



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



READING BREAKFASTS

Thank you to all of our parents who came to this week's reading breakfast. Again, it was great to see parents in school, especially in the classroom, celebrating reading.

A quick reminder that our final reading breakfast is on Monday for Class 6.

CHOCOLATE DONATIONS

Another big thank you for all of your donations of Easter eggs and chocolate for our Easter bingo events on Thursday. They will help make some great prizes.

Letters have gone out with more information about the purchasing of bingo tickets, our easter colouring competition and other Easter raffles.

Also, in the run-up to Easter, the children will take part in many activities to celebrate the Easter story. Look out for our posts on social media.

As always, thank you for your continued support!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Betty R

Class 2 - Ava K

Class 3 - Daniel O

Class 4 - Arianna D

Class 5 - Freddie B

Class 6 - Elisabeth C

Class 7 - Anna D

Class 8 - Hasnain AC

Class 9 - Atlanta C

Class 10 - Luke B

Class 11 - Loveth I

GOLD SCROLL

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| Emmie T |
| Leila W |
| Farrell S |
| Sienna-Rose T |
| Ebony H |
| Hasnain AC |
| Hope C |
| Eva-Rose S |
| Isla W |
| Henry W |
| Charlie H |
| Daniel O |

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is **Forgiveness.**

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

ATTENDANCE

YEAR 3 & 4 DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Check out our dodgeball team!!!

This week, some of our year 3s and 4s took part in a dodgeball competition against other schools across Farnworth. They all tried hard and enjoyed themselves. As usual, they were a credit to the school with their behaviour and determination. Well done!



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

OUR TARGET IS 96%

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| Whole School | 94.1% |
| Class 1 | 98.8% |
| Class 2 | 94.4% |
| Class 3 | 94.6% |
| Class 4 | 92.3% |
| Class 5 | 96.9% |
| Class 6 | 93.7% |
| Class 7 | 95.3% |
| Class 8 | 88.6% |
| Class 9 | 96.5% |
| Class 10 | 89.3% |
| Class 11 | 96.8% |

Green: 100% - 95%

Yellow: 94.9% - 90%

Red: Below 90%

THINGS COMING UP

- Thursday 28th March - Easter Bingo in classes.
- Thursday 28th March - School closes for Easter.
- Monday 15th April - School Re-opens for the summer term.



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TEKKEN 8



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.





Fun in Nature



Seed Bombs



Bug Hunt (Ashton Fields)



S'mores



Hot Chocolate



Wednesday 10th April



12 noon - 3 PM

New Bury UCAN

Children must be accompanied by an adult

For further information call Alun Morris

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at Home

