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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Free School Meals

A Free School Meal form has been sent out this week by Miss Moore in the office; please complete this form and return to school, particularly if you have faced some changes in your circumstances. Thank you.

Shelly's Hibernation Day

Today we have celebrated our Towngate Tortoise, Shelly with a Hibernation Day! Today the children have been invited into school wearing their pyjamas and have raised some important funds to keep Shelly healthy and well-cared for. Thank you for your generosity.

Captain Tom's 100 Challenge

This Bank Holiday weekend would have been Captain Tom's birthday; our Academy Council, Mrs Schofield, Mrs Drury and Mrs Johnson would love the children to have some fun whilst raising some money for one of his chosen charities 'The British Legion'. The Captain Tom Foundation have launched a 'Captain Tom 100' fundraiser and are asking people to do 100 of something - this could be to run 100 metres, do 100 skips, bounce 100 times on a trampoline, count to 100 or walk 100 times around your garden just like Captain Tom! This is an opportunity to get creative - and even get family and friends involved! We hope to support Captain Tom's memory and do something to help others therefore we are asking for donations of 100 pennies (£1) or as much as you like to our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/towngate-academys-captain-tom-100-challenge>

All proceeds will go to The British Legion who have unfortunately missed out on lots of fundraising over the past year due to the pandemic. Any donation would be much appreciated. Good luck everyone!

Recycled Uniform Shop

Our recycled uniform shop has started to acquire donations of uniforms that have been grown out of. Thank you for the donations so far. If any parents/carers have any older uniform that is no longer needed, please can this be brought to your child's classroom door where a member of staff will take and quarantine this before we launch our pop-up recycled uniform shop!

Reception and Nursery Places

We still have Early Years places available for families looking for a school place for a September start: should you know of any parents/carers in who have been unable to obtain a school place for September, please do mention that we have places available here at Towngate and would welcome prospective parents to visit the academy to secure a school place.



Values and Vision: Parent Views

During Polling Day on 6th May where school will be closed to all pupils, we will be completing some work on our Academy Vision and Values. We would like to obtain views from parents and carers about the values you wish for your children to learn and embed during their time in this school. To share your views, please complete the Microsoft Forms attached. Thank you to the parents and carers who have already shared their views and submitted the form to school.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzwOWF-TIBI23JhZIFv_jptxRIqsggfUThRC9lUQkZWMDM+TTZlQkdZTEpBSURITkU+VFNZSS+u

Social Media and School Publicity

Thank you to the parents/carers who have returned their permission slips for social media. Mrs Thackrah – our resident social media expert – is in the process of developing our new social media pages. Our Instagram page is now live and can be found by searching *towngate_primary_academy* and our Facebook page will be up and running by next week. Please do follow and share our pages and support raising the profile of all we do at Towngate.

Sunflower Seeds: Morrisons

May we ask that if any family members shop at Morrisons that you ask for the free sunflower seeds they are currently offering. We are going to be working hard at improving our area and as such would most definitely appreciate the opportunity to grow flowers around the site!

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.

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	Kennedy B & Mahdi M
F2 – Reception	Isabel C & Elsie F
Year 1	Everyone in Year 1!!
Year 2	Toby B & Isabelle A
Year 3	Oakley G & Eva A
Year 3/4	Millie B & Georgina H
Year 4	Karim L & Jack K
Year 5	Matthew W & Marca T
Year 5/6	Emilio B & Ethan S
Year 6	Owen W & Violet B

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Class
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May, 2021	Bank holiday, school is closed to all pupils today.
Polling Day	Thursday 6 th May, 2021	School is being used as a polling day and therefore is closed today to all pupils.
School reopens to children	Friday 7 th May, 2021	All children return today
Spring Bank Holiday	Friday 21 st May, 2021	All classes
School reopens	Monday 7 th June, 2021	School opens to all pupils.

We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend and thank you for your ongoing support,



What have we been learning about in school this week?

Early Years Foundation Stage – F1 (Nursery) & F2 (Reception)

This week we have been thinking about fossils in F1. We have worked very hard to make our own salt dough fossils using different objects to make the marks in the dough. We have enjoyed thinking about different sizes through our Maths work and using the correct vocabulary. In F2 we have been thinking about our garden area and making rules to help us look after it. We have been busy measuring this week and we have enjoyed using our construction bricks to create our own dinosaurs, thinking about their height. We also enjoyed weaving using different materials, ribbons and wool.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen, Mrs Middleton, Miss Pamment, Mrs Gordon

Year 1

Today we have been a TV Chef in computing, we each made a video of how to make a fruit kebab. In Science we have been exploring different plants and what each part of the plant does. In English we have re-told the story Man on the Moon we remembered so much information!

The children have worked really hard this week, well done Year 1!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Hanley

Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about fractions finding thirds, quarters and half of a quantity and shapes. We now know that 2 quarters is the same as a half. In English we made a get-well card for a friend in our class. Get well soon Isabelle. In history we have been learning about Emeline Pankhurst who fought hard to get the right for women to vote.

Well done Year 2 a super week. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah

Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have been very busy with our Fractions in Maths and we have been planning a newspaper report in English about the mysterious claw prints that have been found behind the oak tree on our school field - we will keep you posted on our findings! In Science, we discovered that the digestive system is 8 metres long and in PE we have been practising our shooting skills. Today, we have enjoyed Hibernation Day in school, wearing our pyjamas and completing lots of tortoise activities. Well done Year 3 for another super week.

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Broadbent

Year 3 / 4

It has been a fabulous week in Year 3 / 4! In English, we have started our work on writing an amazing newsletter about a mysterious creature in our school field! In Maths, we have found fractions of an amount. We have been learning about the Mediterranean in geography and this week we found out where the Mediterranean Sea is located - it was lots of fun! Our science lesson was really interesting! We learned about our teeth, the different names and uses for them. We had a wonderful hibernation day and we enjoyed finding out more about Shelly!

Miss Marston, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Year 4

This week in year 4 we have been extremely busy! During our English lessons we have planned and drafted a newspaper report all about the hazards which are present in the park in our class story. In our Maths lessons our new focus is decimals and through using part whole models and other visual representations we have carefully identified tenths and hundredths. During our Science lesson we completed a very interesting demonstration which simulated how food travels through our digestive system. Using orange juice inside a plastic bag as our stomach, we mixed biscuits and banana before squeezing it through some tights to show how the intestines remove water from our food. Also, in our PSHE lesson this week we looked at the story of two New York Zoo Penguins, Rory and Silo, who were gifted an egg laid by another penguin couple 'Betty and Porkey' as these two male penguins could not lay an egg by themselves. The children discussed this and asked thoughtful questions surrounding same sex couples.

Mr Hellam, Mr Phelan & Miss Hawthorne



Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have looked at multiplying unit fractions, non-unit fractions and mixed numbers by an integer. We have discussed how these problems might look in real-world contexts and begun to apply our reasoning skills. In English, we have continued to read our class book and have identified the features of a flashback scene in a narrative. Ready to write our own flashback in the coming week. In DT, we have learned how the Ancient Maya made textiles and discussed how they represented their cultural and ancestral traditions in their clothes. We have also thought about initial designs for our own headdresses and annotated our preliminary sketches. Finally, in PE, we have developed our hurdling technique and put our skills into practise to complete a short hurdle run.

Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes

Year 5 / 6

This week Class 5/6 have had great fun in PE, using the knowledge and skills we have acquired in athletics to develop our own Olympic style event in either jumping, throwing or running. The children demonstrated fantastic communication and teamwork skills this week. In history, we compared the homes of the ancient Maya's with those of other civilisations in history, we then explored how Maya homes have developed over the years. The reading challenges the children have completed as part of their homework this week have been extremely innovative! We hope the children have a super bank holiday weekend, well done for all your hard work everyone.

Miss Atkinson & Mrs Drury

Year 6

We have had a super week in year 6 this week. In mathematics, we have started to learn all about algebra, some excellent effort here. In English this week, we have all been writing a flashback about our character 'Max' who is the son of two Maya archaeologists. We had an amazing drumming session with Mr Ellis, with a full 5 minutes performance complete with solos!! We also had a lovely art lesson where we created our own rune stones out of clay. Well done Year 6!!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson

**Mrs A Berry and Miss L Eke
Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher
Towngate Primary Academy**





Captain Tom 100 Challenge

Can you take on the Captain Tom 100 Challenge?

Everyone, of all ages and abilities, is invited to take on a challenge around the number 100, anytime and anywhere over Captain Tom's Birthday weekend, starting on

Friday 30 April through to Bank Holiday Monday 3 May.

You can do anything from walking 100 steps or running 100 metres, scoring 100 goals, baking 100 cupcakes, 100 press-ups, climbing 100 stairs, skipping 100 skips, writing a 100-word poem or even knitting 100 poppies – whatever takes your fancy!

You could also donate 100 pennies (or as much as you like) to our Just Giving page and donate to The Royal British Legion in memory of Captain Tom:

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