



Queen's Park Post

8th March 2024

... keeping school and parents in touch

Our value this half-term is

Forgiveness

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luke 6:37

Dear Parents,

We have had such a wonderful week in school. It has been all about books and illustrators this week. We have had a full week of exciting activities including specialist workshops with real illustrators to inspire our children, illustration stations as well as our 'dress up' day which we love every year. Thank you for the effort you have put into your child's costumes –they all looked incredible.

Parental Engagement Dates for next term.

Thank you to year three parents for coming in to see our Crown curriculum in action. Dates for the next sessions are below

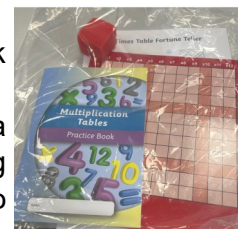
- **Wednesday 13th March—EYFS**
- **Wednesday 20th March—Year 2**
- **Wednesday 27th March—Year 1**

Y6 Parents' Evening

Thank you to our Y6 parents who came along on Wednesday to hear all about your child's progress. As you will be aware, Y6 have National tests in May and the Y6 staff have put a very comprehensive revision timetable in place including lots of sessions before and after school. It is really important that your child attends these sessions to ensure they are fully prepared in May.

Y4 Multiplication Check

Our Y4 parents were given a real flavour on Wednesday of the multiplication check Y4 have to complete in June. I know you will all agree that it is a challenge to answer the questions within the time frame. Just like Y6, we are doing lots of extra things in school to support the children. You can really help at home by ensuring they access TTRS or Maths Frame as regularly as possible. Homework packs to support are available at the office for £2, payment can be made via Parent Pay.



Uniform

We are seeing more and more children coming to school without the correct uniform, especially trainers and without ties. We have so much spare uniform. Please come into the office and help yourself. We have a selection of pre-loved shoes and ties.

Ethos and Distinctiveness Governors

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of working with our Governors and our school council to monitor the impact of our new school vision. Our Governors and I were quite literally blown away with the examples the children were sharing. I was so proud! The children were so confident and articulate and really did demonstrate that everything really is possible.

We are illustrators

Our book week, including World Book Day, has a focus on how illustrations are very important when writing a book. The children worked with two published illustrators to inspire their artwork. We will be holding an Art Gallery in the school hall next week. You will be able to see your child's art work displayed on Friday 15th March. Times for different year groups below. You will be able to purchase your child's work for £2. Illustration packs will also be for sale

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 9:00am - 9:30am
- Year 3 and Year 4 2:30pm - 3:00pm
- Year 5 and Year 6 3:00pm - 3:30pm

Qu'il est bon, qu'il est doux pour des frères de vivre ensemble et d'être unis

How good and how pleasant for us to live together in unity Psalm 133

Reading Plus Level Awards— Ruby B(Y5) Kamila B, Eva B, Gorgie-Lea K (Y6)

Dojo Winners



QR	Alex R	PR	Liam C
Q1	Eliza-Mae H	P1	Thea P
Q2	Phoebe C	P2	Amina S
Q3	Portia W	P3	Kiki A
Q4	Tyvon John R	P4	Noah G
Q5	Cali-Rae S	P5	Bella P
Q6	Zac M	P6	Aleena R

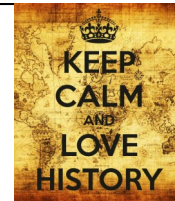
Star Badge Winners



QR	Jaxon L	PR	Robyn M
Q1	Matthew B	P1	Lyla O
Q2	Elizabeth G	P2	Libby H
Q3	Aria C	P3	Georgia A
Q4	Ava S	P4	Daisy M
Q5	Lexi A	P5	Oscar C
Q6	Andy L	P6	Sena T

Important Dates for Spring 2:

Art Gallery—times overleaf	Friday 15th March
Y1 Class Worship	Wednesday 27th March
Thursday 28th March	School closes for the Easter Break
Monday 15th April	School re-opens for Summer



8th march **1531** Henry VIII recognised as supreme head of Church in England



Safeguarding tip of the week

Some of our children are talking about this game. I need to draw your attention the recommended age—16 years.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



"Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.""



Whole School Attendance			
PR	87.9%	QR	92.4%
P1	81.9%	Q1	90.9%
P2	92.9%	Q2	94.8%
P3	94%	Q3	91.1%
P4	97.3%	Q4	89.7%
P5	94.5%	Q5	95.8%
P6	96.6%	Q6	93.8%

315 children had perfect attendance last week! Can we beat this next week?

We can do it!



Attendance Update

We work really hard each and every week to make sure every class beats our **school target of 97.5%** - this will help us to success

Our attendance last week

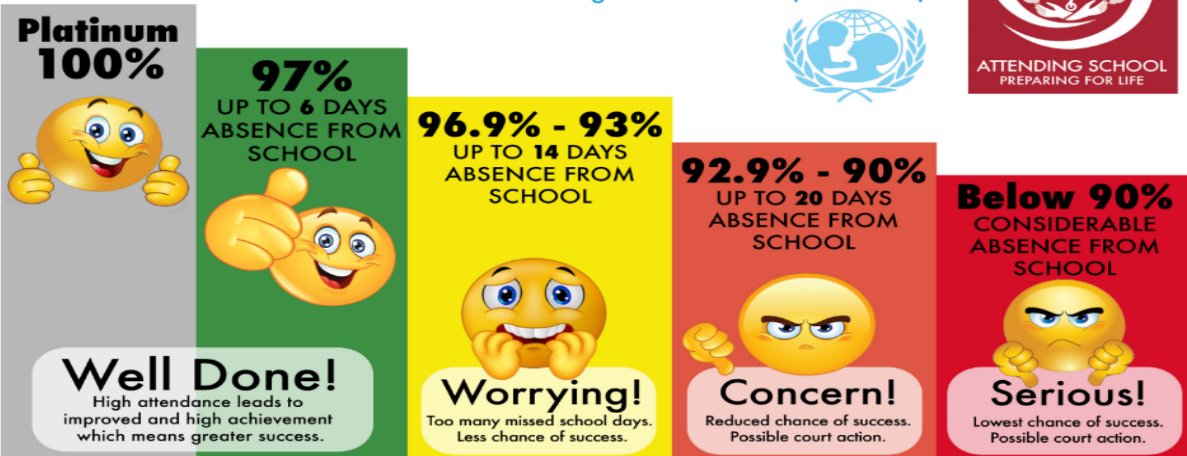
92.7%

Our attendance this year so far

94.6%

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

Right to education (Article 28)



There are 175 non school days a year.
That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

"Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.'"

QUEENS PARK PTFA PRESENT

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

READY FOR OUR EASTER BINGO
EVENT!

**1st
March**

**Chocolate Items
(Whole School)**



**8th
March**

**Easter Eggs
(Whole School)**



**15th
March**

**Easter Eggs
(EYFS + KS1)**

**Refreshments
(KS2)**



**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A
NUT-FREE SCHOOL! THANK YOU!**

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.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 16

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). If 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 iDn and TechRadar.



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Book Week

Our favourite week of the year. Lots of reading and illustrating fun and learning has taken place this week.



MissEllisQP @NMELLIS1 · 13h
So many fab shenanigans to celebrate World Book Day and our class focus on illustrators but my favourite was a class full of Beatrix Potter fancy dress children painting Peter Rabbit 🐰 Wonderful @QueensCoEURC @MissHughesQP @MissJonesQP



Miss Fryer @MissFryerQP · Mar 5
The children were so proud of their illustrations from today. Thank you Melanie Williamson for helping the children challenge their artistic abilities and encourage aspiration for future illustrators. #EverythingIsPossible @QueensCoEURC @MrsCadamyQP @MissHughesQP



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