

Term 4: Weeks 4 and 5

Big Question: What's between the pages?



Dates for the diary

March 2024

24th Easter Fair | 1am-2pm

26th 'Our Learning Showcase' for parents 2pm (Nursery 8.45am)

28th End of Term

April 2024

15th INSET day

16th Back to School – How sustainable are we?

17th PSHE Meeting for parents: Years 1-5 2,45pm

May 2024

6th Bank Holiday

20th 'Our Learning Showcase' for parents 2pm (Nursery 8.45am)

24th End of Term

What a super couple of weeks we have had in school. The children have been working extremely hard. Our whole school focus on writing has evidenced some excellent outcomes this term. It has been a delight to hear children reading their stories, setting descriptions, letters and other pieces out loud to staff and other children. A big well done to everyone.

We are always here to support you and your child. Please do get in touch via the school office to contact a member of the Inclusion Team. Next week, you will receive Mr. Graham's end of term newsletter. In the meantime, we wish you and your family a wonderful Easter holiday and hope you have an egg-cellent time.

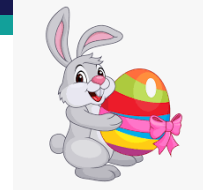
With best wishes,

The Gagle Brook Team



Mother's Day Tea

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to the Mother's Day tea last week. The children loved making precious memories with you, eating cake, reading and playing games! A big thank you to Caterlink for supporting this event.



Gagle Brook Easter Fair is this weekend!
11am-2pm

Come along and join the fun... Easter Egg hunting, craft stalls, Easter games!



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Achieve Awards

A
WE ARE **AMBITIOUS** AND WANT TO SUCCEED

C
WE WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM THROUGH **COLLABORATION**

H
WE ACT WITH **HONESTY**

I
WE ARE **INCLUSIVE**, APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES AND MAKE EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME IN SCHOOL

E
WE CARE FOR OUR **ENVIRONMENT**

V
WE SHOW **VALIANCE** AND COURAGE WHEN FACED WITH A CHALLENGE

E
WE AIM FOR **EXCELLENCE** IN ALL THAT WE DO

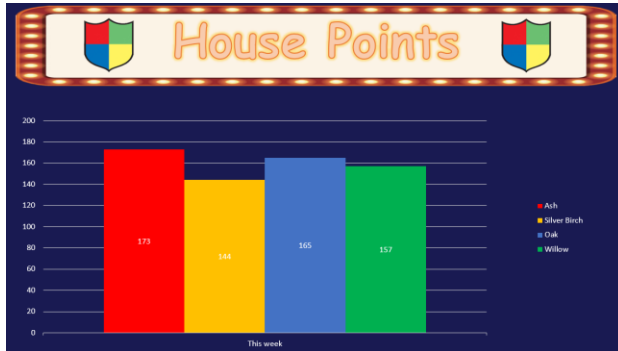
Week 4

N	Toby
R	Teddy
Y1	Cayden
Y2	Amanda
Y3	Gabi
Y4	Harry
Y5	Evie
Nest	Will

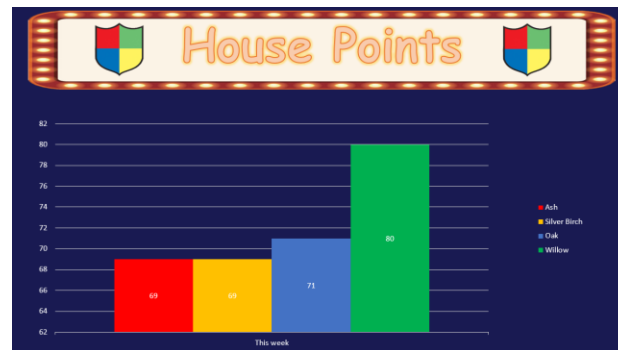
Week 5

N	Turaab
R	Hamish
Y1	Jenson
Y2	Rose
Y3	Ronewa
Y4	Jarvis
Y5	Ruby
Nest	Grace

House Points



Term 4 Week 4 winner: Ash



Term 4 Week 5 winner: Willow

Sports Award
Leo (Y3)
Gregory (Y4)

Attendance Award

Week 4: Pandas (reception)
Week 5: Pandas (reception)





pz RESEARCH

The Online Safety Bill means safety tools will become ever more central to using the internet for for us all, especially parents and children. While the tools undoubtedly have a part to play, Parent Zone has a number of reservations. Click here to find out more:

[https://parentzone.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/Tools%20-%20A%20false%20hope .pdf](https://parentzone.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/Tools%20-%20A%20false%20hope.pdf)

Some tips about technology from NOS...

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TEKKEN 8

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 Awakenings', 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). Savvy 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.

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.

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.

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 **GDRecon**, 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**.



Get Outdoors!
FAMILY FUN at HILL END this Easter!



TUESDAY 9 APRIL 10am - 2pm

Orienteering * maps * trails * games

*Bring your own picnic!

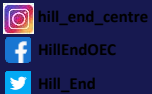


WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL & THURSDAY 11 APRIL 10am - 2pm

Spring crafts * pond dipping * make a bug hotel * willow weaving * campfire

*BBQ!

BOOK YOUR
TICKETS ONLINE



www.hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events



Thank you so much for all your generous donations during our 'Dress In Red' event on Friday 15th March. As a school, we have raised £144 for this year's Red Nose Day. This money will be used to support people facing poverty in the UK and around the world.

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