

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

### After School Club

We are delighted that we will be opening After School Club again after the Spring Bank holidays. Miss Moore will begin to start taking bookings from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May for the term commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021. We would ask that parents/carers book and pay in advance for their sessions and any block bookings of a full half term will be awarded a 5% discount. We look forward to seeing the children back in the After-School Club, enjoying a range of activities together. Please be mindful that if you book a space for your child and you don't use the space, we will have to insist that the space is still paid for.

### Free School Meals

Can we request that all parents/carers complete the Free School Meals form sent via email; even if you are unsure or feel as if your circumstances do not meet the criteria, it is better to complete and submit the form as this will benefit for your child in school. Thank you.

### Early Years Open Day

We are opening our doors on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm for a socially distanced open evening. This is an opportunity for the parents who are new to school to view the provision on offer and to encourage new families to visit our school to secure a place for a September start.

Please do share the details of this event with friends and families and call the academy office on 01924 302865 to book a place.



### International Nurses Day

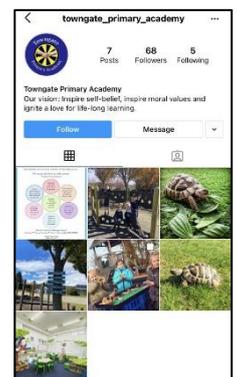
Our children and staff have worked hard to mark International Nurses Day this week. The children whose parents are nurses recorded a special message and the children in each class created shared some wonderful words of gratitude for all the hard work shown by the nurses in our school community. Thank you to those parents and carers who have given so much to the community over the last year and beyond – we hope you enjoyed the special video shared on our Twitter and Facebook pages!

### Captain Tom 100 Fundraiser

A huge thank you to everybody who participated in our Captain Tom 100 Fundraiser. The pupils who participated raised £70 for Captain Tom's charities – thank you to all who contributed. If you go to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/uk-england-leeds-57024212> we've made the news!

### 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 profile within the local community.



### Covid Cases, Wakefield

Due to the rise 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.

### Mental Health Awareness Week

The whole school have been working on different aspects of this and you can see all the activities on our Twitter feed and Social Media platforms.



### Safer Sleep (ICON)

Unfortunately, Wakefield has experienced recent baby deaths here in the district as a result of overlay, unsafe sleeping and shaken babies. The ICON program can help to prevent this with the support it provides:

I – Infant crying is normal; C – Comforting methods can help; O – It's OK to walk away; N – Never, ever shake a baby.

Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership ([wakefieldscp.org.uk](http://wakefieldscp.org.uk)) and The Lullaby Trust – offer additional information for staff and parents, including the safer sleeping standard information.

### Operation Encompass School

Just a reminder that we are an Operation Encompass school: this is a Wakefield initiative to support children and young people in school following a domestic abuse incident the previous day. The purpose of **Operation Encompass** is to safeguard and support those children and young people who have witnessed or been present at the time of a domestic abuse incident.

### 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	Daisy S & Arlo B
F2 – Reception	Verity R & Verity W-C
Year 1	Eva E & Lewis G
Year 2	Jeanie V & Will G
Year 3	Tahlia D & Billy K-B
Year 3/4	Clay O'D & Jake L
Year 4	Finley H & Mason N
Year 5	Amelia H & Finley C
Year 5/6	Isaac H & William C
Year 6	Toby T & Cady W

### Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Class
Early Years Open Evening	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May, 2021	Open Evening for children joining the academy in Nursery and Reception next academic year.
Early Years Open Evening	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 2021	Open Evening for children joining the academy in Nursery and Reception next academic year.
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

Well done everybody for another lovely week; we hope you have a fantastic weekend.

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 – Nursery (F1) & Reception (F2)

It has been another very busy week in Early Years this week. All the children are working very hard, and they are continuing to enjoy finding out about dinosaurs and reading stories around this theme. F1 have been reading "Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs." They have been thinking about their favourite toys and drawing pictures and labelling their work. They are working hard thinking about ways to make the number five and they have been using their imagination to create recipes for different dinosaurs in the mud kitchen.

F2 have enjoyed learning about old toys this week and comparing them to their toys at home. We have been finding missing numbers in our Maths work and we have all tried very hard with our writing which has been based on the story "The Dinosaur Who Lost His Roar."

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

### Year 1

We have had a really busy week this week, but all of us have been working really hard. We had fun exploring the pond and found some tadpoles and a newt! In maths we have been finding a quarter and in history we have been finding out all about Martin Luther King. We even found out that Martin knew Rosa Parks who we have previously learnt about. Have great weekend everyone.

**Miss Haigh & Mrs Hanley**

### Year 2

This week in PE the children have been learning about different kinds of throws, overarm, underarm and side pass. We enjoyed playing the games to develop these skills. We enjoyed trying to get Miss Lockett out when playing dodge ball! In RE we have been learning about our safe place and places that are sacred in different religions. For wellbeing week we have had a quote a day to help us to develop a positive mindset. Our favourite one from this week is:

*'Today is a good day to have a good day'.*

Well done Year 2 you have all worked very hard this week. Have a lovely weekend

**Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah**

### Year 3

This week in year 3, we have been working really hard on our assessments. In English, we have been recapping expanded noun phrases. In French, we learned a french song 'Deux Petite Oiseaux' and in Science we learned all about the different names and functions of our teeth. In RE, we learned about Ramadam and how Muslims fast for 30 days to understand how there are some people in the world who have no food. This week, is 'Mental Health Week' so this afternoon we did some gardening and planted flowers for our outside area. Well done for another super week!

**Mrs Schofield & Mrs Broadbent**

### Year 3/4

It has been a wonderful week in Year 3/4 and we cannot praise the children enough for their hard work and determination! We love having our classroom companion (Shelly!) and the children have been really responsible when caring for him. It is wellbeing week and we have loved taking time to reflect on our rainbow moments, exercise and reflect about things that make us happy - we even told some funny jokes! In computing, we researched some wonderful, warm countries in the Mediterranean and created some fabulous PowerPoints - we even managed to attach images, animate and change the font! In PE, we continued our hockey learning and we even played a mini match! In maths, we are continuing our fraction learning and we are finding fractions of amount and in English we have been experimenting with punctuation. Well done everyone for a super week!

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



#### Year 4

This week in year 4 we have been very busy with our English work which has involved us writing a recount from the perspective of the third voice in our class book. The children worked well using lots of grammar features to create fantastic description and overall high-quality writing. In our Geography lessons this week we have been learning to locate the Mediterranean Sea and where it begins and ends. Following on from this we have also compared two different Mediterranean cities, one which was coastal and one which was inland. In our wellbeing Wednesday, the children went outside to the field and completed some observational sketches of different natural things located on the school grounds. In Science this week the children planned an investigation involving eggs and different sugary liquids. The eggs are hardboiled and the children will monitor the eggs in the different liquids throughout next week to see the effect this has and link it back to our current focus of teeth.

**Mr Hellam**

#### Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have concluded our work on fractions by discovering how fractions can be used as operators. We have completed lots of reasoning and problem-solving questions to really consolidate our knowledge. In English, we have finished writing our flashback scene in a narrative and have written some examples ready for displaying around school! In science, we have discussed how mammals and birds reproduce and compared this to insects and amphibians to identify similarities and differences. In PE, we have started our striking and fielding unit by looking at throwing and catching with accuracy in the context of a cricket game.

**Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes**

#### Year 5/6

This week in Class 5/6 we enjoyed a very exciting PE lesson playing an ancient Mesoamerican ball game, inspired by our history topic. The children challenged themselves to learn and develop new skills to pass the ball and work collaboratively. In Science, we have studied gestation periods of mammals and compared these to make conclusions about the data. As part of mental health week, we have focused on empathy and the language we could use in conversations to support our friends. We have explored our emotions including the non-verbal clues such as body language to identify these.

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

#### Year 6

This week in year 6, we have had a super music lesson we are getting really good in our solo roles and are excited to be able to perform a finished piece. In our history this week we have been trying to solve the mystery of the fall of the Maya. We looked at lots of different theories and decided what the cause and consequences of each event was. We were shocked to find out that no one really knows what happened! We really enjoyed our PE lesson this week when we combined everything, we have learnt in our athletics this term to create our own events. After we created our events, we taught it to another group and had a competition.

**Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson**



17th-23rd May  
**Does music have the  
power to change our  
behaviour?**

