

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

It has been fantastic to be back in school this week and feeling the buzz and enjoyment of school life. It is clear the children in school are working hard to catch up on lost learning and socialising again with their teachers and friends.

Well done everyone on your hard work, we are very proud of you!

### Parents' Evenings

This week we welcomed parents into our virtual parents' evenings. Thank you to all of the parents and carers for offering your time at home to speak with class teachers about the children's return to school. If you did not book a slot and wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office.

### School INSET day: 12.04.21

A reminder that school is closed to all pupils on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 due to an INSET day. School reopens to all pupils on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### 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

Due to limited interest in the After School Club so far, **we will not** be commencing the club on return from our Easter holidays. We will look to reopen provision from Spring Bank should we have enough uptake to ensure this club remains viable to run. Thank you for your understanding. In the meantime, please do let school know if your circumstances change and you will require provision by Spring Bank.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

We will be recommencing a small selection of Extra-Curricular sports clubs from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. Miss Moore in the office has contacted the parents of children who registered interest in a spot and has confirmed those places.

### 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.

### Easter holidays – contact for safeguarding

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the following information should you have any safeguarding concerns about your child or another child / young adult during the course of the Easter holidays:

Wakefield Safeguarding Board: 0345 8503503

School Nurse: 01924 310130

Early Help Hub: 01924 303272

Please remember that if you are worried about a child, all adults have a duty to share this information.



## Return to school

On return to school, the staggered start and end times of the school day will continue as they have since school reopening.

## Illnesses / pupil absence

Please can we remind parents/carers to inform school of pupils' absences and reasons for these absences. Should pupils be suffering from the symptoms of the Coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms and is awaiting a test result or has a confirmed case of Coronavirus, please notify school to allow us to act swiftly. Thank you.

## Red Nose Day / Comic Relief

A massive thank you to all our children and their parents/carers for super fundraising for a worthy cause, we raised £241.40!

## Early Years Foundation F1 & F2

Nursery have had another lovely week this week! We have been very busy making our Easter cards to share with our families over the holidays. We have continued with our learning about shapes in Maths and have even looked at some 3D shapes! The children have also enjoyed seeing Miss Riley on Teams every day, we have had lots of fun playing Maths games and sharing stories with each other. We have absolutely loved exploring our fantastic new resources both inside and outside. Well done for working so hard this half-term Nursery, we are immensely proud of you all – have a lovely Easter break!

**Miss Riley, Miss Pamment & Mrs Gordon**

F2 have had a very busy week this week. We have been very excited to see that our broad beans are growing, and so quickly. We have all tried hard to write about our plant and draw a picture to record what it looks like. We have also tried really hard to use oil pastels to draw the flowers which we have in school this week. We have had to look very carefully. In our topic work we have been thinking about life cycles this week and we enjoyed watching a video of a chick hatching. In our Maths work we have been weighing objects using cubes and thinking about repeating patterns. We have also been practicing our addition skills and exploring number bonds in our morning challenge work.

Well done everyone. We hope you have a lovely holiday with your family.

**Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Middleton & Mrs Allen**

## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning to recall number facts to 10 and 20 and how to add by making 10. In English we have written some spring poems thinking about what we can see, hear, feel, smell and taste. In Science we planted a sunflower seed to take home and care for during the holidays.

Well done Year 1 for working so hard.

**Miss Haigh & Mrs Hanley**

## Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about 5 steps to mental wellbeing. The children have made a poster to take home with them over the holidays to help stay positive. In English we wrote an acrostic poem about hunters to finish our book this half term called The Hunter. Well done Year 2 for all your super learning this week.

**Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah**

## Year 3

Well, we've had another fabulous week this week in year 3. We began our week, making pan flutes in Science to investigate how sound travels. In Maths, we have been sharing into equal groups as part of our division learning and in English, we have been writing a recount of an earthquake on Towngate! We have also been learning French Easter vocabulary and today we decorated and rolled our 'oeufs de Paques' (Easter Eggs) in the playground. Well done Year 3!

**Mrs Schofield & Miss Kilbride**



### Year 3 / 4

It has been a fantastic week in Year 3 / 4 - all of the staff are so proud of how hard all the children have worked. In English, we were shocked to discover a volcano in our classroom! We watched interviews of staff and wrote their recounts down using speech. In maths, we have continued learning about division - the children have made fabulous progress on this topic and we are so impressed! This week in science, we really enjoyed creating volcanoes and making them erupt - it was great fun! In another science lesson, we learned about how we hear through vibration and we created cup telephones to help us find out more. We finished our week by decorating eggs and rolling them down a hill! Thank you for all of your hard work this term and have a wonderful break. Well done, everyone!

**Miss Marston, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson**

### Year 4

This week in year 4 we have been very busy in our afternoon lessons. In ICT this week we have all spent some time outside and shot our very own scenes for a movie using the iPad! We then came back into school and used the editing software 'imovie' to edit our videos together and add different effects. Some children were able to add sound and give their scenes a transition effect. The children used filters to change the appearance of their videos and we are hoping to share these with each other after the half-term. In our DT lesson we have created a pulley system prototype, which if built to full size, would hopefully be able to help remove rubble after an earthquake. The children used paper cups, spools, string and a pencil in order to create their pulley system and these were tested to check they worked. All of the children have worked incredibly hard we hope they all have a wonderful Easter Holiday.

**Mr Hellam & Mrs Broadbent**

### Year 5

This week in year 5, we have consolidated our knowledge of equivalent fractions and started looking at improper fractions and mixed numbers. We have learned how to convert between improper fractions and mixed number and added fractions to give an answer greater than one. In English, we have continued our work on 'Where once we stood' and published our own newspaper articles about the moon landings in 1969. Our art lessons have also continued to follow our class book and we have completed our own illustrative sketches, ready to apply watercolours in the style of Martin Impey. In PE, we have developed our running technique and applied our new skills to a relay race. We have practised passing the baton in a high-pressure situation and observed whether it is quicker to run independently, or as part of a team!

**Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes**

### Year 5 / 6

Year 5/6 have had another super week at school. We have been extremely busy writing newspaper reports documenting the first Moon landing by the Apollo 11 crew, carefully considering the experiences of all involved. In our art work, we have worked hard to develop our sketching skills and thinking about proportion and shading whilst drawing - we have produced some brilliant sketches of Neil Armstrong on the Moon! The children have continued to show resilience and a positive attitude towards their learning this week and we are so proud of them! Well done Year 5/6, have a super Easter Holidays!

**Miss Atkinson, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey**

### Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been working really hard creating a newspaper report about the first moon landing, we looked at different newspaper and how they were laid out to help us write like real journalists. We were very lucky to receive a special delivery from the Happy New newspaper. We loved reading all the happy and inspiring stories together, we were amazed to find out that a 4-year-old found a real (220-million-year-old) dinosaur footprint in Wales and scientists have found a way for a spinach plant to send an email! We enjoyed a film afternoon this week as our prize for being the class with the most dojos. Year 6 have worked extremely hard this half term. Well done Year 6 have a relaxing break!

**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	Arlo B & William O
F2 - Reception	Robyn H & Rosie S
Year 1	Isaac H & Leland C
Year 2	Amelia R & Esma A
Year 3	Eva H & David R
Year 3/4	Maisee K Hughie C
Year 4	Riley B & Ava G
Year 5	Lewis G & Edith C
Year 5/6	Poppy B & Jake M
Year 6	Libby B & Lois C

## 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!

Have a wonderful half term break.

Mrs A Berry and Miss L Eke

Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher  
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