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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Well, that's another week that's come to an end! Well done to all our pupils here at Towngate for returning to school with such enthusiasm for learning and excitement for the school day. Everyone has settled in to a routine and we are all delighted to see so many new and familiar faces greeting us every morning.

New Staff

You may have noticed a new face in the office with Miss Moore, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Billington to the Administration Team. I am sure you will get to know her in the coming months. Mrs Adamson has also joined Class 5 as their new Teaching Assistant, a very warm welcome to you both.

Uniform Expectations

Clothing & Shoes	PE kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A navy blue jumper or cardigan• A white polo / formal white shirt• Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or a pinafore dress• Blue and white check summer dress• Black, grey or white socks• Grey, black or white tights• Plain black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trainers• Black / navy shorts• A plain white t-shirt• Plain navy jogging bottoms (outdoor only)• Plain navy jumper / zip up jumper (outdoor only)

Uniform Shop

We have collected lots of pre-loved school uniform and this will be available to buy for a small donation towards school funds for the children on **Tuesday 21st September 2021** outside the nursery main door.

Free School Meals

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

Gardening Club

We will shortly be starting a gardening club in school and would love to receive any donations of children's gardening tools, gloves, compost, flower pots and bulbs or seeds. We have also signed up to the Morrisons 'Good to Grow' scheme where parents can register for Towngate and for every £10 you spend at Morrisons we will receive a grow token that we can collect and exchange for equipment. It would be amazing if you could support us on this scheme.

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Gordon



Before & After School Club

Please be aware that if you do book your child into either of the above clubs and then they don't attend, you will be expected to pay for that session. This is due to the popularity of the provisions and we have to make sure that places are being used if they are booked. Also, if you are having a clear out of any dolls, Barbies or cars could you please donate them to the Before and After School Club for the children to play with. You can either drop them off with the Breakfast/After School Club or leave them at the office. Many thanks.

Sharon Johnson & Sarah Snowden

Life Vac

We would like to remind our parents and carers that our Academy has two "Lifevac's" in school. Lifevac is a non-powered, non-evasive portable suction device used to clear an upper airway obstruction in a choking emergency. The device should only be used if other basic life support protocols have failed. Staff complete annual training on how to use this device.

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	Holly B & Emily L
F2 – Reception	Mia W & Charlie W
Year 1	McKenzie F & Joshua R
Year 2	Leo M & Edward C
Year 3	Archie A & Lily B
Year 4a	Tahlia D & Owen W
Year 4b	Reuben R & Abbie N
Year 5	Layson S & Ava G
Year 5/6	Maisy W & Cameron B
Year 6	Eliza J & Jayden J

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 95.76%. Our attendance target 97%, Year 6 got 100% attendance, well done Year 6!

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 Mrs L Poole

Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher
Towngate Primary Academy



What's been going on in school this week?

Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

It has been a very exciting and busy week in Early Years this week. F1 have enjoyed using their new outdoor equipment to support their physical development and an outdoor easel to encourage their creativity. F1 have also enjoyed reading *The Three Little Pigs* and they have been acting out the story. In maths the children have been practising their counting skills using the compare bears. Please can all nursery children bring in a photograph of their families and pets to talk about in class next week, thank you.

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have been thinking about our senses this week and we have enjoyed practising our phonics skills through our Read Write Inc lessons. In our maths work we have been focusing on using positional language, writing our numbers and practising counting skills. We have also enjoyed using the hall for our PE lesson and the music room this week.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have started our computing skills where we have been thinking about giving directions to introduce ourselves to algorithms. Mrs Allen made a grid on our carpet and we had to move forwards, backwards, turn left and turn right. Also, we have really enjoyed our Art Week where we have been learning about Sir Captain Tom Moore and the adversity he overcame to raise money for the NHS. We have enjoyed drawing his portrait over several days to improve our drawing skills, using lines and curves. Miss Lockett and Miss Kilbride are extremely proud of the year 1 children and how they are settling into the routine.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have been learning how to draw a portrait. We have focussed on the different features of a face and how we can alter the tone to improve our drawing skills. Greta Thunberg has been the focus of our portraits and we have learnt all about how she has overcome adversity by trying to save the planet. In our computing lessons, we have been researching all about tigers, which links with our science learning of animals and their habitats. We will be making our own PowerPoint presentations about our chosen animal and sharing our findings with the class in the upcoming weeks. Myself and Mrs Thackrah are once again, blown away by your positive attitudes and resilience.

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have completed our first piece of writing for this new year. The children wrote a diary entry from the point of view of Barney the main character in our story. The children wrote all about his adventures in the local chalk pit where he met his new best friend Stig! In our art sessions this week the children have been carefully sketching different facial features such as eyes, noses and mouths in preparation for our final art week piece next week. In ICT the children have discussed the purposes of animations and have begun mind mapping their own ideas for an animation they can create themselves. In PSHE the children have considered the different factors that keep us mentally, physically and emotionally healthy and have suggested how we can make others feel happy.

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week in 4a, we have been very busy getting started on our art week project, our key person is Marcus Rashford and we have been finding out all about his life and the work he does to help to children. We have been practising our sketching skills ready to create a portrait of him. We have been working extremely hard in maths this week rounding to the nearest 10 and are getting really confident with it. We had an amazing afternoon on Monday; we met our new sports coach and had a great PE lesson playing some team games AND we started our forest school, we spent the afternoon creating a habitat and looking for insects!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

We've had a fantastic week in Year 4b this week. On Monday, we took part in our first Forest School lesson which was amazing! We hunted for bugs and created our own habitat - we can't wait for next week. We also had our first PE lesson with our sports coach, where we played lots of games and really got our hearts pumping. This week, we have also started our Art focus week, where we researched Marcus Rashford and how he overcame adversity then we practiced our sketching techniques. On Thursday, we had our first drumming lesson with Mr Ellis from Wakefield Music Services practising our drumming skills. Wow! Year 4b I think we deserve a rest this weekend!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Bailey

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have been very excited to start 'Art Week'. We have learned lots of facts about our key person, Thomas Edison, and the artist we will use as inspiration - Kathe Kollwitz. We have practised our observational drawing skills and experimented creating values scales and shadow with our chosen media which is charcoal. In maths, we have looked at rounding within 100,000 to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000 and developed our problem-solving skills. In science, we have continued our work on evolution and inheritance by identifying inherited characteristics, characteristics which are a result of the environment and those that are a combination of both. We applied our knowledge by investigating the question 'can you breed a dog for a specific purpose?'. Our PE lesson focused on learning the correct technique for serving in badminton and how to position yourself effectively on court!

Mr Adlington & Mrs Adamson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

What a busy week in Class 5/6. We have enjoyed the launch of our Geography topic on slums today, exploring where in the world these are locating and understanding the features of them. The children have demonstrated a fantastic understanding and asked lots of interesting questions! This week we have also been busy with our Art Week project - we have looked at a local man called Jonathan Lancaster, who lives with Treacher Collins syndrome. This week we have developed our pencil skills with line and tone and are looking forward to developing these skills with different media next week. Well done everyone!

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week our first swimming group took to the pool in their first swimming lesson. We are so excited to be back up and running with swimming lessons and look forward to seeing the children progress in their skills over the coming weeks! We have started our art focus week, showing copious amounts of resilience as we work towards producing ink pen portraits. We have chosen to base our art work on a significant individual who had overcome adversity to make the world a better place - Mother Teresa.

Thank you Year 6 for a super week. You are making us very proud every day.

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey



This Week's Picture News

