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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

World Mental Health Day

We've been celebrating World Mental Health Day at Towngate. Thanks to your generous donations we have raised a fantastic £189.55. Wow! Well done Towngate. This will go a long way to help the fantastic work of YoungMinds in supporting young people with their mental health

Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will take place on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th October, these will be held via Teams and you will receive letters regarding this next week.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place on Wednesday 20th October 2021. To mark the event, our fantastic School Council will be preparing their annual assembly to share the key messages of Harvest with all children. We will be commencing our work with the Ossett Food bank and would appreciate any donations of non-perishable foods being brought into school by Friday 15th October 2021. These kind donations will then be delivered to Ossett Food Bank to make a difference to those living within our area and further enhance our children's understanding of showing one of our core values, compassion. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances, parents will not be able to attend the assembly.

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 12th October 2021** outside the nursery main door. Any further donations you may have, please bring them to the office.

PTA Halloween Disco

Our PTA will be hosting a Halloween Disco this year on Thursday 14th October 2021, a letter has been sent home with your child with details.

Football Match

We are very pleased to announce that Mr Adlington our PE lead has arranged for a football match to take place here at Towngate next Friday the 15th October 2021. We are playing our neighbouring school Flushdyke Primary. The match will kick off at 3:30 and be finished by 4:30. Parents of those children playing are more than welcome to come and watch the match, but please be mindful about social distancing guidance.

Key Dates

Halloween Disco for Years 1 – 6	Thursday 14 th October 2021
Football Match: Towngate -v- Flushdyke	Friday 15 th October 2021
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 20 th October 2021 (Food donations by Friday 15 th October 2021)
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021



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	Edie F & Olivia J
F2 – Reception	Lucia R & Orion P
Year 1	Freddie G & Ivy G
Year 2	Lewis J & Jude W
Year 3	Sebastian R & Amelia R
Year 4a	Paris B & Joshua F
Year 4b	Jacob P & Cora-Bethan F
Year 5	Harry T & Matthew C
Year 5/6	George M & William E
Year 6	Harvey T & Amy D

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 94.5%. Our attendance target 97%,

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)

The children in F1 have been learning about people who help us this week. They have enjoyed finding out about the emergency services and dressing up to save one of their friends. The children have shown resilience whilst balancing on the planks and they were very proud of themselves when they completed the obstacle course. Our story for the rest of the half term is Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, the children are amazing at roleplaying the story as you might have heard at home! Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

We have had another busy week in F2. We are continuing to try hard in our Read Write Inc lessons and we have been practising our writing skills and our segmenting and blending skills through our provision work. We have also enjoyed exploring different materials and porridge oats this week and we have been thinking of lots of words to describe them. F2 have also been using their key words in Maths to talk about the length and height of different objects and we have also been practising sharing objects into two groups. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week we have been writing postcards to share our adventures. We have also been learning the words greater than and less than when comparing numbers. In art we have been making a background using hot and cold colours, made from changing the tone. In science we have been finding out how animals move and labelling diagrams to show this. We used such as fly, swim, slither, crawl, creep and gallop. Well done Year 1 you have done some super learning this week.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have started our learning about Black History Month. The children remembered some key figures they have learnt about in Year 1 and the impact they have made on the world we live in today. They are excited to learn more about different key people and we will be sharing their work on twitter. During our RE lesson, the children have been thinking all about what is important to them after learning about the Qur-an. The children were able to really reflect on why their chosen words were important to them. In maths, they have shown huge amounts of resilience whilst learning to count in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3. Keep up the hard work Year 2!

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been busy completing our portrait sketches for our art week project. The children had to use all of their skills such as shading and considering tone and line throughout their work. The children have focused on different facial features and have sketched half and full faces. During the week the children have listened to a variety of music from black composers/artists for our work on black history month. We have enjoyed listening to songs from Beyoncé and Stevie Wonder. During Friday afternoon the children listened to poems from Amanda Gorman, annotated her work and recited sections of this themselves to the class. What a super week in Year 3! Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

Year 4a have worked extremely hard on their art week projects this week, they have shown great resilience and determination while completing their portraits and I am really impressed with the results! We launched our Black History Month learning this week by looking at the Poet Laurette Amanda Gorman, we watched her poem at the president's inauguration and discussed the meaning behind the words in the poem. We discussed other people the children knew about such as Rosa Parks and Marcus Rashford and how things have changed and why we still have a black history month now. Year 4a enjoyed their walk to the library this week and their behaviour was exemplary Well done 4a!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

This week in 4b, we have been on a local walk to Ossett library where we looked at lots of wonderful books and then we listened to a story. We have also been working extremely hard on our artwork which is looking amazing. In English, we have been writing a setting description as part of our Egyptian Diary topic and in PSHE we have been learning about Black History Month and Amanda Gorman who was the first ever 'National Youth Poet Laureate' who read her poem at Joe Biden's inauguration. In Forest School, we constructed our own dens and teepees and in PE we practiced our badminton skills.

Well done for a super week 4b!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Bailey

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have been busy completing our art work based on Thomas Edison and the theme of 'adversity'. We have created our own charcoal portrait sketches and developed our use of light and dark tones to provide a 3D effect. In maths, we have finished our work on addition and subtraction – consolidating our learning by tackling reasoning and problem solving questions. In PE, we have continued our learning in tennis by looking at effective court movement and when to use a shuffle step and a cross over step. In English, we have begun looking at writing an informal letter from the perspective of a character from 'Wonder' – Jack Will. We are writing our letter to apologise to a friend and explain our thoughts and feelings.

Mr Adlington & Mrs Adamson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in year 5/6, as part of our mental health awareness day, we have learnt about the different parts of our brain: Pre Frontal Cortex (Wise Owl) helps us to make good decisions. Hippocampus (Elephant) Helps us with our memories. Amygdala (Guard Dog) Helps us to keep safe. We have carefully considered which parts of our brains are responsible for making In Art, we have continued with our portraits using pen and ink and charcoal pencils – we thought carefully about the use of line and tone to add definition. In geography, we have explored how slums are created and have compared and contrasted slums from India and Brazil. In Science, we have explored selective breeding and have considered people's opinions on the advantages and disadvantages of this.

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have been working hard on developing our long multiplication and long division strategies: we have been showing super levels of resilience in our learning, well done everyone! As part of our science, we explored the concept of selective breeding – we considered the advantages and disadvantages of the process and the moral dilemma this activity poses. Well done for another super week Year 6, we are so proud of your achievements!

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey



This Week's Picture News



Why is Black History Month important?

