



19th May 2023

# Kingsfield News

Learn Together, Play Together, Succeed, Together

Part of the

## Diary Dates For Parents

Coming Soon....

### May Half-Term

29th May - 2nd June

### Inset Day 5th June

School closed to pupils

### Tuesday 20th June

Sports Day

### Last Day of School

Friday 21st July

### Open Evening Info:

Woodhouse Academy-  
16th October

James Bateman Junior High  
18th October &  
21st October

Biddulph High School  
19th October

For dates over the year  
please visit the website

<https://www.kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk/calendar/>



Visit our Twitter page for more pictures of this week's events @KingsfieldSch



Also follow us on Facebook @kingsfieldfirstschool



## Superhaires Hair Donation

Skyla Mycock has done an amazing thing this Thursday, she has had over 30cm of her hair cut off to donate to The Little Princess Trust!



This is an amazing thing to do to help others, we are all super proud of you and your new bob looks amazing!

## Year 4 Leavers Assembly

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6:00pm our Year 4 children will be performing their leavers concert which will conclude with presentations to all pupil. Two tickets per family will be allocated for this performance, these will be issued after the half term. We would be asking all children to attend this special evening which will be a celebration of their time at Kingsfield.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

A huge **WELL DONE** to the following children who were awarded a golden ticket this week and chose a prize from the golden chest:-

*Cameron Rafferty, Isabelle Mason, Harrison Copeland, Ellie Hughes-Moore, Oscar Atkinson, Pippa Millington, Baylee Ribbans, George Deakin, Harry Salmon, Henry Hawthorne, Daisy Worth, Ellie Hughes-Moore, Freddie Carr, Chloe Bennett*

## Swimming

Year 1 start swimming on Friday 16th June

## Picture News....

This week's Picture News discussion was all about the question; Should all animals be treated equally? the children enjoyed discussing about this topic and sharing their opinions.



### School Attendance last week was 95.9%

Class attendance was:-

Busy Bees— 97.6 %	Clever Caterpillars— 96.7%
Terrific Tigers— 98.9%	Charming Cheetahs — 88.5%
Learning Lions— 98.3%	Perfect Panthers— 96.4%
Wise Owls— 90.6%	Super Squirrels— 98.5%
Fantastic Foxes—99.1%	

Congratulations goes to: Fantastic Foxes

100% Attendance spot prize for this week goes to: Miley Atkinson

Next week's menu is:-

This can be found on the web-site at:-

<https://www.kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk/lunch-menu/>



### House Points

**Mars— 410 Jupiter - 246**  
**Earth - 445 Saturn - 268**

**This weeks winners are:**  
**Earth**

### Star of the Week

Busy Bees - Theo Copeland  
Clever Caterpillars –George Johnson  
Charming Cheetahs - Layla Tatton  
Terrific Tigers— Ezra Knapper  
Perfect Panthers - Jasmine Young  
Learning Lions - Thorley Dickerson  
Wise Owls— Lillie-Mai Swift  
Super Squirrels - Lacey Totton  
Fantastic Foxes— Alanah McGregor

### Awesome Award

Busy Bees - Courtney Isom  
Clever Caterpillars - Eddie Baker  
Charming Cheetahs - Olivia Peake  
Terrific Tigers - Isabelle Mason  
Perfect Panthers - Jaxon Keay  
Learning Lions – Charlie Cartlidge  
Wise Owls - Archie Allen  
Super Squirrels - Miley Atkinson  
Fantastic Foxes— Reggie Casewell

### Thoughtful Friend

Busy Bees - Freddie Oakes  
Clever Caterpillars— Harper Rose Williams  
Charming Cheetahs – Ella Totton  
Terrific Tigers—Teddy Casewell  
Perfect Panthers— Aimee Pierpoint  
Learning Lions - Fearne Harvey  
Wise Owls - Kyra Cliff  
Super Squirrels— Luca Byrom  
Fantastic Foxes— Henry Boon

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**H**onesty  
**I**nspiration  
**L**eadership  
**D**emocracy  
**R**espect  
**E**quality  
**N**urture



## TTRockstars

Battle of the bands, this weeks winners goes to :

**Wise Owls—69**

Fantastic Foxes 67

Super Squirrels—65



### Sports Day

This years Sports Day will be on Tuesday 20th June!

We can't wait to see you and to cheer all the children on!

**Please see below the times for your child's year group:**

Nursery and Reception: 9:10am

Year 1 and year 2: 11:00am

Year 3 and Year 4: 1:10pm



Staffordshire  
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Service

# Could you be a YOUNG CARER?

Do you help look after someone in your family who is unwell, disabled, have a mental health or substance misuse issue. Do you...

It is estimated  
there are  
**700,000**  
Young Carers  
in the UK,  
many unaware  
of the impact  
that caring is  
having on  
their lives



If so, then you could be a Young Carer, and **we can help you**. You are not alone, about **one in 12 high school students are Young Carers**. If you think you are a Young Carer there is support available. **Letting someone in school or us know could help you** get some support. Staffordshire Together For Carers supports Young Carers aged 5-18 through **information, advice, one to one and group activities**.

## Biddulph Festival Launch Parade

**Biddulph Festival will be taking place on Saturday 1st July at 10:30am. The theme this year is 'NHS 75' and our plan is to dress up as Patients, Nurses, Doctors, Paramedics, Midwives, Physiotherapists or any other NHS worker your child wishes to be. Pupils have come home today with an information letter, all reply slips must be returned by Thursday 25th May.**

**We are very much looking forward to the Festival!**

### Out of School Achievements:

A massive well done to:

Austin and Henry Postlethwaite who both achieved their 6th belt (brown) in Karate on Saturday!



Well done to Lucas Antrobus for being Area Field Winner for his Football Team!

Isabell Barber has received a letter from Sir David Attenborough thanking her for looking after the planet!

Well done to Madison Hanley on passing her Stage 2 Swimming!



### **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**

Your child may be eligible for **Free School Meals**.

If your child is eligible for **Free School Meals** and you register them for this, the school will also receive extra funding called **Pupil Premium**. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources in school.

#### **What is Pupil Premium funding?**

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential. It is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for Free School Meals
- Have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

School receives an extra £1,320 for every eligible pupil who is registered for Free School Meals even if your child is in Reception, Y1 & Y2. If your child is in Y3 or Y4 and you are eligible you would not have to pay for school meals.

#### **You may be able to claim for Free School Meals if you claim for any of the following:**

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. Please note: anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.

If you are in receipt of any of the above please complete the details on the back of this letter and return to the school office.

You can also apply online:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

## **ParentPay**

Please ensure all debts on your ParentPay account are cleared at the end of every week.

**A reminder that any debts over £20 could result in loss of use of the school facilities.** It is important to set up your ParentPay account as useful whole-school information is sent out this way.



# Medical Diets

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## Welcome to the Edwards & Ward Family of Food

We are thrilled to announce that we will be your school's new lunchtime catering provider from the 1st of September 2023.

At Edwards and Ward, we take great pride in our special diets process and continually strive to make it as simple and inclusive as possible to help us ensure that all children can be fed safely and effectively.

If your child requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition, you will need to register with us.

Our special diets registration form can be found on our website along with a full list of FAQs .

[edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/](https://edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/)

In order to guarantee that your special menu is ready at the start of the new academic year, registration forms should be submitted no later than the 30th of June.

If there are any concerns about this, please contact our Special Diets Team for advice.



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## What are they? 'Age Ratings'

A game's age rating can be used by adults to make an informed choice as to whether or not a game is suitable for their child. The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) system rates games and, instead of indicating the level of ability required to physically play a game, it indicates the suitability of content for that age group. 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18 are the labels that can be awarded to games and a variety of content descriptors such as violence, bad language and fear are used to further clarify why the label was assigned.

# 16 & UP ONLY

12-15

What you need to know about...

# AGE RATINGS



## Know the Risks

18+

### Inappropriate content

The biggest and most obvious risk of not following the age rating system is that children may view or hear age-inappropriate content. Many games now include scenes of a violent or graphic nature which could be upsetting or considered too intense for younger players.

### Peer pressure

Peer pressure has a large role to play in age ratings being overlooked. Children don't want to be the ones left behind and can put their parents under pressure to allow them to play a game beyond the recommended suitability, especially when all of their friends are playing it already.

### Level of 'Kudos'

Playing a game with a label that is higher than their age can be viewed by some children as a challenge and to gain a good reputation amongst friends. Kudos is attributed to the child playing the age inappropriate game resulting in more children wanting to follow suit.

### Free Platforms

In order for a game to be released on popular platforms, such as PlayStation and Xbox, game developers must pay for a PEGI rating. However, smaller development teams are sometimes reluctant to pay these fees and games are often released on other platforms, such as Steam, without any age restrictions.

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## Spot the Signs

### Being vague

Be aware of children being vague around the content of what they want to play. If they are unwilling to supply you with information about what the game is about, this can be an indicator that you wouldn't allow them to purchase it if you knew.

### Unofficial sites

There are plenty of indie games that can be bought using online stores that don't necessarily have age restrictions. If you notice your child using sites such as GOG or itch.io rather than official channels such as the Google Play Store, they might be accessing games that aren't officially rated but still aren't age appropriate.

### Unfamiliar terminology

Your child might start using phrases or terminology that is new to them or mimicking actions that they have learnt from a game without realising their inappropriateness.

### Wanting to be secluded

Be aware if suddenly your child wants to move the device that they play their games on into a more secluded area of the house away from adults. It is a good idea for your child to play online games in a shared area where you can see the screen.

### Be aware of spending

Setting up accounts with online stores require bank account details. Keeping an eye on your bank balance means that you will be able to tell if there has been a new purchase and can provide you with an opportunity to ask about what new game they've purchased.

## Safety Tips

### Do your research

If you've noticed a new game that your child has downloaded then use quality resources to make sure that your knowledge is up to date. Online websites, such as National Online Safety, can provide you with the information you need.

### Review parental controls

Review your parental controls on the stores where you buy games from. Most sites allow parents to set passwords to block games with certain age restrictions from being downloaded.

### Encourage open dialogue

Encourage open dialogue with your child. You don't want to be in position where they won't talk to you if something has made them feel uncomfortable in a game because they are worried they will get in trouble for playing the game in the first place.

### Discuss ratings

Talk to your child about why the game has been awarded a certain label. Debate the positives and negatives of playing a game and decide on some ground rules together.

## Our Expert

Heather Cardwell



Heather Cardwell is a practising Online Safety Lead and senior school leader who is passionate about safeguarding online and educating children around online risks. She has over 10+ years as a Computing Lead and has successfully developed and implemented a whole school approach to online safety in schools, delivering online safety training to both school staff and parents and helping to roll-out a bespoke online safety policy across her local network of education settings.



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# What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

**bbfc**

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

**PEGI**



## RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: [www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk)

## RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)



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