



**Week beginning: 4th March 2024**

It has been a fun week at Leesons this week with lots of events taking place. We wish you all a lovely weekend.

*The Leesons Team*

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Our attendance and punctuality for this week can be seen in the table below.

Class	Attendance (%)
Little Orchard	83.33%
Hedgehog	87.06%
Squirrel	96.47%
Robin	91.38%
Owl	92.07%
Woodpecker	93.67%
Kingfisher	87.14%
Badger	97.92%
Fox	95.6%
Rabbit	96.67%
Mole	97.14%
Otter	94.64%
Stag	86.92%
Kestrel	88.15%

Well done to Badger Class who won Leo the Attendance Bear the Attendance cup this week!

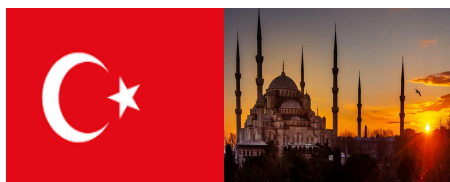
Well done to Badger Class who won the Punctuality cup this week!

The House with the most points this week is Emerald.

Well done to Fox Class for winning the Walk to School Award.



## Language of the week



This week we are celebrating the Turkish language with the greeting, Merhaba. One of the most interesting facts about Turkey's largest city, Istanbul, is that it straddles Europe and Asia. It's the only city in the world that straddles two continents.

## Sports updates

On Wednesday, Leesons hosted a Trust Cricket Tournament for Year 2 children. It was enjoyed by all schools and the children were pleased to participate and make new friends from other schools within the Trust.



This afternoon we were delighted to welcome a group of female students from Coopers Secondary School who led an afternoon of football fun for all the girls in the school from Nursery to Year 6. This was part of the Biggest Ever Girls Football Session organised by the Football Association. It was lots of fun and some of the girls have found a new interest in football! Thank you to Coopers and Miss Isaac for organising this event for us.

## Oracy Talk Topic

At home, we would like you to pick an evening that is convenient and come together as a family to discuss the 'Talk Topic'. In order to ensure that your child participates in high-quality talk, please remember to play devil's advocate during the discussion. Your child should not only be given the opportunity to agree and build on other viewpoints, but also challenge/disagree, explain and justify.

The 'Talk Topic' for this week is the following:

'The world would be better if women were always in charge.'

## Leesons Reading Challenge

Earlier in the year we introduced the reading challenge trees that show the 100 books that we encourage to be read in each year group. The children can earn certificates (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75 and 100 books) and a golden ticket which enables them to receive a book from the vending machine.

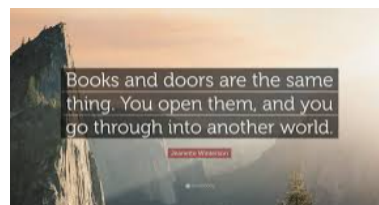
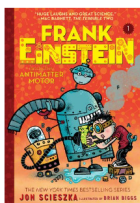
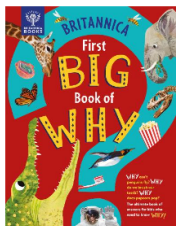
We would like to celebrate our wonderful readers at Leesons by sharing their reading success.





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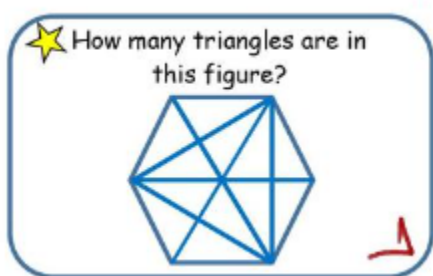
### Book of the week



### Word Aware

EYFS/KS1	KS2
<div><p><b>Word of the Week</b></p><p><b>stroll</b></p><p><b>Meaning</b> Walking slowly in a relaxed way.</p><p><b>Challenge</b> Act out <b>stroll</b>. Can others guess?</p><p><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p></div>	<div><p><b>Word of the Week</b></p><p><b>stupendous</b></p><p><b>Meaning</b> Extremely impressive or big.</p><p><b>Challenge</b> Think of three things that can be <b>stupendous</b>.</p><p><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p></div>

### Maths Challenge





**E-safety**

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At The National College, our WakeUp/Wednesday 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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 experts 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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## Junior Duke

We would like to celebrate the achievements of those taking part in the Junior Duke programme. This week the following children have completed tasks. Well done and keep up the hard work.

Name	Class	Activity
Jack	Mole	Interest Time Management
Alina	Woodpecker	Cookery Exercise Outdoors

## Need inspiration?

Squirrels and Hedgehogs / Micro Duke families - Three Skills activity - try following these links for worksheets or videos to help with Scissor skills, Skipping and Drawing a person

- Scissors skills -

<https://30seconds.com/mom/tip/30512/Cutting-Practice-Worksheets-for-Kids-Free-Printable-Activity-Sheets-for-Practicing-Scissor-Skills>

- Learn to skip [https://youtu.be/KYISiTGd2\\_I?si=tIHVUKrW1\\_uzmBFQ](https://youtu.be/KYISiTGd2_I?si=tIHVUKrW1_uzmBFQ)

- Draw a person <https://youtu.be/N4HbcXSjPzc?si=nr0rjGLs-IM4tx7j>

**Don't forget to take photos and add them to your booklet.**

## Science

Each month we will be sharing a link to a Science experiment which you could do at home and a Science questions which the children need to research and send into their class. Answers are then collected by the Science Ambassadors and an overall winner is randomly selected to win a prize. Every term, a famous Scientist linked to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) will also be focussed on.

Science Experiment	Design a straw roller coaster <a href="https://frugalfun4boys.com/engineering-project-kids-build-straw-roller-coaster/">https://frugalfun4boys.com/engineering-project-kids-build-straw-roller-coaster/</a>
Science Question	What is the largest planet in the Solar system?
Scientist	Rosalind Franklin



## Highlights of the week

This year, instead of sending home the World Book Day tokens, each class went to Waterstone's at Nugent and exchanged their token for a special £1 World Book Day book. The children had fun listening to stories and were excited to tell everyone about the books they had chosen. A big thank you too all of the staff who have organised these trips and Waterstone's for hosting us. If your child did not go this week, they will be going next week.



Leo and Olivia are pictured here enjoying their trip to Waterstones and enjoyed sharing the books with the staff and choosing their own books to take home.



On Thursday, World Book Day, staff and children came to school dressed as a word. It was lots of fun trying to guess the word each person was dressed as and we were very impressed by the imagination and thought that had gone into some of the costumes. Thank you to all parents and carers for their support in creating the costumes. As always for these events, we were proud of the effort made by the families of Leesons.



In addition to dressing up, all children also created a toilet roll character in their classes. These were trickier to produce than they looked, but the children persevered and they look great. Photos of specific classes will be shared on Dojo and social media.



### Masked Reader answer

These stories on Dojo have definitely got children talking this week. The answers were shared with the children in assembly today but for all the parents and carers that have been playing along, here are the answers. Prizes were given out in assembly today to all who guessed them all correctly. Well done everyone!

Story number	Teacher
1	Mrs Powell
2	Miss Bennett
3	Mrs Dungate
4	Miss Zawada
5	Miss Lockwood
6	Mrs Dobbs
7	Mrs Burgin
8	Mrs Haka

### What's on?

**News from Orpington Library:** Pictures Alive is a monthly event where we focus on a specific author or illustrator, this month it is Ken Wilson-Max. Sorry for the short notice. Booking is via Eventbrite and the link is: To book contact <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

Week 4	
Monday - 11.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Woodpecker Library visit 10am-11am</li><li>• Year 6 at Kemnal</li><li>• KS1 Cricket festival 12.30 -2 Worsley Bridge</li><li>• Waterstones Badger 10.30- 11.30 Fox - 1.30-2.30</li></ul>
Wednesday - 13.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9am - Coffee Morning Science</li><li>• Woodpecker to Waterstones - am</li><li>• Kingfisher to Waterstones -pm</li><li>• 2.15pm EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Open afternoon for current parents to come and share the children's learning in classes</li></ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waterstones Year 5 Otter 10:30-11:30</li></ul>
Thursday - 14.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kingfisher Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pm</li><li>• Kestrel to Waterstones - am</li><li>• Stag to Waterstones -pm</li></ul>
Friday - 15.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Red Nose Day - wear red</li></ul>

Week 5	
Monday - 18.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Owl Library visit 10am-11am</li></ul>
Tuesday - 19.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents Evening</li></ul>
Wednesday - 20.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9am - Coffee Morning for Year 1 parents RWI screening</li><li>• Lacrosse comp Yr5/6 at Beckenham</li><li>• Year 6 and Junior Duke First Aid sessions</li></ul>
Thursday - 21.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robin Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pm</li><li>• Parents Evening</li></ul>
Friday - 22.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.30pm Woodpecker class assembly (Eid)</li><li>• FOL Disco - more details to follow from FOL after half term</li></ul>

Week 6	
Monday - 25.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reception Library visit 10am-11am</li></ul>
Tuesday - 26.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Church services - Whole school to attend</li></ul>
Wednesday - 27.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easter parties</li></ul>
Thursday - 28.03.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FOL - Easter trail</li><li>• Easter raffle Draw</li><li>• 2.45pm - Easter bonnet parade on playground - parents and carers invited to watch</li></ul>
Friday - 29.03.24 Good Friday	

**Holiday - 29.03.24 to 12.04.24**



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### **Save the date:**

28th June 2024 is Sports day. EYFS (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (years 1 and 2) will be in the morning and KS2 (Years 3 to 6) in the afternoon

17th July at 2.45 - Parents and carers are invited in to see the children's work from the year.

