

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

### Vision and Values

We have finalised our school vision and values following work with our school staff, pupils and seeking advice from parents and carers. We will be launching our school vision and values next week with the children:

Our Academy Vision: *Instilling core values, inspiring bright futures*

Our 'core four' values underpin our academy vision: *Compassion Ownership Resilience Excellence*

We will work hard to weave our 'core four' into all aspects of our curriculum, expectations and school life over the upcoming weeks and into next year.

### Transition Days

Today the children watched their transition introduction videos where they virtually met their new class teachers for next year! The teachers are all extremely excited to meet the children virtually on Teams over the next couple of weeks to spend time getting to know each other before a super start in September. The class teaching arrangements for next year are as follows:

Nursery F1	Miss L Haigh
Reception F2	Mrs Kimbley
Year 1	Miss Lockett
Year 2	Mrs Davies
Year 3	Mr Hellam,
Year 4a	Mrs Wolstenholme
Year 4b	Mrs Schofield
Year 5	Mr Adlington
Year 5/6	Mrs Bateman
Year 6	Miss Eke (Mrs Poole from September)

### Euro Day

Today we welcomed the children into school wearing colours of the England team to celebrate our National team's achievement of reaching the final of the Euros against Italy. This is such an exciting time for us all and the day was spent learning together and taking penalties against our teachers! The winning class took on Mrs Berry and Miss Eke in the ultimate penalty shoot out... take a look on Twitter for photographs of our exciting day.

### Parent Governor

A reminder that expressions of interest for the post of Parent Governor should be made in writing to the academy office via email to: [TGA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:TGA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) where this will be passed to our Chair of Governors, Mrs J Crook.



## End of year gifts

Some parents have contacted school to ask about arrangements for end of year gifts for class teachers. All staff in school feel very lucky to work with such wonderful children and families and therefore a heartfelt thank you from parents/carers means so very much to each and every one of our children – a gift is by no means necessary nor expected by any members of staff. We appreciate there will be many parents/carers who would like to send a thank you gift in for the staff in school and as such, a plastic box will be left outside the cloakrooms during week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> July for parents/carers who have expressed the wish to send a thank you gift into school.

## COVID19 cases, Wakefield

We wish to share a reminder of what parents need to do in the following instances:

- If any child has ANY symptoms of illness, please keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test (**not a lateral flow test**).
- If any family members are exhibiting symptoms please keep children at home unless test results confirm a negative result.
- Children who have been sent home should isolate at home and should not play with other children. If a bubble is closed, remote learning will resume. There will be a Teams register and input from the teacher. Work will be uploaded onto Seesaw.
- If we find that a child is ill in nursery/school we will send all members of the family home.
- If your child receives a negative test, email [TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) with details so that the child can return to school.

## Reporting COVID19 Cases

Please make sure you let us know immediately if your child has tested positive as we need to act quickly to inform Public Health England as well as inform parents and staff of any necessary closures and isolation requirements.

Please email [TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk).

## Free School Meals

A FSM form will be sent out for parents and carers today to complete: we encourage parents to complete and return this form as many different circumstances are considered when allocating Free School Meals.

## Reception and Nursery Places

We still have Early Years places available for families looking for a school place for a September start, please spread the word with friends and family members who are looking for a school place for their children.



## Mrs Broadbent

Most of you will be aware, Mrs Broadbent left Towngate last Friday for new adventures and challenges, we wish her all the best for her future career and know that she will be missed by pupils, parents and staff alike. Good Luck Mrs Broadbent!

## Stars of the Week

Well done to our fantastic stars of the week who have been celebrated during our Celebration Assembly in school. Your hard work and determination this week has been noticed by your teachers – we are very proud of you!

Class	Name
F1 - Nursery	Benjamin P & Ivy S
F2 – Reception	Oliver H & Elsie F
Year 1	Ava & James W
Year 2	Archie A & Thomas R
Year 3	Billy K-B & Isla S
Year 3/4	Georgina H & Leo P
Year 4	Riley B & Ethan G
Year 5	Lacey H & Frankie P
Year 5/6	Oliver M & Ben J
Year 6	Courtney A & Archie L



**Attendance:**

This week's whole school attendance is 97.92%.

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 1 (Nursery)

This week in Nursery, we have continued our 'Under the Sea' learning journey by diving deeper in a yellow submarine! This inspired us to use different materials to create our own submarines, write our own short story about the journey a submarine has made and in music we have started learning the song 'We all live in a yellow submarine'. The children have drawn some detailed pictures of sea creatures and are talking all about their favourites. We are seeing excellent progress with our counting and we are learning different ways to make the numbers up to 10. Well done to all our wonderful children in Nursery for working so hard and coming in every day with a huge smile!

Mrs Davies & Mrs Gordon

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week we have been reading the story, Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson. We have continued to find out facts about different sea creatures and we have tried hard to write our own information. In our Maths work we have been practising our sharing skills. We have also been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s during our early morning activities. F2 have worked hard in gymnastics and we have been using clay to create our own models.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

We have had lots of fun in DT this week following our previous session when we made structures. We have designed and practiced making a chair for baby bear using paper and masking tape, the children will then make their design next week! In English the children have produced some fantastic writing as they retold the beginning of the story 'Dougal's Deep-Sea Diary'. In maths we have been comparing time using; earlier and later. Have a brilliant weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Miss Hanley

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in science we have been learning about seed dispersal and looking at how some seeds spread with water, bursting, shaking or drop and roll. The children enjoyed finding out which seeds from which plants do what. In DT we have planned our structure; a chair to hold Barnaby Bear and next week we will be using our designs to make the chairs. Fingers crossed the chairs will be stable to keep Barnaby comfy! In maths we have continued to revise place value looking at place value charts, representing numbers and making 2 digit numbers in different ways thinking about tens and ones. Many of us are also learning the inverse of our times tables playing on Hit The Button to practise division facts. In English we have really enjoyed writing a poem about the ocean. We called our poems Ocean Mystery. Our learning objective was to use adverbs to describe the verbs. I think we are getting the hang of it now! Well done Year 2, you have all worked so hard this week. I am very proud of you all.

Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

It has been a super week in year 3/4 and we are so proud of all of the fantastic learning. In maths, Year 3 completed their work on money and they did an incredible job of solving problems with change. Year 4 finished their work on decimals and they did a fabulous job when rounding decimals. We used the iPads to go on Times Table Rockstars - we're hoping to get lots of high scores so we have a chance of winning the school competition! In English, we wrote a letter from Justus (a character in our class text) to his dad. The children used some fabulous language and they included the correct features too. In science, we looked into why we need toothpaste and planned for our investigation. In music, we continued our African drumming learning and we looked at rhythm and pitch. We really enjoyed our football day on Friday and we scored lots of goals during our penalty shoot-out!

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*Miss Marston, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson*

#### *Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4*

This week in Year 4, we have been extremely busy and excited about the England teams progress in the Euros! Our children enjoyed a penalty shoot-out today and very much enjoyed singing a verse of 'It's coming home!'. In our Science lessons this week, we have planned an investigation where we hope to see the impact that toothpaste has when protecting our teeth. To see this we will cover an egg in toothpaste and place this egg, and a normal egg into a cup of vinegar to see how the protective layer from the toothpaste helps protect our teeth. In art this week, we have created our very own Roman inspired mosaic borders. Hopefully, we are able to create some mosaics with clay later on this half term. In English this week, we have written a letter from the point of view of Justus a main character in our story. We had to write a letter as Justus to our father explaining all about our time away from home.

*Mr Hellam*

#### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5*

This week, in year 5, we have continued our work on decimals by identifying decimal sequences and finding the next term in a sequence. We have solved word problems involving decimals and have developed our ability to reason our answers. In English, we have completed our explanatory text, which explains how to undertake an expedition to the world's highest mountain - Mount Everest. In design and technology, we have measured and marked our accurately and have used tools to cut out the pieces for our bee hotels. We have begun to join them together using permanent joining methods and these are almost ready to be placed around the school grounds to support our solitary bees! We have had a super busy week and have enjoyed watching the highlights from the semi-final of the European Championships - we are all looking forward to Sunday's final against Italy!

*Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes*

#### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6*

This week in Year 5/6 the children have enjoyed continuing their learning on forces and exploring the strength of gravity vs magnetism in science. In RE, the children have learnt about Jewish places of worship and considered why they are important to those who visit. In English, we have been writing an explanation text about how mountaineers conquer Mount Everest, thinking carefully about our use of tenses, person and vocabulary. The children have really enjoyed their penalty shootout this afternoon against Mrs Drury - well done Year 5/6!

*Mrs Bateman & Mrs Drury*

#### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6*

This week in year 6, we have continued looking at our enquiry question - 'How good is Towngate Primary Academy at looking after wildlife?' we learned the criteria for a field map - OASIS (orientation, annotation, scale, information, sketch) and created our own detail field map of our school field. The children enjoyed using the compasses to ensure their sketches were accurate. Due to England making it to Euro's final, year 6 had a great morning having a penalty shoot out against Mrs W. As part of our PSHE learning today, we looked at Gareth Southgate's story and discussed the importance of resilience. Keep an eye out on twitter for the lovely work the children produced. Well done for a great week Year 6 and Good luck England!

*Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson*



