


KING'S ACADEMY COLLEGE PARK



Changes to Year 2 and Year 4 Scootability
Please see date changes in 'Upcoming Events'



Attendance News

Our school target for attendance is 96%
The classes that hit the target last week were:

- RH- 97.9% RF- 100%
- 1D- 99% 1K-98.5% 1W- 97.10%
- 2L-96.90% 2Z- 96.80%
- 3FL- 96.7%
- 4SS- 96.3% 4HT- 96.2%
- 5JB- 98.6% 5HW- 97.60%
- 6CD- 99.50% 6NC- 96.10% 6BT- 98.40%

Well done!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 16th May	MHST Parent Workshop- Coping with big emotions
Friday 17th May	Year 6 Fun Day
Monday 20th May	Year 6 Paulton's Park trip
Wednesday 22nd May	Year 2 Scootability (Lions, Zebras & Flamingos)
Wednesday 22nd May	Year R Minibeast Carnival 2.30pm
Thursday 23rd May	Year 2 Scootability (Giraffe) Year 4 Scootability (4ML & 4HT)
Thursday 23rd May	Class photographs
Friday 24th May	Year 4 Scootability (4CM & 4SS)
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED

Keeping Safe in the sun



There has been a change in the weather after a long period of cloudy and wet weather. Your child can bring in a named sun cream bottle, where they can independently apply the cream. Children in Reception will have help in this, however they will need to rub the cream in. They are also able to wear a hat/sunglasses. Sun cream can also be applied before the school day if you know it is going to be a sunny day.

If you know your child is more sensitive to the sun please let your teacher know and then we can ensure that your child is monitored closely.

Please be aware that some sun creams (Nivea) may contain nuts, so please do not bring these sun creams into school.

STAFF ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLYING SPF



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Message from Mrs Carlyle



Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the weather at the weekend. At last, it felt like summer. On that note can I just remind parents that we recommend children wear sunscreen to school and then bring a tube to school, which is named and hand to their class teacher. This will be stored in the classroom in a safe place. Although we cannot administer the sunscreen, we can support the children in applying the cream themselves.

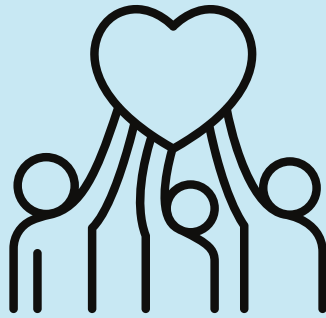
Since opening classroom doors at 8.30 in the Juniors and allowing the children to filter in, we have noticed so many positive changes in the way the children enter school building in the mornings, They enter their classrooms calmly and most importantly are now enjoying the quality reading time on offer and settling quickly to lessons after register. With the number of positives created from this system we will be trialing the system in the infants as from Monday 20th May.

As you are aware, this week we have Year 6 SATs taking place. Once again, our children at KACP have shown how resilient they are. They came into school this morning, enjoyed breakfast with their friends and settled without any fuss. As we keep reminding them, they can only do their best and as parents and teachers, that is all we ask.

Enjoy the rest of the week. Fingers crossed we will see more sunshine.

Take care,

Mrs Carlyle



Assemblies

This week we will be focusing on Families and our Community. We have a special visitor in the Infant assembly, 'Stronger Starts' will be doing a presentation to share the money the school will receive from 'Tesco's' for our Year 1 outside Area. Next week our assembly will be looking at 'Vegetarian week'.

STAGECOACH PORTSMOUTH HOLIDAY CAMPS BOOKING

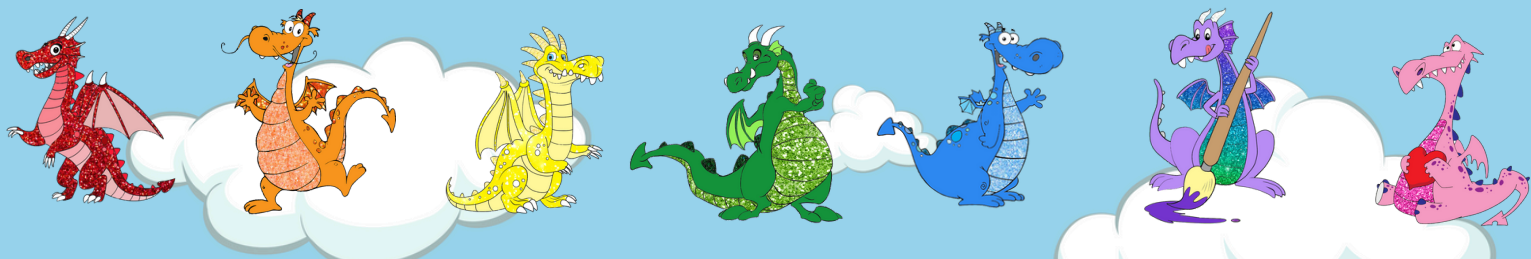
Have your child attend one of our wonderful holiday camps and watch them build their confidence, performance skills & have a week of great fun! No experience necessary. Available in half or full days for ages 4-15 years

SCHOOLS OUT FOR ROCK WEEK

12th August - 16th August 2024

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Infant Value Champions

Hedgehog Class	Felix	Independence	Abigail	Responsibility
Squirrel Class	Ethan	Challenge	Dottie	Challenge
Rabbit Class	Bunnie	Resilience	Lola	Independence
Fox Class	Cooper	Challenge	Nurisa	Independence
Koala Class	Harriett	Creativity	Elowen	Kindness
Wombat Class	Dara	Independence	Ralphy	Resilience
Emu Class	Giran	Challenge	Bella	Independence
Dingo Class	Elsie	Teamwork	Agata	Challenge
Lion Class	Alin	Resilience	Clark	Challenge
Flamingo Class	Scarlett B	Challenge	Mihail	Challenge
Giraffe Class	Mahrin	Challenge	Luella A	Teamwork
Zebra Class	Joel A	Resilience	Sully D	Challenge

Infant Attendance Awards

	Best Class	Year Group
Year R	Foxes 100%	
Year 1	Dingoes	
Year 2	Lions	

Junior Value Champions

3RW	Dharmik	Creativity	Betsy	Creativity
3HC	Mabel G	Challenge	Jacob	Resilience
3FL	Mila	Independence	Archie B	Challenge
3AB	Theo	Independence	Lottie G	Responsibility
4ML	Esme	Challenge	Max H	Challenge
4CM	Ayan	Creativity	Beau R	Creativity
4HT	Reggie	Resilience	Shaun	Teamwork
4SS				
5KM	Harper	Resilience	Sophie	Resilience
5JB	Louie	Resilience	Carmen	Creativity
5AC	Freija	Teamwork	Daisy	Teamwork
5HW	Victor	Independence	Daphne	Resilience
6TB	Ewan	Kindness	Teddy	Resilience
6NC	Oscar	Challenge	Olivia	Resilience
6BT	Frankie C	Challenge	Cerys	Resilience
6AEW	Mia	Creativity	Phoebe	Resilience

Junior Attendance Awards

	Best Class	Year Group
Year 3	3FL	
Year 4	4SS	
Year 5	5JB	
Year 6	6CD	

Letters to Parents



Whole School	<u>Summer Term Events</u>
Infant Parents	
Junior Parents	
Year R	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	<u>Year 6 Treat Day - Friday 17th May.</u>

SUMMER FETE REMINDER



We would like to invite pupils to design and run stalls with their friends and family to support in raising money for the school. Pupils can be as creative as they want (as long as it is safe!) and create their own items to sell, design games to play, run a bake sale - or anything else they can think of!

We are also offering parents and carers the opportunity to run a stall to advertise their business or sell their own products at a cost of £5 per table.

If you or your child would like to be involved in the running of this exciting event, please fill out this form stating the key information needed. Pupils can work in teams with their friends but we would ask that one adult is present on the day to oversee pupils and take responsibility for the group.

If you know of any local charities that would like to run a stall free of charge, they can also fill out a form or send an email to contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk.

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 the 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' 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.

