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Dear Parents and Carers

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### ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We have had another fantastic week here at Towngate Primary Academy! All the children and staff have been working extremely hard and we're all looking forward to the end of half term next Friday!

#### Notices for Parents

- **Thank you** - Thank you to the parents/carers who have been following the signage on the school site of wearing face coverings, following social distancing measures, adhering to staggered start and end times of the day and leaving the site promptly after drop off or collection. Please see the grid at the end of this newsletter for a reminder of your child's start and end times which we continue to ask you adhere to. Thank you.
- **Parents Evening** - All parents/carers who have booked an appointment with class teachers should have received an appointment via the text messaging service. We look forward to speaking with you during consultation calls next week.
- **Lunch Boxes** - As of Monday school have made the decision that children's packed lunches can be brought into school in a lunch box as opposed to a disposable bag if parents/carers prefer. Should parents/carers wish to continue to bring lunch in a disposable bag, this is your choice. Please ensure that your child brings this home every evening to allow for regular washing. Thank you.
- **Baby News!** We are delighted to announce that Mrs Johnson has welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world! Aubrey Grace Johnson was born on Tuesday 14th October weighing 7lbs and 9oz. Both mummy and baby are doing well and we are certain you share our well wishes and congratulations to Mrs Johnson and her husband on their new arrival.

#### Foundation Stage – F1 Nursery

We have had a very busy week! We have been continuing our learning on the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', we have made fruit kebabs to support our learning about healthy eating. They were delicious and enjoyed by all! We have been practising recognising our numbers from 1 to 5 and we have been making moving scarecrows in our art lesson. Well done F1 – you're all amazing.

Miss Riley and Mrs Gordon

#### F2 Reception

This week F2 have been learning about the four seasons. We have enjoyed our Autumn walk and collected lots of different leaves which we sorted during our outdoor lessons. We have been thinking about hedgehogs and using our drawing skills to create our own Autumn pictures. F2 have enjoyed thinking about 2D and 3D shapes and finding them within our environment. We have also been using our numicon to find ways of making different numbers. A very busy week – well done everyone!

Mrs Kimbley and Mrs Middleton

#### Year 1

This week the children have been busy adding conjunctions to their work to make their sentences longer. In maths we have begun to make number bonds and worked very hard using the cubes to help us. But the favourite part of the week was our science experiment where we found out which materials were absorbent; the children were amazed! Have a lovely weekend Year 1!

Miss Haigh and Mrs Watters



## Year 2

In Year 2 this week we found out about a man called William Caxton. 500 years ago he brought the first printer from Germany to England. Because he did this it was the start of making lots of books quickly.

In art we carved some letters into potatoes for printing like they used to do before they used printers - but they carved letters into wood for block printing. Well done Year 2 you have been super historians this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett and Mrs Thackrah

## Year 3

This week we have been learning how to write a persuasive letter in our English lesson and learning how to add 1 more, 10 more and 100 more in our Maths. In Science, we have been understanding 'Human Impact' on a local area including the negative and positive impacts - the children were very excited! In French, we have been learning our colours and in History we learned about the 'Neolithic' period of the Stone Age. We have been busy bees again this week! Well done Year 3!

Mrs Schofield and Miss Kilbride

## Year 3 / 4

We have had a fantastic week of learning in year three and four. In English, we re-drafted our fabulous letter to Barney's grandma - I was really impressed everyone's careful word choices and wonderful presentation! In maths we have continued looking at place value. Year three looked at counting in 50s and did some great problem solving. Year four have been rounding numbers to the nearest one thousand. In science, we looked at human impact and understanding negative and positive impact. In French, we learned the different colours in French. We even had some French conversations! In history, we continued to look at Skara Brae and learned about what life would have been like then. In PE, we had a brilliant game of netball! We did some great pivoting.

Miss Marston, Mrs Bailey & Miss Hanley

## Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed their music lesson this week. The children began by appraising a piece of 'prepared piano' music by John Cage, a 20th Century composer. The children used musical terminology to determine certain things about Cage's music and they are now beginning to compare the work of different composers. Following this, the children then practiced writing some rhythms making sure to keep only 4 beats in each of their bars. Everyone is becoming confident with knowing and understanding the musical terminology we are using and the children really enjoy composing their own musical ideas. Finally, the children recapped their learning of the song 'Mama Mia' but using signing not singing to follow our COVID secure guidelines for music. All of the children tried incredibly hard and we look forward to more music next week!

Mr Hellam and Mrs Broadbent

## Year 5

This week has been an exciting week in Year 5 as we have finalised our representatives for school council, wellbeing ambassador and school prefects. We worked hard on our applications and thought about why we might like to apply for the positions. We are very happy with our choice of representatives and we know they will do a brilliant job! In maths, we have started looking at statistics - particularly collecting and representing data in different ways. This linked well with our interesting science experiment which tested different materials to identify the most effective thermal insulators as we can now draw a line graph to display our investigation results! In history, we have continued to look at WW II by examining how daily life was impacted for British civilians, discussing the cause and consequence of these changes and making our own judgements. Our art project is nearing a conclusion as this week we began to sketch our own ideas, ready to complete next week when we add a colour pallet inspired by Eduardo Kobra.

Mr Adlington and Miss Pamment



## Year 5/6

This week in year 5/6, the children have explored the various causes of lifestyle change for British citizens during World War Two and the resulting consequences of these such as food rationing, air raids and the changing roles of women. The children have worked hard with formal methods of multiplication and division within Mathematics - applying their learning to multi-step problem solving questions. In RE, the children concluded this term's learning by presenting a balanced argument regarding the existence of God.

Miss Atkinson & Mrs Drury

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy week this week. In Maths we have worked extremely hard practising long division using the chunking method, the children have shown great resilience and persevered at it and are getting more and more confident every day! In History this week, we have looked at different propaganda posters that were made during the war and used them to find out what daily life must have been like. We compared it to daily life now and discussed what would be the most effective way to get people to follow the rules without causing panic. We have used our science skills this week to measure temperature loss in different cups and plotted our data onto a graph to show our results clearly. We especially enjoyed our reading this week; we read a poem about Asgard and Thor and the children were able to compete with each other to answer the questions the quickest. Keep up the hard work Year 6!

Mrs Wolstenholme, Miss Eke and Mrs Johnson

### Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Name
F2 – Reception	Peyton	Andrea
Year 1	Thea	Edward
Year 2	Miles	Archie A
Year 3	Harrison	Amelia
Year 3/4	Hughie	Maisee
Year 4	Carter	Harvey
Year 5	Eliza	Finley
Year 5/6	Poppy	Kacey
Year 6	Jessica	Toby

	School Council Ambassador		Wellbeing Ambassador
Y1	Lexie		
Y2	Seth	Y2	Emma
Y3	Krystal	Y3	Flynn
Y3/4	Eva	Y3/4	Isabelle
Y4	Jack	Y4	Molly & Abigail
Y5	Aila	Y5	Lacey
Y5/6	Lois	Y5/6	Leanne
Y6	Phoebe	Y6	Jessica



Class	Start time and Entrance	Finish time	Access point
Nursery Mornings	Doors open at 8.35am. Nursery will start at 8.40am. Doors close at 8.45am.	11.50am	Whitley Spring Road
Nursery Afternoons	Doors open at 12.30pm.	3.30pm	Whitley Spring Road
Reception	Doors open at 8.50am. Reception will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Children will be lined up in their Reception playground at 3.20pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 1	Doors open at 8.40am. Year 1 will start at 8.45am. Doors close at 8.50am.	Children will be lined up in the Key Stage One area at 3.10pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 2	Doors open at 8.50am. Year 2 will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Children will be lined up in the Key Stage One area at 3.20pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 3	Doors open at 8.40am. Year 3 will start at 8.45am. Doors close at 8.50am.	Children will be lined up on the lower playground at 3.10pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 3/4	Doors open at 8.50am. Year 3/4 will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Children will be lined up on the lower playground at 3.20pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 4	Doors open at 8.50am. Year 4 will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Children will be lined up on the upper playground at 3.20pm.	Tumbling Close
Year 5	Doors open at 8.40am. Year 5 will start at 8.45am. Doors close at 8.50am.	Children will be lined up on the upper playground at 3.10pm.	Tumbling Close
Year 5/6	Doors open at 8.50am. Year 5/6 will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Children will be lined up on the upper playground at 3.20pm.	Tumbling Close
Year 6	Doors open at 8.40am. Year 6 will start at 8.45am. Doors close at 8.50am.	Children will be lined up on the upper playground at 3.10pm.	Tumbling Close

