



The Royal School

Wolverhampton

The Royal Primary Newsletter

I hope you have been able to enjoy the wonderful weather we've been blessed with this week. It's been a joy to see our pupils out on the field, laughing and playing in the sunshine. Long may it continue!

I want to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and extended family members who joined us for the Year 3 and Year 4 swimming galas this week. It was a fantastic turnout, and I was thrilled to see our pupils, regardless of their swimming abilities, giving their all and cheering on their Houses with such enthusiasm. Your support truly makes all the difference. A big shout-out to all the staff members who played a crucial role in supporting the pupils, organising the events, and a special mention to Mr. Berry for his outstanding hosting skills.

Next week promises to be just as exciting. Our KS2 SATs are approaching, and I want to reassure you that while these tests are mandated by the government, we value our pupils for so much more than just their test scores. Here at The Royal, we understand the importance of a well-rounded education, and we celebrate each child's unique talents and qualities. We have full confidence that our pupils will strive to achieve their utmost potential, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

Following the SATs, our pupils will dive into their "Child's War" topic with an evacuee day. From street parties to war poetry and exploring air raid shelters, it's bound to be an immersive and educational experience for all involved.

In other news, we're thrilled to announce that Year 2 will be having their very first sleepover in the senior school theatre next Friday. We believe in providing opportunities for independence while keeping costs manageable for families, and this sleepover is just one example of that commitment. I'm very excited to share photos of our pupils at this event in our upcoming newsletter.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, *HELLDIVERS 2* had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING

Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, *HELLDIVERS 2* carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In *HELLDIVERS 2*, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

HELLDIVERS 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as this game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'social' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to *HELLDIVERS 2*'s appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

LACK OF ACCESS

The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as *HELLDIVERS 2*.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

HELLDIVERS 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, *HELLDIVERS 2* costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether *HELLDIVERS 2* is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where *HELLDIVERS 2* isn't available – consider something like *Halo: The Master Chief Collection* as an alternative. One of its game modes – *Firefight* – replicates *HELLDIVERS 2*'s mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted *Deep Rock Galactic*, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

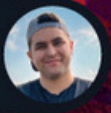
Many titles offer in-game purchases, but *HELLDIVERS 2*'s are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk: on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to *HELLDIVERS 2* as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the games media industry for five years. As well as being an avid long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



Save The Date!

The Royal School PTA Summer Festival

Friday 28th June



As we welcome the warmer weather, we write to remind you of the importance of sun protection for your children during their time at school. With the rising temperatures, it is crucial that precautions are taken to ensure the well-being of all our pupils.

We kindly request that you apply sun cream to your child before they arrive at school each day. This simple measure can significantly reduce the risk of sunburn and long-term skin damage caused by exposure to harmful UV rays.

In addition to sun cream, we encourage you to provide your child with a sun hat and a water bottle to stay hydrated.

Celebrating Avleen's Success in 4LD!

What a successful week it has been for Avleen in 4LD! Last Sunday, Avleen took part in a young entrepreneurs event at a banqueting hall in Dudley, selling her cookies and biscuits to raise money for charity. Avleen set up her own stall and used her knowledge of money to make sales, give change and offer discounts. She sold over £100 worth of items in total and is looking forward to attending future events! Well done Avleen - what a fantastic achievement!



Diary Dates

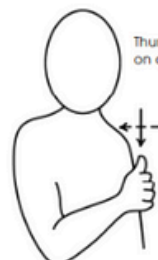
- Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May KS2 SATS
- Monday 13th May - YR 4 USA VR Workshop
- Tuesday 14th May YR 5 visit to St Barts - Pentecost service.
- Thursday 16th May - Themed lunch
- Friday 17th May - YR 3 Canal Safety talk.
- Friday 17th May - YR 2 Sleepover in school
- Friday 17th May - Deadline hand in for Children's University - Year 3 to Year 6
- School closes for half term Friday 24th May and re-opens Monday 3rd June 2024.

Makaton Sign of the Week

#WeTalkMakaton



Nurse



Thumb traces cross on outside of arm

Nurse

DON'T FORGET

Year 6 Parents SATS Week

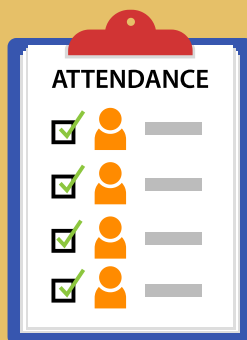
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Save THE Date

Sports Day

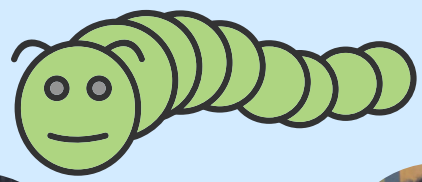
- Reception to Year 2
Wednesday 19th June 2024
- Year 3 to Year 6
Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Attendance Week Commencing 6th May 2024



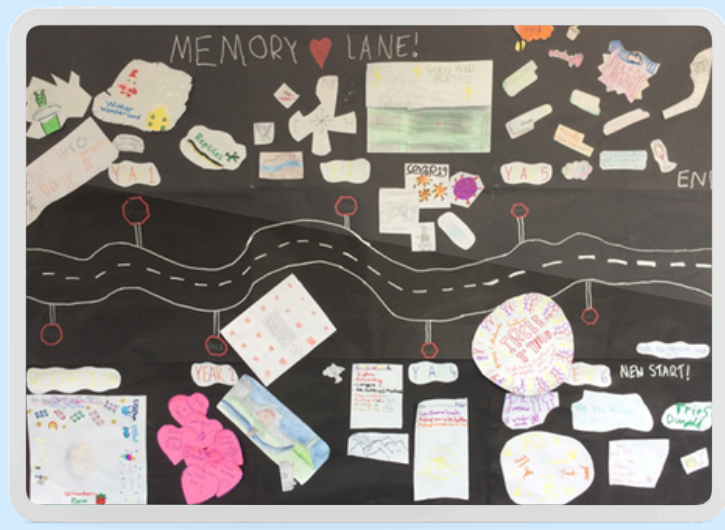
Week Beginning 6th May 2024																				
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99%	99%	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	97%	96%	95%	95%	95%	94%	93%	93%	89%	89%	

Exciting news! Our Reception classes are now home to some very special guests - caterpillars! The children have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly this week and reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" book in their literacy lessons. They will witness the caterpillars' transformation into butterflies firsthand, sparking their curiosity about nature's wonders.



Year 6

In reflection and transition club, Year 6 have been taking a trip down memory lane, reminiscing on their favourite moments throughout Primary school. They would like to thank everyone for contributing to their positive and inspiring journey at The Royal School.



Memories

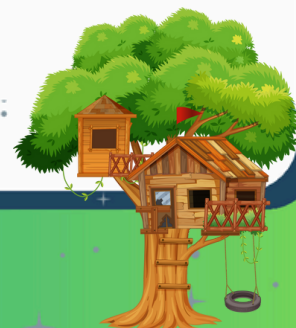


Playtime Wish List

TO DEVELOP PLAYTIMES AT THE ROYAL, WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING SECOND HAND ITEMS. CAN YOU HELP?

- Kitchen utensils
- Dressing up items
- Wellies size 12 and above
- Garden items – watering cans, buckets, garden tools, etc
- Patio tables and chairs
- Plastic crates or boxes
- Pallets
- Clean guttering/large piping

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Eat the Rainbow

Yellow

TRY ME!

SOW,GROW & FARM LUNCH

THURSDAY 16TH MAY

CHICKEN & VEGETABLE PUFF PASTRY PIE (G,Mk)

VEGETABLE & PENNE PASTA BAKE (G,)

CREAMY MASHED POTATOES

VEGETABLE PATCH MEDLEY

HOMEMADE CARROT CAKE (G, E,Mk)

FRESH STRAWBERRY JELLY POT

ALLERGENS

Ce - Celery

Cr - Crustaceans

E - Eggs

F - Fish

G - Cereals

containing Gluten

L - Lupin

Mk - Milk

Mo - Molluscs

Mu - Mustard

N - Nuts

P - Peanuts

Se - Sesame Seeds

So - Soya

Su - Sulphur Dioxide

Get ready to embark on an exciting agricultural journey as we invite you to our themed "Sow, Grow, and Farm Lunch" on Thursday 16th May 2024

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- NETBALL
- STORY ADVENTURE
- ROUNDERS
- DANCE
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When are primary SATs?

This week we would like to acknowledge the effort and hard work put in by our Year 6 pupils as they approach SATs week next week. It has been commendable to see the dedication they have shown towards their studies.

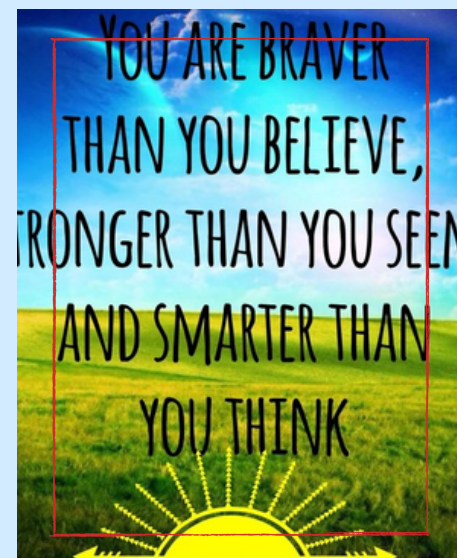
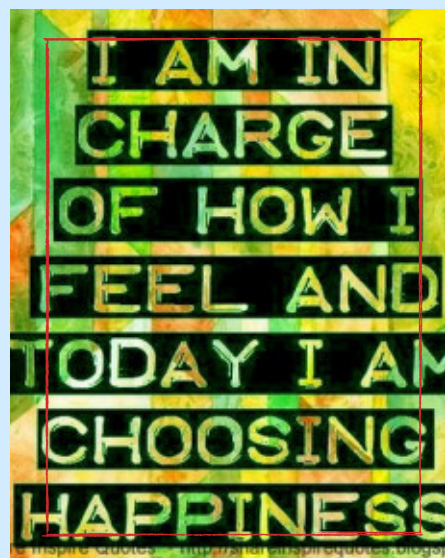
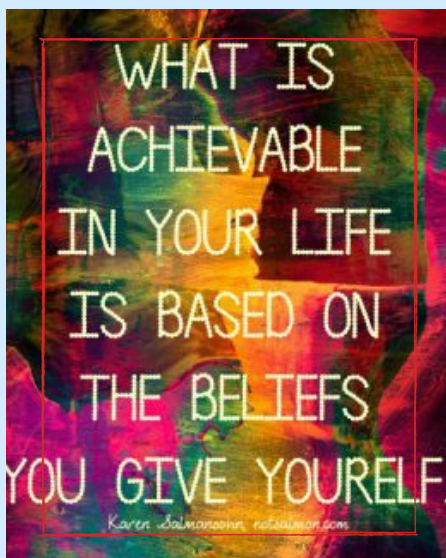
I want to take this opportunity to congratulate each pupil for their commitment and positive approach during the approach. Your support has undoubtedly played a key role in their progress, and I am optimistic about their performance whilst also remembering that their primary journey is so much more than the exams; it is a just a time for them to show off the progress they have made.

As SATs week approaches, let us continue to motivate our Year 6 pupils and provide them with the recognition they deserve for their efforts. Your continued support is greatly appreciated as we work towards their success. Good Luck Year 6. You will smash it!

A reminder that we will be having breakfast in Clarence House between 8:00am and 8:15am to start the day off as a community. If your child does not want a breakfast, they are welcome to still join us to socialise with their friends.

Thank you for your partnership in fostering our students' academic development.

Kind regards,
Mrs Holdsworth





Children's University Passport Hand in deadline is Friday, 17th May.

This reminder is for Year 3-6 pupils.

If you have collected any external hours for your child's participation in external clubs and activities, please be aware that passports must be signed and submitted to class teachers for Friday 17th May.

This is only for children who want to add extra hours from clubs outside school. School club hours are collated internally by us, so no action is required.

If you want your child to have a passport they are still available from the main primary reception for £6.

The graduation date is Monday 8th July.

For further details please see the information email.

Finally..... Good luck to Year 6 for next week's SATS!

**GOOD
LUCK!**