

# THE LISCARD BULLETIN

LISCARD PRIMARY, WITHENS LANE, WALLASEY, CH45 7NQ



## Generous Donation

We are super proud of Erin who has donated a considerable length of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. Last year, the charity provided almost 2,000 real hair wigs, free of charge, to young people who lost their hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.



## DfE guidance on Mobile Phone Use in Schools by Pupils

Over half term there was an announcement by the Department for Education regarding the use of mobile phones on school sites by pupils. We currently request that children's mobile phones are handed in on arrival and kept securely until the end of the day. So long as children adhere to this rule and parents/carers support us, we do not intend to change this system. However if a child does not follow this rule the staff may have no alternative but to ban a child from bringing a phone onto the school site.



If your child has their own mobile phone please regularly monitor the apps/sites they are accessing and restrict screen time. Research shows that children sleep better if they do not use electronic devices after 7:00pm.

## Ramadan

To all our families who observe Ramadan, we wish you a blessed Ramadan and Eid Mubarak. The month of Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic year and



takes place between March 11th and April 9th this year. Wishing you a healthy and holy fast.



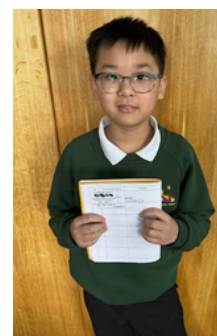
## Opportunity for Girls Only Rugby

We have received the flyer below giving 10 and 11 year olds girls the opportunity to participate in rugby training. Details are below.



## Reading Millionaire

It is a considerable achievement for any Key Stage 2 child to read a million words. Andrew has read an amazing TWO million words!



Congratulations and well done Andrew.

## Easter Disco Arrangements

Please bring your child to the Year 2,3 & 4 school entrance. Staff will be there with a copy of the electronic register to sign your child in. To ensure a smooth transition between each disco, we request that you take your child's coat home.

**For health and safety reasons the side gate on to Manor Lane will be locked,** so please enter and exit the school site through the main entrance on Withens Lane. Thank you

# World Book Day at Liscard

## Year 1



## Year 2



## Year 3



## Year 4



## Year 5





## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

**1RD 99.6%**  
**6LQE 99.3%**  
**FAS 95.2%**

Let's see which classes have the highest attendance this week!



## WALL OF RECOGNITION

Well done to the following children who have consistently followed the school rules of being kind, working hard and never giving up.

**F1 ELIJAH**  
**F2 LOTTIE**  
**Y1 ERNIE**  
**Y2 VIOLET**  
**Y3 COHEN**  
**Y4 IRIS**  
**Y5 SKYLAR**  
**Y6 CADUS**



## Attendance

Well done to Miss Day's class who were the winners of the attendance trophy for Key Stage 1.







Congratulations to Mrs Quarry-Ellis's class who were the winners of the attendance trophy for Key Stage 2. Miss Stanley's class had the highest attendance across Foundation 2.

The overall attendance this week was 94.35% which is well above the national average. There were fourteen classes that had attendance above the national average. Five classes improved attendance from the previous week. Thank you for making sure your children attend Liscard every school day.



## School Lunches

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Chicken Goujons</b> Breaded chicken goujons baked in the oven and served with homemade herb diced potatoes and sweetcorn Veggie goujons available as a vegetarian alternative</p> 	<p><b>Sausage &amp; Mash</b> Choose from fresh butcher's quality pork sausages or Quorn sausages served with homemade mashed potatoes, peas and gravy</p> 	<p><b>Roast Dinner</b> Choose from either home roasted meat of the week or a Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage, Yorkshire pudding and gravy</p> 	<p><b>Pasta Carbonara</b> Tagliatelle pasta onions, smoky bacon or Quorn smothered in a creamy sauce served with garlic bread and broccoli</p> 	<p><b>Fish Fry Day</b> Choose from either cod fillet fish fingers, battered cod fillet or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans</p> 
<p><i>Jacket Potatoes are also available daily as a hot alternative</i></p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p><b>Del Bar - Available Everyday</b> A selection of sandwiches, served on sliced bread, wraps and assorted batch with a choice filling will be available daily - ham, cheese, tuna and finally finish with a choice of salad - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, and peppers.</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> A selection of homemade desserts will be available every day as well as fresh fruit, fruit salad, yogurts and Cheese and Crackers</p> <p><b>Drink</b> A selection of drinks will be available daily</p>				

## National Online Safety



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The latest guide from the National Online Safety below provides information and guidance about the Tekken franchise.

## Diary Dates

**March 13th** Buddhist visitor - Year 4  
**March 14th** School disco  
**March 15th** **Comic Relief**  
**March 28th** **School closes for spring break**  
**April 15th** **School re-opens for the summer term**  
**April 18th** Family Support event  
**May 24th** School closes for half term



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# 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 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 GGRcon, 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.

