

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Respect

March 7th 2024

Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have our weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation. This week, our **whole school attendance was 97.4%** which is great!

Well done to Willow class this week for getting 100% attendance!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m. ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	95.6%
Chestnut	97.6%
Beech	97.1%
Sycamore	96%
Willow	100%

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day at school tomorrow. Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

If there are any photos or book cover designs that still need to be sent in, please send them to the class teacher or email to admin. We've had lots of entries already so well done to those who have entered so far!

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow in your costumes!



Easter raffle tickets

Easter raffle tickets will go on sale from Monday 11th March. If you would like to purchase a ticket they are being sold for £1. Please send your child in to school with the correct money for the amount of tickets you require, in a named envelope.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 22nd March.

We have some amazing prizes up for grabs as you can see below, plus lots and lots of smaller prizes as well!



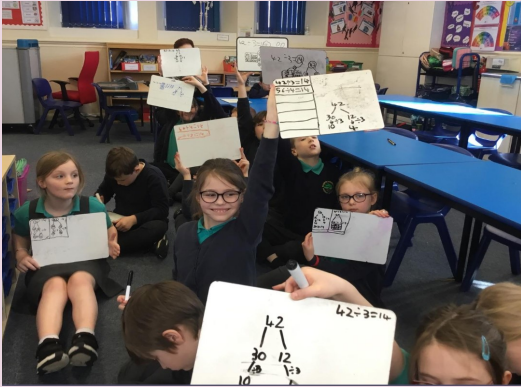
A polite request

Could we ask that if your child has a cold, you send them in with some tissues where possible that they could keep in their bags/drawers. We do have a small supply of tissues in each classroom but it is handy for them to have their own tissues readily available that they can also take out to breaktimes/lunches.

Thank you.

Year 3 Class Focus -

This week in maths we have been dividing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers using flexible partitioning.



In Science, we have been looking at parts of the flower.

Free School Meal support during the Easter 2024 and May 2024 holidays from Gloucestershire County Council

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the Easter 2024 AND May 2024 half-term holidays are open from 12pm 27 February until 12pm on 12 March. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 18 March. For more information please click the link above to the bulletin board.

Summer term menu

Please see below the menu for when we return after Easter. A copy is also available on our website under the parents section.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
GCC Central Spring Summer 2024					
WEEK ONE					
08/04/2024	Option One	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Minced Beef & Onion Pie with New Potatoes	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
29/04/2024	Option Two	Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
20/05/2024	Option Three	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
17/06/2024	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
08/07/2024	Dessert	Vanilla Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	NEW Syrup Snap Biscuit
23/08/2024					
14/10/2024					
WEEK TWO					
15/04/2024	Option One	Summer Vegetable Risotto	Pork Sausage in a Bun With Potato Wedges	Chef's Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
06/05/2024	Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with New Potatoes	Mexican Five Bean rice	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegan Sausages with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
03/06/2024	Option Three	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
24/06/2024	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
15/07/2024	Dessert	Ice Cream	Marble Sponge with Custard	Peach Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread
09/09/2024					
30/09/2024					
21/10/2024					
WEEK THREE					
22/04/2024	Option One	NEW Vegetable Fajitas with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Fish fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
13/05/2024	Option Two	BBQ Quorn with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
10/06/2024	Option Three	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
01/07/2024	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
22/07/2024	Dessert	Ice Cream	Pear & Chocolate Upside Down Cake with Custard	Apple Flapjack	Fruity Shortbread
16/09/2024					
07/10/2024					
MENU KEY					
	Added Plant Power	Vegan	Chef's Special		
	Wholemeal				
Available Daily - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection					

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information in the to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TEKKEN 8

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
16

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.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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 @GRecon, 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.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Diary Dates

MARCH

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| Thursday 7th March | - Year 4 Gymnastics |
| | - Follow my lead (biking) for Oak/Beech class |
| Friday 8th March | - World Book Day (Dress up) |
| Monday 11th March | - Science week starts |
| Thursday 14th March | - Year 4 Gymnastics |
| | - School disco (R, Y1, Y2 & Y3 5pm-6pm
Y4, Y5 & Y6 6:15pm-7:15pm) |
| | - Follow my lead (biking) for Oak/Beech class |
| Friday 15th March | - Red Nose Day (Wear a red item of clothing,
suggested donation of 50p) |
| | - Red Nose Day Cake Sale - Donations on the day |
| | - Rags2riches collection |
| Tuesday 19th March | - Swimming - Years 3 & 4 |
| Wednesday 20th March | - Parents' evening |
| Thursday 21st March | - Parents' evening |
| | - Year 4 Gymnastics |
| | - Follow my lead (biking) for Oak/Beech class |