



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

A reflection for Holy Week

Let us find time to be still this weekend, as we prepare to follow Jesus on his Holy Week journey to the cross. As we cheer on Palm Sunday, as we are sad on Good Friday, and as we celebrate Easter on Sunday, let us be pilgrims on this journey together.

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Karlie	
Reception	Henry	Caiden
Year One	Henry	
Year Two	Amelia	Rory
Year Three	Daniel	Zach
Year Four	Sebastian	Annie
Year Five	Lewis	Payton
Year Six	Lucas	Daniel

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

LOSTOCK

WINNING HOUSE THIS TERM

YARROW

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'I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.'

Phil 4:13

Reception

People who help us

Reception Class have had visits from a Radiographer and a GP this week. This has been part of their learning about the people in our community who help us. There were so many super questions and answers from the children and they've found out a lot of new information.

Thank you to our parent volunteers for supporting the children's learning.



Persian New Year Celebrations

Thank you so much to Sara, Sansa's Mum, who visited Reception class to tell us all about the Persian New Year Celebrations, Nowruz, which is the festival that marks the start of spring.

The children have created their own Nowruz Mubarak (Happy New Year) cards, listened and danced to some lovely Persian music and even had a chocolate treat! It's been so lovely to find out about this special celebration that is important to Sansa and her family. Thank you for giving your time to share with us.



Little Explorers

Little Explorers had a lovely time visiting the library on Wednesday.

They enjoyed listening to a story, making their own jellyfish and choosing some books to read back at school.



Year 5

On Monday, Year 5 went to Liverpool! They visited the Cathedral, the waterfront and Albert Dock. As true Geographers, they investigated these different places by completing sketches and land use surveys on their clipboards.

Their behaviour was excellent and they asked lots of interesting questions - well done Year 5!



PTFA -Dates For Your Diaries

Please come along to our PTFA meeting at 3.15pm on Tuesday 26th March, here at school. Everyone welcome!



Pre-loved uniform sale



During parents' evening on Monday 25th March our pre-loved uniform will be on sale. We will have an honesty box for payments so please try to have change.
Thank you!

save money - help the environment - raise funds for school



RAINBOW SPRINKLE DONUTS

Will be for sale on Thursday 28th March at 2.00pm in the playground.
£1 each



PLEASE NOTE THESE DONUTS CONTAIN ALLERGENS INCLUDING WHEAT, SOYA, DAIRY.
Prepared in open kitchen so cannot guarantee suitability for people with allergies

Parents' Evening

Please remember—Parents' Evening on the **25th March** from 2.00pm.



Please remember we break up for the **Easter holidays at 2.00pm on Thursday 28th March!**

There is no Ace Club on this day.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 25th March	1.30pm	No Y4 Swimming due to Parents' Evening
Monday 25th March	2.00pm	Parents' Evening
Monday 25th March	2.00pm	PTFA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Tuesday 26th March	9.10am	Open the Book
Tuesday 26th March	3.15pm	PTFA Meeting
Thursday 28th March	2.00pm	PTFA Donut Sale
Thursday 28th March	2.00pm	School Closes for Easter

Letters Home

Whole School—Easter at St Marys

Whole School—Fun Run for Leukaemia

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Brilliant Book Awards	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Frisbee Games EYFS & KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Tuesday	Y5/6 HI5 Netball Club	3.20-4.15pm
Tuesday	KS2 Coding Club	3.20-4.15 pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club—All years	8.00-8.50am
Wednesday	KS2 Choir	3.20-4.15 pm
Thursday	Ultimate Frisbee KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TEKKEN 8

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
16

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Thirty years after its debut on the original PlayStation, the Tekken franchise is back with its eighth mainstream instalment. A one-on-one fighting game series in the same vein as Street Fighter and Mortal Kombat, Tekken 8 can be commended for its relative lack of in-game purchases – but there's still plenty to consider in keeping young players safe from potential hazards.

FUTURE SPENDING?

Tekken 8 carries a PEGI 16 rating, with the assessors noting its violence, occasional profanity and in-game purchase options. The latter issue, however, is a little different to what you may expect from a modern game: unlike many high-profile releases, Tekken 8's content is all accessible without spending any extra money. The exceptions are new characters, which will become available to purchase separately in the future.

COPYCAT RISK

With characters flying across the screen using a mixture of authentic and fantastical fighting styles, younger children and impressionable teens may find themselves tempted to copy their favourite characters or act out their epic fights in real life. This could simply amount to harmless fun – but could also easily lead to accidents, injury and distress if young gamers start actually landing blows.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

As a fighting game, Tekken 8's gameplay is heavily based on punching, kicking and throwing opponents around – while some characters' attacks occasionally involve weapons. Most of the violence is comparatively cartoonish in its execution and lacking in gore, but the fact remains that the action still revolves entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on an opponent.

FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, 'The Dark Awakens', focuses on two of the series' most important characters – Kazuya and Jin, a father and son who have been warring for years. The sight of two family members physically fighting each other may be hard to understand (and difficult to deal with) for some children – causing confusion and concern over why relatives would want to hurt one another.

RANKED ONLINE PLAY

Tekken 8 features an array of online modes – most notably its 'Ranked' section, where players battle to reach the top spot of a worldwide leaderboard. Many players will dedicate significant amounts of time to practising and – while the challenge can be fun – some of these matches can get extremely competitive. Children could become obsessed with climbing the rankings and dedicate an unhealthy amount of time to the game or grow angry if they wind up on a losing streak.

ONLINE CONTACT

Tekken 8 doesn't offer voice chat by default, but a player's platform ID is visible (such as their PlayStation Network ID, Steam account or Xbox gamertag). Rival players can, therefore, reach out via messages if they wish. Given the game's fiercely competitive nature, these communications can potentially put children at risk of online abuse if their opponent is a particularly sore loser.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TRY IT OUT YOURSELF

As with many popular games, we'd recommend checking it out for yourself in advance if you have any concerns. In the case of Tekken 8, there's a free demo version available (for all platforms) which lets you experience fights with a handful of the characters: a useful way of establishing first-hand whether some children might find the game's violence to be too intense.

EXERCISE YOUR JUDGEMENT

While Tekken 8 features a sort of 'spray' impact effect when attacks land, it's not the kind of game that most observers would describe as gory (unlike, for instance, the Mortal Kombat franchise). Of course, any fighting game worthy of the name will include a significant degree of violence – but the level at which the battles in Tekken are pitched may not be an issue for some children.

MARTIAL ARTS MOTIVATION?

With characters utilising real-world fighting styles such as jiu-jitsu, boxing and kickboxing, Tekken could represent an opportunity to channel a child's fondness for the game into a beneficial interest in real-world martial arts. Classes can help to build young people's confidence and physical fitness, as well as providing avenues for making new friends.

CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

If a child plays Tekken online with anyone apart from their friends, then parents and carers could consider restricting communications – such as shutting off the facility to be messaged by other players (although the child's profile name will still be displayed) – to reduce the chance of contact from strangers. This can be done via the console's account settings or through the child's Steam account (if playing on PC).

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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