

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

### Values and Vision

All staff were part of INSET training as a result of the school polling day yesterday. In addition to the feedback from parents and carers, the staff team discussed the vision of our school and the values we feel are integral for our children to be taught. We will share our Vision and Values work in the upcoming weeks.

### After school club

Just a reminder that as we make plans to establish whether we are able to reopen After School Club, please can parents who **would** commit to using this facility please complete the Microsoft form that was sent via email today or email the office on [TGA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:TGA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) to inform Miss Moore.

### Free School Meals

Should any parents/carers working or financial circumstances have changed, your child may be eligible for free school meals. Please complete the free school meals form sent out previously from the office and return to school for this to be submitted. Thank you.

### Shelly's Hibernation Day

Last week we held Shelly's Hibernation Day where the children were extra comfy having come to spend the day in school wearing their pyjamas! Thanks to the generosity of pupils, parents and carers, the children raised a fantastic £262! The money raised will contribute to keeping Shelly well cared for.

### Towngate Academy Council

Please could you help our Academy Council by saving plastic bottle bottoms from your 2L drink bottles. We aim to create a wonderful display of poppies in or around school in November for Remembrance Day 2021. This will coincide with a wider project in Ossett that we hope to be part of and we thought it would be amazing to create our own display here at school too. Any bottle bottoms can be given to the Academy Councillor in each class. Thank you in advance.



### Captain Tom 100 Fundraiser

A huge thank you to everybody who participated in our Captain Tom 100 Fundraiser. We had some wonderful photos and videos from counting 100 pebbles, to a cake with 100 toppings, 100 trampoline bounces, 100 rugby passes and even 100 dandelions picked! Thanks to you we have raised £70 for The British Legion, a very worthwhile charity. Well done Towngate! Its not too late to make a donation, click on the link below <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/towngate-academy-captain-tom-100-challenge>



## 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.



## 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!

## Social Media and School Publicity

Our new Instagram page, [towngate\\_primary\\_academy](https://www.instagram.com/towngate_primary_academy) is now live along with our Facebook page! Mrs Thackrah has been doing a wonderful job of developing our social media presence. Please do follow and share our posts to help us grow our school's publicity wider.

## Covid Cases, Wakefield

Due to a slight raise of positive Covid cases in the area, if your child has a temperature, new persistent cough or sore throat, we ask that you follow Government guidance by isolating and arranging a PCR Covid test. This will help us to maintain the safety of other pupils, families and staff.

## 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	Ben P & Jackson T
F2 - Reception	Finley B & Finley T
Year 1	Leo M & Piper W
Year 2	Noah M & Archie S
Year 3	Nieve R & Lola D-H
Year 3/4	George M & Reuben R
Year 4	Matilda C & Harvey E
Year 5	Skyla H & Louie McN
Year 5/6	Oliver M & Robbie W
Year 6	Emily B & Lois C

## Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Class
Spring Bank Holiday	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May, 2021	All classes
School reopens	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021	School opens to all pupils.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another week spent learning alongside each and every one of our pupils.

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



## What's been going on in school this week?

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

It has been a short week, but a busy week in Early Years. F1 have been using their creative skills to develop obstacle courses to share in the outdoor area. We have also been using our imagination to talk about which animals which could live in Harry's bucket. We have been thinking about the number 5 and finding different ways to group objects within our Maths work. F2 have enjoyed learning about how people lived over 100 years ago. We have been finding out about Victorian kitchens and thinking about how they are different from our kitchen today. Miss Shazad has been teaching us about Eid and we have enjoyed using the music room to practice keeping the beat as we listen to the music.

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

### Year 1

This week we have been learning to ask questions, the children wrote Bob some questions about what it would be like on the moon. In maths, we have been learning about finding half a shape and half an amount, we were very good at sharing cubes to help us find the answer. In PSHE the children have made a shopping list and they each had 20p to buy different foods, they have been learning how to manage money. It has been a very busy 3 days this week, but the children have worked really hard.

**Miss Haigh and Miss Hanley**

### Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been continuing to find features of a text, looking for nouns, adjectives, commas in a list, homophones and homographs. In maths we have been measuring in metres and cm and comparing lengths. Well done Year 2

**Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah**

### Year 3

This week in year 3, we have been working hard on our unit and non-unit fractions and in English we created our own newspaper report about a mysterious monster in the Towngate playground. In PSHE, we learned about 'Deaf Awareness Week' and had a practice of the alphabet in sign language. We have also been learning about 'Understanding' which is our Value of the month. We discussed how everyone is different and unique in their own way and that we should treat others as we would like to be treated. Today, we have been practising our sewing skills. Well done year 3 for a super week!

**Mrs Schofield & Mrs Broadbent**

### Year 3 / 4

This week in year 3/4 we have had an amazing time! In English we have been writing a newspaper article about an escaped badger in the school field, we had so much fun thinking of what the teachers would say if this happened! In Maths we have been learning how to create fractions of amounts whilst using our problem solving and reasoning skills. For science this week, we conducted an exciting experiment to see what our teeth would look like if we didn't brush them regularly. We have left hard-boiled eggs in different solutions of coca cola, water and orange juice to see what happens! In PE the children have been practicing their attacking and defending skills in hockey. We had a wonderful time learning how to move around the pitch and how to pass to members of our team. We also had a fascinating debate about the caterpillar cake at Aldi and Marks and Spencer!

**Miss Marston & Mrs Bailey**



## Year 4

Year 4 have worked very hard during this shortened week. Today we practiced our arithmetic skills and made sure we put a real focus on using the correct methods of working out for our 4 key operations. We have looked at teeth in Science this week, the children have learnt the names of all of the teeth that humans have and now understand the function of the different teeth. Some children even asked very high-level questions regarding why wisdom teeth have no purpose, which led us to look back through history to a time when the diet for humans was much more plant based. On Friday afternoon the children have looked closely at a new religious celebration from the Hindu religion called Diwali. The children have looked at the story of Rama and Sita before and today have looked at how Diwali is celebrated by Hindus. During wellbeing Wednesday the children were focusing on being positive and how a positive mindset and optimistic view of life will help your mental health and keep you feeling ready to tackle any challenge which comes your way!

**Mr Hellam**

## Year 5

This week, in English, we have been looking at writing a flashback scene through a narrative. We have identified the key features of a flashback scene and discussed why authors (or directors in films) use flashbacks and the impact they have on the reader or viewer. We have created a draft of our flashback and use peer and self-assessment to make changes and improvements, ready to publish our final version! In science, we have studied reproduction in amphibians and insects. We have highlighted the key differences between the two categories of animal and started to think about why animals reproduce in different ways and the evolutionary reasons for these differences. In DT, we have had a closer look at how the Maya produced textiles and started to develop our initial sketches to produce a concept for a functional produce which we can now move on to making!

**Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes**

## Year 5 / 6

This week in Class 5/6, the children have used ancient Maya artefacts to support their extended writing of a flashback through narrative based on our novel Middleworld. The children have shown great creativity and innovation whilst completing their writing - it was a delight to read! In science, we have continued our learning on reproduction in plants and animals; the children have shown curiosity and engaged in a range of conversations around this topic. We have been really proud of the way the children have engaged in their math's learning, using their understanding to tackle a range of problems. To finish off our week, in Art, we have looked at traditional Maya textiles and planning a design for our own Maya headdress.

**Miss Atkinson & Mrs Drury**

## Year 6

In our history this week we have been looking at the ruins of ancient Maya cities and seeing what we can find out about daily life from them, we found out about the village Ceren which has been perfectly preserved by volcanic ash. We talked about the Stelae in the cities which have all the achievements of the king on the back and decided how useful and reliable that would be. We have been challenging ourselves in maths this week in our algebra topic we have been finding out what an expression, formula and equation is and how to solve them. We had a lovely English lesson this morning re-drafting out work together we shared some fantastic ideas and have some produced some beautiful writing. Keep it up year 6!

**Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson**

