

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

This week has been another week full of fantastic learning and hard work from our children. The children in school are settling back into routine and staff are delighted with the hard work shown from many of our children. Well done everybody! You will have seen the good news that Mrs Berry is returning from her maternity leave on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021; we are certain parents/carers will be as delighted as the staff and children to see her return to work after having her beautiful baby boy, Sebastian. Welcome back Mrs Berry!

### **Comic Relief Day**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief Day. All donations will be collected in school before being sent to the charity. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Ready Steady Read!**

Thank you to the children who have participated in the ready steady read competition for our week-long World Book Fest! The children have raised a wonderful £250! Well done everyone for your super efforts and remember... keep reading! We will be exploring the

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' consultation evenings have been arranged and times have been sent out to all parents / carers. We will conduct our appointment through Teams via your child's login. A meeting will be set up for you to join at your allocated time and the class teacher will invite you into your meeting at the allocated time. If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact the school office.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club continues to be a success and the children are engaging in some fantastic activities organised by Miss Snowden and Mrs Johnson. Please contact the school office to book your child's place on 01924 302865.

### **After School Club**

Miss Moore will be sending a registration of interest form next Monday for After School Club. We are hoping to recommence this provision after the Easter holidays, dependent on the level of interest from parents and carers.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

We will inform you next week of the classes taking part in the extra-curricular clubs.

### **Homework**

Please note that homework is being posted via SeeSaw as this is a programme that many of our children are competent in using. Homework is focused around the practice and review of core skills and it is important that all children participate in completing the homework set.



### Early Years Foundation Stage

This week in F1 we have been looking at our seeds that we have grown that we have grown and have replanted them in to pots, We have also enjoyed learning patterns and 3D shapes. A super week in nursery, well done!

This week F2 have been busy working in our provision areas. We have enjoyed gathering information on a tally chart and making graphs in our Maths work. We have been finding opportunities to practicing our independent writing and we have enjoyed reading our class story, The Little Red Hen. We have been drawing pictures of Jack and the beanstalk and we have been trying hard to use our cutting skills to make a windmill. We have also been thinking about how plants grow and we and what they need.

**Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Middleton, Miss Pamment & Mrs Gordon**

### Year 1

Another fabulous week for Year 1. We have finished our class book called The Hunter and we decided to write a letter to the hunters to stop them from killing the elephants. In PE we worked on our defence skills and played hand ball to help us do this. In computing time the children showed amazing computer skills.

Well done Year 1.

**Miss Haigh & Mrs Hanley**

### Year 2

In maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We really enjoyed using the geo boards, making nets, took part in a shape hunt and learning about edges and vertices. In English we wrote a persuasive letter to the hunters who are in our class book story The Hunter. We tried to persuade the hunters to stop killing elephants. In art we really enjoyed making a clay elephant learning how to slip, scratch and smooth to join body parts together. Well done Year 2. You have worked super hard all week.

**Mrs Lockett & Mrs Thackrah**

### Year 3

Wow! Another great week in year 3 this week. In Science we learned all about 'pitch' and created our very own pan flute. In Geography, we have been learning all about tectonic plates and how they cause earthquakes. In English, we have been writing a diary entry as Tranio escaping from a volcanic eruption in Pompeii and in Maths we have been learning multiplication. We have also discussed our 'Value of the Month - Trust', what it means and who we trust at school and at home. We created a rainbow containing the names of all the people we trust. Today we had a fantastic 'Red Nose Day' and 'found our funny' telling all our funniest jokes. What a great week - well done year 3!

**Mrs Schofield & Miss Kilbride**

### Year 3/4

We have had a fabulous week in Year 3 / 4 In Maths, we have been learning to divide two and three digits by one and year 4 looking at remainders, using arrays and the bus stop method to help us. In English we have turned into Tranio and we are writing our own diary entries about his life in Pompeii - the children have amazed me with their fantastic learning! In Science, we have been busy with learning about pitch and the children made their own pan flutes using straws. In our Geography, we have learned more about earthquakes and found out about tectonic plates.

**Miss Marston & Mrs Bailey**

### Year 4

This week year 4 have been working extremely hard and all the children have produced some fantastic work. In English, the children have written a diary entry from the point of view of 'Tranio' the lead character in our story 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children have worked very hard to include high level grammatical features into their work with the key features this week being relative clauses and expanded noun phrases. In Geography this week we have been looking further into Tectonic plates and specifically how they move. We have learned all about convergent, divergent and transform plate boundaries and how Earthquakes occur here. Next week we will be using our knowledge to compare two case study earthquakes from very different parts of the world. We have also thought about the value of the month 'Trust' and the children have written some lovely poems and been very reflective in thinking about their own experiences of trust.

**Mr Hellam & Mrs Broadbent**

### Year 5

This week in year 5, we have continued our work on fractions by looking at how to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions. We have discovered more efficient methods to calculate our answers and have practised applying our knowledge to some reasoning and problem-solving questions. In English, we have completed our non-chronological reports on 'Mars - The Red Planet'. We have added lots of interesting facts and even illustrated them ourselves! In science, we have continued our work on 'Earth and beyond' by discovering how the tilt of the Earth gives us seasons and why different regions of the Earth experience seasons differently. Finally, in art we have applied our sketching and watercolour skills to create our own artwork inspired by Martin Impy.

**Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes**



## Year 5 / 6

This week in year 5/6 the children have explored the formation of waterfalls as part of their geography curriculum and are now able to explain the many stages of formation. In RE the children have been looked at the concept of harmlessness within the Hindu religion, they were then given the opportunity to reflect on harmlessness in their own lives. In their maths learning the children worked collaboratively to solve problems related to fractions. The children explored various representations and were able to apply a variety of skills to their open ended problems. Another fantastic week – well done everyone!

Miss Atkinson & Mrs Drury

## Year 6

This week in year 6 we have been busy creating diagrams to explain how the tilt of the Earth's axis affects the seasons we have, we have used our science learning to support us in writing our own non-chronological report on space and different planets. Year 6 have really impressed me with knowledge they have retained. As part of our wellbeing Wednesday this week, we read the 'Happy News' newspaper together and shared good stories from around the world, we also discussed sleep as part of sleep awareness week, we discussed why sleep is important, what might impact on our sleep and tips for a good night sleep.

Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson

## Stars of the Week

Well done to our fantastic stars of the week who have been celebrated during our Celebration Assembly in school.

Class	Name
F1 - Nursery	Bethany & Isabelle
F2 – Reception	Ivy & Kyrena
Year 1	Robbie & Martin
Year 2	Seth & Benji
Year 3	Niamh W & Neve G
Year 3/4	Isabelle W & Daniel
Year 4	Finley H & Oliver C
Year 5	Oktawian & Skyla
Year 5/6	Harry H & Ben J
Year 6	Isabelle P & Archie D

## Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Class
Break up for Easter Holidays	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	
INSET Day	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021	School is closed to all pupils
Children return to school	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021	All children return to school.
Shelly's Hibernation Day	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021	Children are invited to come into school in their pyjamas for a hibernation day for a small donation. During this day we will complete lots of lovely activities and any donations will go towards our Towngate tortoise, Shelly!

Thank you to parents/carers for your ongoing support of the school and the staff team. Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss L Eke

Acting Headteacher  
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