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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Miss Pyrah

We are sad to announce that Miss Pyrah will be leaving her post as Attendance and Behaviour Officer at Towngate next Friday. We are certain you will agree that Miss Pyrah has been an asset to school, undertaking a range of roles since she joined the team. Miss Pyrah is leaving to take on pastures new at WDH as a Housing Officer. Thank you Miss Pyrah for your dedication to the children, the staff and the parents of our school – your humour, kindness and dedication will be sorely missed.

Bubble Closure

As you are aware, we have had a bubble closure this week involving our Year 4 class. The children – as always – have shown excellent levels of resilience to prepare for remote learning. Well done Year 4 – yet again you impress us with your commitment to learning in times of difficulty.

Communication with school

We wish to remind all parents and carers of the importance of communicating directly with school via telephone or email to discuss any queries. As you will understand, in order for school to correctly advise and give correct information to parents/carers we ask that you refrain from posting on social media as this can often lead to incorrect information or speculation which has an adverse effect on others, including parents and staff.

We also wish to remind parents and carers of the importance of speaking to and about staff in a polite and respectful manner; whilst we all may feel frustration at some point, we ask for this to be managed in an appropriate way so we can continue to work together in the best interests of the children. Thank you for your understanding.

Sports Day

Friday 23rd July is our in-house sports day. Please ensure children come into school wearing their PE kits, with their water bottles and sunhats. We will keep parents/carers updated via our twitter feed.

Non-Uniform Day

On Thursday 22nd July, pupils are welcome to come into school wearing their non-uniform to school; we ask EY and KS1 children to 'bring a plastic bottle' and KS2 to bring some sweets as a donation to our PTA for the summer fayre.

PTA Summer Fayre

Any donations for the general tombola or raffle prizes would be appreciated, please can these be left under the veranda outside reception/nursery. Raffle tickets will be available to buy on the day and will be drawn on the day. If you are planning to send your child with some money to spend at the Fayre, please can this be put in a named envelope. Thank you

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 where this will be passed to our Chair of Governors, Mrs J Crook.

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 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.

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.



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	India M & Xavier S
F2 – Reception	Oscar N & Andrea Z
Year 1	Edward C & Leland C
Year 2	Max D & Inaaya H
Year 3	Oakley G & Eva H
Year 3/4	Milosz G & Phoebe H
Year 4	Pitani S & William B
Year 5	Myles H & Skyla H
Year 5/6	Maia H & Amy D
Year 6	Libby B & Ryan M

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 97.21%

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)

We have had another fun filled week in Nursery as we've started our new topic all about 'Pirates!' We have been looking at 'The Night Pirates' book and helping the Pirates find and hide their treasure chest. The children have built their own pirate ships, created treasure maps and completed their Pirate duties all week. The children have all been to Pirate School and been given their own Pirate names and learnt some Pirate songs. We have ended the week by going on our very own adventure, we made our decorated our own telescopes ready to spot some pirates and find an island with buried treasure! Well done Nursery.

Mrs Davies & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have enjoyed our week focusing on pirates. We have been reading "The Night Pirates" and we have been learning about different types of pirate ships. We have been busy making pirate hats, drawing pastel pictures, painting pirates and making pirate ships outside. It has been a very busy week. We have also been practising our doubling skills this week.

We are very proud of how hard F2 have worked, especially with their writing this week. Well done F2!

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

We have had a great week in Year 1 this week learning about how to find out how old a tree is by counting its rings. We found out that the trees that had been chopped down were 43 years old! In maths we have been comparing times and in English we have been writing the next part of our story 'Dougal the Deep Sea Diver', the children have produced some wonderful writing. In Geography we have been looking at similarities and differences between towns and the seaside. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Miss Haigh & Miss Hanley

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been investigating if the biggest seeds will grow into the tallest plants. We used a seed information sheet and made our own bar charts to display the information. We found out that the biggest seeds do not grow into the tallest plants. In English we wrote an adventure story about going deep sea diving with Dougal. We saw colourful fish but the sharks were watching us hungrily while we ate our lunch! This week in English we have been learning about proper nouns in our writing and continuing to use adjectives and adverbs. In maths we have continued to revise place value, number fact families and related facts. We have been learning again about the inverse of adding and subtracting to help us check our answers. In Geography we compared features of our local area, Ossett with the features of an island. We looked at things that would be the same and things that would be different. A super week Year 2, you have all worked very hard. Enjoy the weekend and the sunshine.

Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been working really hard in all of our subjects! We enjoyed a musical afternoon on Thursday where we learnt an African 'Gumbo' dance and created our own rhythms on the djembe drums with our friends. We have also completed the next step in our Roman mosaic art and have created a Roman themed collage border which will act as a picture frame for our future artwork. In maths this week we have begun to learn about perimeter and have worked hard to calculate the perimeter in a variety of shapes. Finally, in English we completed an informal letter from one of the main characters of our story, 'Justus' who we writing to his father after a long time away from home. Year 3 have worked incredible hard this week and have all been superstars! Well done Year 3.

Mrs Schofield & Miss Kilbride

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 / 4

Year 3/4 have had a wonderful week and we could not be prouder of their learning and fabulous behaviour. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Watson have been amazing this week! In maths we have been investigating angles and they have learned how to identify acute, obtuse and right angles. They even solved some tricky problems - well done! In English, we have been looking at correctly using speech marks in order to start our story next week! In French, Year 3 worked incredibly hard when learning how to ask questions in French and Year 4 did a fabulous job of revising holiday clothes. We had a super time playing a game of rounders



and lots of children have improved their batting technique and quite a few rounders were scored! In History, we had a super time learning about what impacts the Romans had in Britain, we found the facts outside and we told the rest of our team what interesting facts we discovered. Well done everyone, we are all so proud of you!

Miss Marston, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4

Well Year 4, what a strange week this has been! We are all very impressed by your fantastic attitude to learning this week, working in school and then online from home - You have been amazing! In English, we have been using our retrieval skills for comprehension, looked at the features of a narrative and brushed up on our expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have been working with money - a great skill to have! In French, we have been learning how to say different types of clothing and in History, we have been learning to understand historical significance. Well done for all your efforts this week Year 4!

Mr Hellam

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have begun our new learning looking at geometry and properties of shapes. We have started by looking at acute, obtuse and right angles and how to measure them accurately using a protractor. We have learned new words like 'origin', 'vertex' and 'baseline' and used these words in our discussions. In PE, we have looked at attacking batting in rounders to ensure our team can score as many points as possible. In DT, we have continued to build our bee hotels and looked at joining wood using more permanent methods such as nailing and screwing. We have collected lots of materials ready to use in our bee hotels to allow the solitary bees somewhere to nest. In English, we have looked at the features in a newspaper report and begun to write our own to describe the historic summiting of Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay.

Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in year 5/6 the children have explored adding and subtracting fractions as part of their maths work - they have worked hard to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills, using key vocabulary to explain their thinking. In PE, we had a very close game of rounders with a final score of 14-15, the children developed their fielding and batting skills this week. In Geography, we evaluated the data we have collected during our field work topic and presented this data as a bar graph, carefully forming conclusions from it.

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Drury

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

This week in year 6, we had a fantastic music lesson using the Bamboo Tambourine, we were fascinated by the history behind them and how they were used by slaves to create a secret language to plan escapes. We able to create lots of different rhythms together and worked hard to stay in time. We have done a lot of work in year 6 this week on resilience, determination, empathy and compassion linked to Euro finals, the children have shown great maturity and had some in depth discussion around the issues raised, Well done Year 6. We enjoyed using our PE lesson this week to practise our football skills, we developed our accuracy when dribbling and passing.

Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson



This Week's Picture News

