

# East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

08/03/2024

Menu No. 1



## What we have been up to this week:

Last week ended with a fun learning activity for Class 7. Mrs Wailes arranged for them to have a special cookery lesson. The children learnt to prepare and chop vegetables to make paella. They all concentrated hard and worked together and were very proud of themselves at the end of it. Mrs Wailes is keen to develop this opportunity and to extend it across school—so watch this space!

This week has been a whirl of activity with lots of hard work being done at home to make sure the school looks amazing for World Book Day. Thank you to everyone who helped their children to decorate a wooden spoon as a character from a book. The children have loved looking at them all and guessing what book they come from.

The staff, too did their bit by all decorating a classroom window to create our book treasure hunt. The children have all been very enthusiastic about taking parents around to look at all the windows to try and guess what the book is. Hopefully they've posted their answers in the box ready for the prize draw.

It has been so much fun and good to be able to express our love of reading and books and to see which ones are clear favourites amongst the children. A special mention to Miss Hawley and Mrs Mullen who organised it all for us this year. We appreciate all your great ideas and hard work.

Year 6 have had an extremely busy week as they went on their trip to the Ripon museums where they learnt lots about crime in the past through lots of first hand experiences. Then, on Friday they all went to watch the Woodkirk Performance which this year is Fame. What a fantastic end to their week.

We have also been running our PTFA Mothers Day Gift Shop across school this week. The children have had the opportunity to choose a gift for someone special to give to on Mothers Day this Sunday. It is so lovely to see how much thought and effort they put into choosing the 'perfect gift'. If you are one of the lucky recipients this Sunday, I am sure you will appreciate it.

On Monday we have a Review Day in school with Mrs Barton (CEO of Leodis Academies Trust) and Andy Taylor (an educational consultant). They are going to have a look at all the work we do and help us to recognise all our strengths and to identify any areas we need to work on. They will be in the playground before school so please do speak to them if you see them. We will let you know how we get on so that you are able to celebrate our successes and help us with our areas for development.

**Ms Talbot**  
**Enjoy, Aspire, Persist, Achieve**

## Dates for your Diary:

11.3.24	Review Day
11.3.24	Assessment Week
12.3.24	Year 1 Trip
12.3.24	PTFA Meeting 6pm
14.3.24	Year 1 Trip
18.3.24	Assessment Week
18.3.24	Rock Steady Concert
19.3.24	Year 2 Celebration Assembly
21.3.24	Parents Evening
26.3.24	Year 4 and 5 Concert
26.3.24	Parents Evening
27.3.24	Year 4 and 5 Concert
27.3.24	Forest School tree planting
28.3.24	Year 4 and 5 Concert
28.3.24	School closes
15.4.24	School opens
17.4.24	Class Photographs
18.4.24	Year 4 Skipping School
19.4.24	Coffee Morning
23.4.24	Reception Trip
26.4.24	Coffee Morning
30.4.24	Reception Trip
3.5.24	Coffee Morning
7.5.24	Governors
8.5.24	Year 4 Sleepover
15.5.24	Year 4 Trip
14.6.24	Coffee Morning
21.5.24	Year 3 Celebration Assembly
3.6.24	Year 4 Times Table Checks
4.6.24	Year 5 Celebration Assembly
5.6.24	Year 2 Trip
7.6.24	Year 3 Mr Egypt
10.6.24	Assessment Week
17.6.24	Assessment Week
28.6.24	Coffee Morning
1.7.24	Rock Steady Concert
4.7.24	Year 6 Transition Day at Woodkirk

# Parents Evening:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March- **Virtual** Sessions only

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March- **In person** sessions only- Held in the school hall.

Parents evening will commence on both dates from 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm for Reception to Year 6 children. Appointments are timed and will last for 10 minutes.

The system opens on Monday 4th March to be able to book your appointment. Your log in details are your 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> emergency contact details we hold on your child's record.

Due to limited availability only 1 appointment can be booked per child, and you will not be able book onto both dates.

Parents of children with SEND have separate, termly meetings and do not need to attend Parents Evening.

Please visit <https://eastardsley.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment.

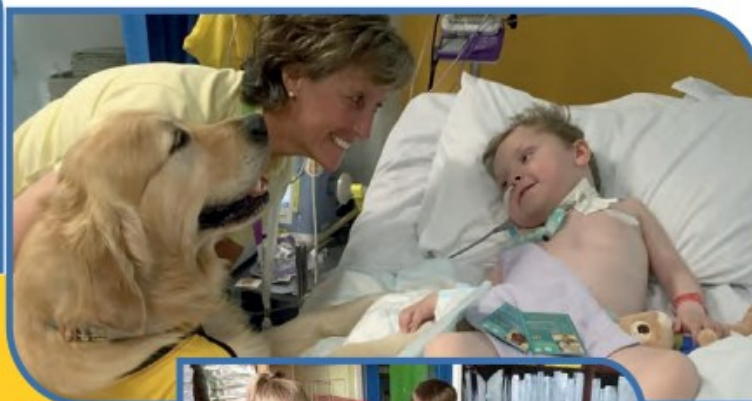
Please visit the below link to access support for the virtual appointments.

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

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## FUTURE SPENDING?

## COPYCAT RISK

## VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

## FAMILY CONFLICT

## RANKED ONLINE PLAY

## 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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