

Boorley Park News and Updates

7th June 2024



Boorley Park School

A warm welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term. We hope you had a fantastic time with your families over the break.

The children have settled back into school well with lots of exciting learning taking place already. Across the school, we have commemorated the 80th Anniversary of D Day and the children asked lots of thoughtful questions about this historic event. Please take a look at SeeSaw to keep up to date with the children's learning. Details regarding children's PSHE learning for this half term can be found on the next page.

The theme of our assembly on Monday was kindness and the children helped to identify words that link behaving in a kind way such as being joyful, honest and helpful. They then helped make a 'kindness' recipe. Children continue to be encouraged to only use kind words and gestures.

We have lots to look forward to this half term with the upcoming sports events, the annual Summer Fayre and end of the academic year celebrations. Information regarding transition will be released next week. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to ensure this is a smooth and successful process for the children.

Our Learning

This week the children in Year R have explored a range of different media and techniques in Art and have enjoyed using these techniques to create a picture of our special visitor! On Thursday, we were really lucky to have a visit from Darwin the Tortoise! The children enjoyed learning all about tortoises and asking lots of fantastic questions to find out more.



Spotlight On..... PSHE This Term

In Jigsaw PSHE this term we are learning about 'Changing Me'.

Year R: We will be learning about our bodies and naming our different body parts. We will talk about foods that we can eat to keep our bodies healthy. We will think about how we have changed since we were a baby. We will discuss our feelings about moving into Year 1 and share our favourite memories of Year 1.

Year 1: We will be learning about the life cycles of animals and humans. We will be talking about how our bodies have changed since we were babies and will be learning the correct names for our body parts. This will include: penis, testicles, vagina, vulva and anus. We will talk about changes that have happened in the children's lives.

Year 2: We will be learning about cycles of life in nature. We will talk about the natural process of growing from young to old and how this change is out of our control. We will explore the physical differences between boys and girls and use the correct names for parts of the body (penis, anus, testicles, vagina, vulva) and learn that some parts of the body are private. We will learn that there are different types of touch and be talk about which ones we don't like.

Year 3: We will be learning about changes in animals and humans from birth to fully grown and learn that in mammals it is the female who has the baby. We will learn about how babies grow and develop in the mother's uterus and find out about what a baby needs to live and grow. We will learn that boys' and girls' bodies need to change as they grow up so that their bodies can make babies. We will talk about and start to recognise stereotypical ideas there might be about parenting and family roles.

Year 4: We will learn about the different responsibilities there are in parenthood and the joy it can bring. We will think about what has influenced our lives and what might influence the lives of other people.

As part of our PSHE theme 'changing me' we will all be talking about what we are looking forward to as we move into new classes.

As parents/carers it might be that you wish to discuss some of this content with your children prior to them being taught it in PSHE to help them feel more comfortable during a lesson with their teacher.

As always if you have any questions please talk to your child's class teacher.



Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

Whole School

Summer Term 2024

- Monday 24th June—INSET Day - School closed for pupils
- Friday 28th June—Non-school uniform - bring a bottle for the Summer Fayre
- Tuesday 23rd July—Last Day of Term
- Thursday 24th July—Monday 2nd September - Summer Holidays
- Tuesday 3rd September—First Day of Autumn Term 1



Year R

- Monday 17th June - Parent Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.30-2.00pm
- Friday 21st June—9am-12pm-Mill Cottage Farm Experience in school - more details to follow

Year 1

- Tuesday 18th June - Year 1 & 2 Parent Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.15-2.30pm
- Tuesday 25th June —Royal Festival and Dress Up Day (inc parent event at 2:45pm) - **change of date**
- **Rabbit Class** Monday 15th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- **Otter Class** Tuesday 16th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

Year 2

- Tuesday 18th June - Year 1 & 2 Parent Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.15-2.30pm - more details to follow
- **Hedgehog Class** Wednesday 17th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- **Fox Class** Thursday 18th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

Year 3

- Friday 14th June—2:30pm - Family Picnic - more details to follow
- Tuesday 19th June - Year 3 & 4 Parents Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.15-2.30pm

Year 4

- Tuesday 18th June - Year 3 & 4 Parents Picnic followed by Sports Event - 12.15-2.30pm
- Tuesday 9th July- 2:45pm—Parent Event in Owl Class - A 'showcase' of their work from throughout the year

Boorley Park Term Dates 2024/25



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July 2025							
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Bank Holiday
 School Holiday

INSET Day (school closed to children)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

MATURE CONTENT



While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE



Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING



Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY



Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY



Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY



Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND



By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS



As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.



PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.



Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports 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.

