

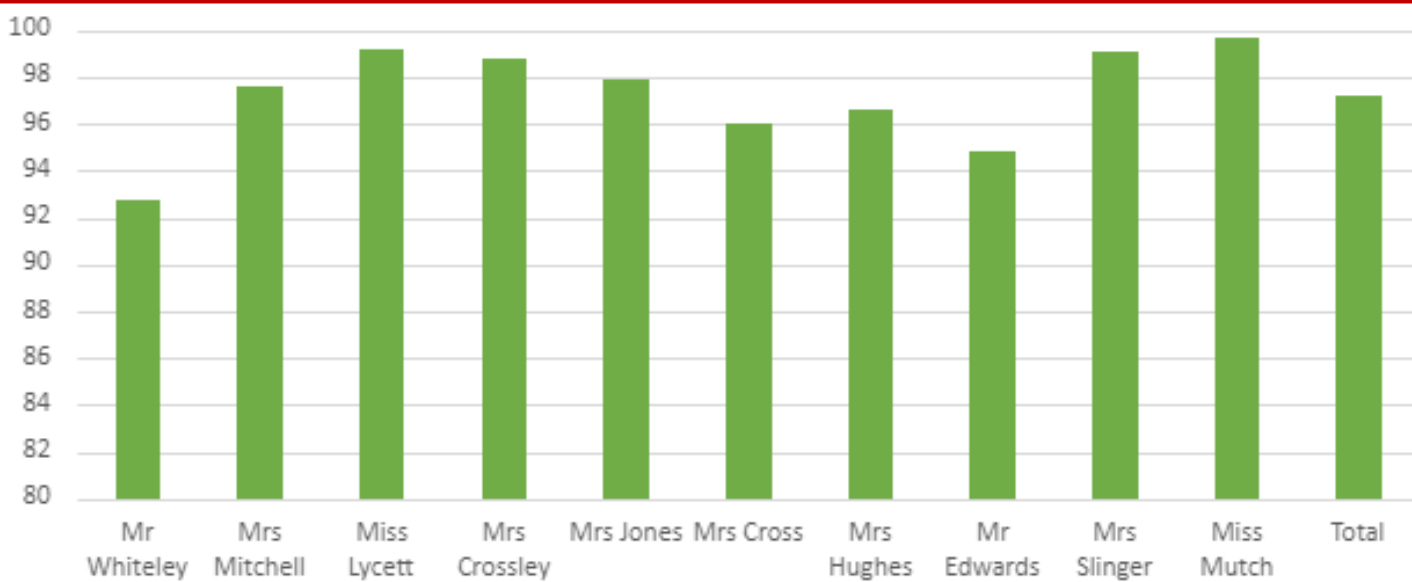
Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2024

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Oscar P	
Mr Whiteley	Lucy T	Thomas C
Mrs Mitchell	Arthur C	Amaya-Lilly B
Miss Lycett	Yesmeen Z	Paige P-Y
Mrs Crossley	Meriem Z	Jack S
Mrs Jones	Willow B	Willow B & Ella B
Mrs Cross	Evie S	Riley S
Mrs Hughes	Jude S	Ollie-Roux S-E
Mrs Bailey	Niamh D-H	Myla W
Mrs Slinger	Freddie B	Phoebe A
Miss Mutch	Tommy T	Henry R



Attendance 29th Apr – 3rd May



175 days not in school!

365 days in a calendar year



Our Safeguarding Team

At school we have five members of staff and a governor who make up our Safeguarding Leadership Team. Mr Peoples is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL); he is the lead person responsible for child protection and safeguarding issues. Mrs Crossley, Mr Edwards, Mr Whiteley and Mrs Hughes are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Deputy DSLs); a deputy DSL supports the DSL in their role safeguarding and child protection. Mrs Jo Burnside is our Safeguarding Link Governor. The role of the Safeguarding Governor is to support the DSL as well as regularly review, ask questions and make suggestions about our safeguarding policies and procedures and to report back to the governing body.

All staff at Applegarth know that safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Find out more on our [Safeguarding Page](#).

For information about **Online Safety**, visit our dedicated [webpage](#).

You can also report any concerns you have to our **welfare email: dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk**

Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar

A webinar to provide parents/carers with information, resources, practical ideas, and strategies to support their child with emotionally based school avoidance

Date and Time
Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 5:30pm

[Click here to join on MS Teams](#)

Further Information

Please email tewv.wellbeinginmind@nhs.net if you have any queries or require further information.

The winner of this week's Golden Welly Award is... Ash S 

Service Children Awards



We are proud to have been nominated for the Service Children Awards this year. Mrs Jones and Mrs Vincent were our staff nominees whose work was recognised by the awarding body. George and Oliver F also received certificates, badges and a trophy for their resilience when their dad was deployed for 6 months.



Wensleydale Railway Visits



Key Stage One have had fantastic visits to Scruton and Leeming Bar Stations. They boarded a Time Travelling Train and travelled back to 1910 (the year after our school was built!)

The children were delighted to wear costumes, try out toys from the past, go on a scavenger hunt around the station and join the queue, buying tickets at the ticket office ready to board the train to their desired destination.

All the children were well behaved; listening carefully, following instructions and showing respect which was commented on by the excellent adults in role they met from the early 1900s!

Thank you to our helpers and the PTA for contributing towards the cost of the visit. A massive well done to all the children for their positivity and eagerness to learn and I am sure they will remember this visit for many years to come.



Parent/Carer Volunteers for the Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is fast approaching (Friday 28th June), and The PTA are recruiting any willing volunteers to help them. We will be setting up from 1:30pm, and need as many hands on deck as possible. Alternatively, if you can make it to help run the stalls and/or tidy things up later on, that would be greatly appreciated. The school relies on these events to fund educational visits, electronic devices and enrichment (like the new timber trail). We can only keep the events going if we have enough volunteers.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sarah via email:

pta@Applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk

School Calendar

Event	Class/Phase	Location	Date and Time
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Year 6	Applegarth Primary School	w/c 13 th May 2024 PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parent/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 15 th May 10:30am – 11:30am 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Carlton Lodge	Year 5	Carlton Miniott	Thursday 16 th May and Friday 17 th May 2024
Non Uniform Day Rainbow non uniform to mark the start of Pride month (which begins during half term)	Whole School and Nursery	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 24 th May 2024 Please donate £1 if you are able to. Half of the money will go to Stonewall (a charity supporting LGBTQ+ rights) and half will go into the PTA fund to support pupils in our school.

Pride Month	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	June 2024
School Avoidance Webinar	Whole School	Online	Tuesday 11 th June 2024 5:30pm Click here to join
Reception New Starters Welcome Event	Reception Sep 2024 Class	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 12 th June 2024 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Autistic Pride Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 18 th June
Nursery New Starters Welcome Meeting	Nursery	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 19 th June 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Sports Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Key stage two Wednesday 19 th June 2024 9:30am – 11:30am Reception and key stage one 1:10pm – 2:45pm
Internet Safety and Mental Health Roadshow	Year 5 and 6	Northallerton Town Hall	Thursday 20 th June 2024
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood , Alston	Monday 24 th June – Wednesday 26 th June 2024
PTA Summer Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 28 th June 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Sports Day (contingency date)	Key stage two	Applegarth Primary School	Key stage two Wednesday 3 rd July 2024 9:30am – 11:30am Reception and key stage one 1:10pm – 2:45pm
Mr Renwick World Cup	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 10 th July
Nursery and Reception New Starters Transition Day	Nursery and Reception Sep 2024 Class	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 12 th July 9:30am – 3:30pm
PTA Halloween Disco	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 26 th October Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One 5:00pm- 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
PTA Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 29 th November 3:30pm – 5:00pm

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
18+

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 as 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 risk 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 'hockey' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of bawny scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to *Helldivers 2*'s appeal. To counterbalance 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 skill enough to play, losing errors can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing a mission 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 other 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 by 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 GGR.co.uk, 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.



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For more details contact Glen Hilton:
hiltonglen444@gmail.com



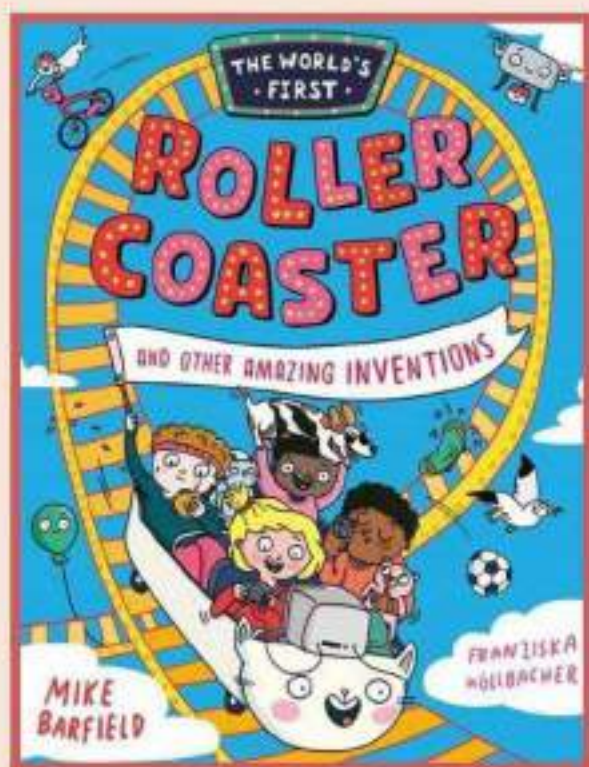
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- A packed lunch
- Plenty of fluids
- Warm clothes

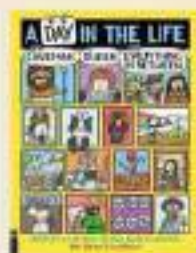
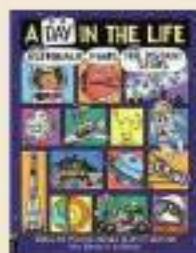
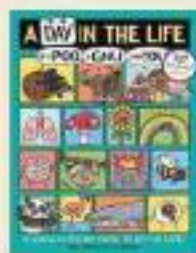
Location address: Scruton Cricket Club, Station Rd, Scruton, Northallerton DL7 0QN

Children's Book Club!

2pm Saturday 25th May



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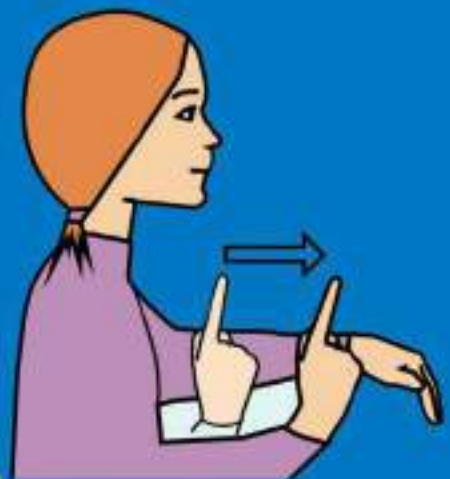
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Top Tips on Being Deaf Aware

Make sure you have the person's attention before you start speaking.

Stand or sit in a place with good lighting so that you can be lip-read.

Try to find a quiet place to communicate with little background noise as this can be distracting.

Use your usual voice level. If a deaf person uses a hearing aid it can be very uncomfortable for them and can seem as though you are shouting.



You could learn fingerspelling or British Sign Language (BSL) which can help you communicate with people who are deaf. This is a great skill too!

Check if the person you are communicating with understands, if not, try using gestures or try saying it in a different way. You could write it down or draw a picture, which may help.