take learner photos.



I should try and look smart for the photo.

Looking smart could include:

- Brushing my hair
- Wearing clean clothes
- Wearing my blazer (if I have one)



The photographer might ask me to sit down on a background.



The photographer might ask me to smile for the photo.



The photographer might use bright lights and a flash. This helps to take a clear photo.



Taking a photo is quick and should only take a couple of minutes.



Having my photo taken by the school photographer is safe.



A sample photo will be sent home to my family to look at.

WINSTON CHURCHILL CLASS

CALLIGRAMS AND TYPOGRAPHY



Calligram: letters cleverly arranged into shapes to create an image that expresses the meaning of the letters or words. *Letters or words that create a visual image of themselves.*

Typography: visual aspect of the written word. Fonts can turn words into stories, they tell you what something is about, how it will make you feel, whether or not you'll like it before you even start watching a movie or reading a magazine.



PERSONALISED LEARNING:



Pretzel and
Glamour!

Fabulous art work
by Isabel S.



FIRE CADETS



Jamie B. and sister all dressed up in
their Fire Cadets uniform.

AUTUMN TERM REWARD TRIPS

Week 6 11.10.2024	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football (Off-Site)	Bowling (Upper Only)
			Gaming	
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	D&D	
Week 7 18.10.2024	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football (Off-Site)	Cinema (Lower Only)
			Gaming	
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	D&D	
Week 8 25.10.2024	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football (Off-Site)	Cinema (Upper Only)
			Gaming	
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	D&D	
			Forest Schools/ Cooking	

DIGITAL SAFETY AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

for parents and carers - virtual workshop

The virtual workshop aims to equip parents and carers with essential tools and knowledge, enabling them to better recognise the possible risks associated with keeping children and young people safe online. Additionally, the workshop highlights the many positive aspects and full potential of the digital world.

Participants will explore topics such as harmful content online, ensuring privacy and security, addressing cyberbullying, understanding gaming and live-streaming, online grooming, managing self-image and identity, staying informed about popular apps and social media, and promoting overall well-being within the home.

Learning outcomes:

- Recognise and respond to risks posed by online activity
- Confidently navigate discussions with young people about the online world
- Introduce boundary settings and other approaches to support young people online
- Share your own experiences and hear from others in similar situations
- Signpost where to get additional help and support

Upcoming virtual workshop dates:

- **Wednesday 23rd October 2024** | 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm

How to apply: Parents/ carers can contact pro-grammes@kidscape.org.uk to secure their place or for further information.



UNIFORM SUPPLIER

You can order uniform directly from
Webb Ellis in Rugby.

Online: <http://www.webb-ellis.co.uk/schools/>

Telephone: 01788 567777

Email: sales@webb-ellis.co.uk

Address: Webb Ellis Ltd,
5&6 St.
Matthew's
Street,
Rugby,
CV21 3BY



Learners do not need to bring in their own balls, we have them available. If they do, they will have to be handed in on arrival like tech.

PASTRY SPOOKS

Ingredients

2 Jus-Rol Gluten Free Puff Pastry
170g pumpkin puree
50g light brown sugar
1 large egg
1 tbsp maple syrup
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp pumpkin spice
1 egg for egg wash

Equipment required

Pastry brush
Knife
Baking tray
Pumpkin shaped cookie cutter
Wire cooling rack

Method

Step 1 - Preheat the oven to 180c (fan oven)

Step 2 - Unroll the pastry and use the pumpkin cutter to cut out your pumpkin shape. Using half of the pumpkin shapes, carefully cut out a spooky face or gently score them.

Step 3 - Mix all the ingredients together well to create a smooth filling. Add a tablespoon of the pumpkin filling to the middle of the pumpkin shaped pastry. Add one of the cut out spooky pumpkin faces on top and press the edges together with a fork.

Step 4 - Add your spooky pumpkins onto a lined baking tray and gently brush them with your egg wash.

Step 5 - Bake for 15—20 minutes until the pastry is golden brown and well risen.

Step 6 - Remove them from the oven and transfer them onto a wire rack.



WORLD SMILE DAY

Friday 4th October 2024, bring smiles to the faces of others through acts of kindness, community work, and of course offering your own lovely smile to brighten anyone's day.

Sometimes all it takes to make the day better is a smile, whether it's one someone gives to you, or one you share with another. Little acts of kindness can bring a shining smile to someone who has otherwise had a terrible day, and it can change everything that follows.

Whether it's just a simple compliment, a cheery hello, or a gift of something small to help brighten their day, World Smile Day encourages you to take action to bring a few more smiles into the world.

EDUCATERERS MENU: SEPT 2024 - APRIL 2025

Weekly Menu

Week one
Warwickshire: 169, 218, 1811, 312, 13123, 32, 33, 242

Week two
Warwickshire: 23, 238, 1418, 411, 2511, 1612, 20123, 182, 182, 310

Week three
Warwickshire: 93, 309, 2116, 1111, 312, 6123, 271, 282, 172, 318

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...
Fish Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice (G, E)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) Lemon Sherbet (G)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) Chicken and Country Vegetable Pie with Potato Wedges (G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Chocolate Chai (G)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST
British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D, E, G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Syrus Sponge with Custard (G, E, S, B)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
Chicken Fillet Wrap and Sweetcorn Salads with Diced Potatoes (G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Toffee Apple Donut (G, D, E, S, B)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... FRIDAY STEAK
(m) Beefed Fish Fillet (G, F) with Chopped Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...
(vg) Jelly with Fruit

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...
British Pork Sausages with Gravy & Mashed Potatoes (G, S, U)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Cheesecake and Potato Pie served with Vegetables of the Day (D, E)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) British Beet Bolognese with Garlic Bread (G, E, S, U)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY BOAT
British Roast Chicken Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy (G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Apple and Pear Crumble with Custard (G, D)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) Italian Chicken Pasta (chicken and pasta in a tomato sauce) with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (D)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Up Beat Chocolate Cake (G, E, S, B)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... FRIDAY FISH
(m) Salmon Fish Cake with Chopped Potatoes (G, F)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Ginger Cookie (G)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...
Southern Style Chicken Slips in a Wrap with Potato Wedges (G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Cheesecake and Baked Bean Patty with Potato Wedges (G, D)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
Beef Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Crispy Crispy Potatoes (G, S, E, C)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Strawberry Tomato Pasta Bake with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (D, G)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST
British Roast Pork Loin, Apple Sauce and Gravy

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Apple and Cinnamon Charlotte with Custard (G, S, U, D)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) Mint and Creamy Chicken Korma with Wholegrain Rice (D)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Apple and Cinnamon Charlotte with Custard (G, S, U, D)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... FRIDAY FISH
(m) Fish Fillet Fingers (G, F) with Chopped Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...
(vg) (h) Apple and Cinnamon Charlotte with Custard (G, S, U, D)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F, E) or (v) Baked Beans

ALLERGENS
Please contact your school canteen for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) please apply via the online application form using this link www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Eligibility for benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

Families who receive the following are eligible for FSM

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

For learners currently on our FSM list you do not need to reapply. Any new learners joining Quest, will need to let Warwickshire Council know you have transferred.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 2nd September 2024
Start	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
End	Friday 25th October 2024
Half Term	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024
Start	Monday 4th November 2024
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 29th November 2024
Term End	Friday 20th December 2024
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025

SPRING TERM 2025

INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 6th January 2025
Start	Tuesday 7th January 2025
End	Friday 14th February 2025
Half Term	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025
Start	Monday 24th February 2025
Trust INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 14th March 2025
Term End	Friday 11th April 2025
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 28th April 2025
Start	Tuesday 29th April 2025
Bank Holiday (no learners on site)	Monday 5th May 2025
End	Friday 23rd May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025
Start	Monday 2nd June 2025
Term End	Friday 18th July 2025
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 21st July 2025

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- B/H
- H/T - Holidays
- INSET



Attendance: At Quest Academy, we seek to ensure that all our learners receive a full time education which maximizes opportunities for each learner to reach his or her true potential: we feel that good attendance (95% or above) and good punctuality too are a vital part of this and we want all learners to strive towards this.

Government statistics have proven that children with poor attendance are 47% less likely to meet their potential examination results compared to learners with good attendance.

We have a desire to strive towards 100% attendance for all of our learners and expect all parents/ carers to actively support us in ensuring that their children are in school, safe, at all times. We also aim to hold all parents / carers that give low priority to good school attendance accountable.

Lateness: Pupils must attend registration on time to be given a present mark. Registration starts at 8.50am until 9am. Arrival after the start of morning registration will be given an 'L' code. After 9.30am a 'U' code (unauthorised absence) will be given.

Quest Contact Details:

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Anderson Avenue
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV22 5PE

E: quest.office@macintyreacademies.org

T: 01788 593 112



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 email the member of staff to let them know that you have called.

Reporting pupil absence and lateness: 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. 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.

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.

Please note that limited personal data is used and stored as per the MAT Retention Policy.

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