



Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had a very busy couple of weeks back at school.

This week has been a very exciting time for the children; we have had World Book Day, a Primary Phase Archery Competition and of course Ofsted!

On Tuesday morning the Primary Phase had an amazing opportunity to compete in a Virtual Archery Competition led by Premier Sports and Sadie. The competition involved the children having lots of chances to score the highest possible number! To find out all about go to Sadie's write up.

Tuesday also involved a visit from Ofsted and we couldn't be any more proud of the children and staff.

World Book Day at Warren was a massive success! The children and staff impressed with their amazing costumes and comfy wear! The children had the chance to go to the library and choose a book to keep.

The World Book Day celebrations continued on Friday afternoon with a Celebration of the Story Boxes which each class created and were awarded certificates.

Hope you all have a great weekend!

Christian Stent
HLTA Sports and ODL Specialist

Dear Parents/Carers

Please see link attached for parent support from Norfolk Steps practitioners, Norfolk Steps promotes positive behaviour through a therapeutic approach as outlined in our positive handling policy (which is currently under review).

It is 'The process of taking necessary steps to ensure that every young person is given an equality of opportunity to develop socially, to learn and to enjoy community life.'

<https://padlet.com/EIPTraining/norfolk-steps-family-e-session-videos-t887l47mu50guj2e>

Kind regards

Gemma Arlow
Safeguarding Coordinator and Attendance Officer

Meet the Team Marion Chapman: - Class 5 Teacher

Hi, my name is Marion Chapman. I recently took over Class 5 from the lovely Georgina, who is on Maternity Leave at present. I'm enjoying getting to know the children and seeing their developing their general interaction with peers and adults. I would like to thank my team, Ana, Tess, Jake, Debbie and Gemma for their lovely welcome and continued support.

I feel privileged to have taught for many years, both in Primary and Secondary. I completed a Post Graduate Certificate in English and Special Educational Needs, as my motivation for entering the profession was to work with children/young people with Special Educational Needs and their families, helping to provide the education that they deserve. I look forward to the next chapter in my career, at Warren School.



Meet the Team Kayte Foster: - Class 9 Teacher

Hello, my name is Kayte and I'm the lead in class 9.

I have worked for Consortium Trust ever since I relocated from Barnsley three years ago and have loved every second.

I am passionate about supporting pupils to become independent learners and helping them to thrive in all areas. I feel that all children deserve the right to a high-quality education and feel supported throughout their learning journey.

My time so far at The Warren has been a fantastic experience and I look forward to continuing working with the children.



Class 3

In Class 3 we have started our new topic- How was it made?
We have enjoyed learning about materials and this week we made boats. We tested to see if they float or sink.

In Maths we have been learning about 2D shapes.
We have been reading the book 'Yucky Worms' and we made some worms. We have enjoyed exploring worm themed sensory trays.

In life and living skills we have made a fruit pot and a fruit salad.

In PE this week got to take part in an archery lesson.



Class 4

Class 4 have had a busy couple of weeks engaging in lots of new and exciting learning experiences.

Since returning from half term, we started our new topic 'How things are made' where we have been exploring making colours, chocolate and using recycled materials to make new things.

In literacy with have been exploring the story 'Yucky worms' through phonics, art, and sensory exploration. We particularly enjoyed painting with sticky spaghetti.

This week we had lots of fun taking part in an archery competition with our peers.



Archery Morning

On Tuesday we had Premier Education visit our primary students for a morning of Virtual Archery in a competition against another SEND School.

All classes had a 20-minute session with practice goes and a competition shot. Everybody had so much fun and learnt about the basics of archery and target practice which is great because that is what we are focusing on in PE this half term.

Staff from Premier Education commented on how well our students behaved and how great their shots were.

We were the first school to have their session in the competition so we will have to wait for the scores to come out but I'm very hopeful as some of the scores were brilliant!

I will, of course, let you all know when I get the results.

Sadie Hills
HLTA Sports & ODL



Post 16 Library Visit

Pupils from post 16 recently visited Lowestoft Library, where we got to look at all different areas. We looked at how welcoming the library is and how you could read, work on a computer, have a quiet space, play chess, or do jigsaws.

We also looked at the basement where archived books are kept, the children's reading area and discussed volunteering opportunities. They also told us they run a SEND session on a Saturday, see below for further details.



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Friends of S.E.N.D

Lowestoft Library

Every Saturday 9:00 - 10:00

Browsing - Sensory Play - Chat
Exclusive to S.E.N.D Families



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The theme of 'Are you sitting comfortably?' was a roaring success and staff, children and young adults all enjoyed wearing their comfy clothes. Throughout the morning each pupil either chose a book or took their token home to take to a book shop. Class 12 had lots of fun helping everyone exchange their token for a book.



There were lots of fun activities happening all over the school from taking part in a draw along, being part of a sensory story online alongside other schools. There were two competitions to take part in over the day, the first was a book in a box where each class had to choose their favourite book and create the story inside a box. Many classes got creative with their boxes and Class 4 won new books to put on their classes bookshelf and explore.



The second competition was to design a book mark Each class has one winner which received a certificate in our special celebration assembly on Friday. Well done to all the winners!

In the afternoon pupils from 6th Form and Secondary visited younger classes, they carefully chose books they knew the younger pupils would like and had lots of fun sharing these books with them. It was lovely to see how engaged the children were when listening to a peer read to them.



We also had a visitor in the afternoon; Jo Perry from Waterstones brought along some books to share and many pupils enjoyed visiting the library to listen to stories read by Jo.

A big thank you from all of us at Warren goes out to Jo for reading to us, donating the World Book Day books, and donating some books for the library.

Everyone had an amazing time and I look forward to the next special day.

Emma Peach
English Lead



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 will revolve entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on an opponent.

FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, 'The Dark Awaken', 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 fervour 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 iDn and TechRadar.



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Dates for your diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who</u>
Wednesday 13 th March 5:00pm-6:00pm	Prospective Parent/Carer Tour	Prospective Parents
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day (Non-School Uniform)	Whole School
Monday 18 th March	Silly Science Workshop	Whole School
Thursday 21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day (Odd socks)	Whole School
Tuesday 26 th March	Purple Day for Epilepsy (Wear Purple)	Whole School
Tuesday 26 th March 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parent & Teacher Evening	Parents
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Term	Whole School
Saturday 13 th April 7:00pm	Warren Association Quiz Night	Public Everyone Welcome
Monday 15 th April	Return to School	Whole School
Monday 22 nd April	Prospective Parent/Carer Tour	Prospective Parents
Wednesday 24 th April	Warren Association 40 th Year Celebration (80's day)	Whole School
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday School Not Open	Whole School