

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

22/10/2021

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

It's been a busy half term! We are so pleased to have welcomed all the children back into school and see them all settled into their new classrooms and new routines. Thank you for your support as always, in embracing the new guidelines and working with us to ensure the children are in school and enjoying their learning and friends. We hope you all have a fantastic half term holiday and enjoy the rest, ready for next term!

Football Report: Towngate Titans -v- Flushdyke; Friday 15th October 2021

Friday, 15th October, saw the return of competitive sport at Towngate Academy. Towngate Titans welcomed Flushdyke for the first football match of the season. The teams were greeted by fantastic support from spectators on both sides on a lovely sunny afternoon. The first 10 minutes saw Towngate Titans make a shaky start - losing possession in dangerous positions - which ultimately lead to Flushdyke taking an early lead. This lead was soon doubled by some great attacking play from Flushdyke.

Towngate Titans looked rattled throughout the beginning of the first half. However, after some positional changes Towngate began to put more passes together and soon should have had a goal of their own through some fantastic play from Carter C and Will B. The Flushdyke goal keeper made several excellent stops to deny Towngate an opening goal. The latter stages of the first half saw Towngate click in to top gear with some brilliant passing, leading to two goals both scored by number 11 - Carter C.

The second half began well for both teams. However, Towngate Titans looked too strong for the visitors in crucial areas of the pitch - putting in a special performance scoring five second half goals: two goals from Isaac L, two from Will E and one scored by Will B. Ultimately, Towngate Titans celebrated a 7-2 win on a great day for competitive sport. Both teams are looking forward to a reverse fixture to be held at Flushdyke. Well done both teams for a very entertaining game!

Poppy Appeal

The School Council will be coming around the school next half term selling poppies on behalf of The Royal British Legion. This is a fantastic charity that we are happy to support. We have been provided with a small number of extra items, each with a suggested donation of £1 - Zip pulls, Poppy reflectors, silicone wrist bands and snap bands. We also have the metal pins available for £2 this year.

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 2nd November 2021** outside the nursery main door. Any further donations you may have, please bring them to the office.

Elite Kids Camps

As you will be aware, this year we are lucky enough to have Elite Coaching and Elite Forest School that come into school to work with the children on a weekly basis. Elite also run some fantastic holiday camps locally in Ossett, there is a flyer attached to the end of this newsletter giving details of this



Note from the Head Boy & Head Girl

This term at Towngate Primary Academy, the children have shown excellence and compassion by collecting food for those less fortunate than ourselves. Art week has required pupils from across the academy to develop their resilience and artistic skill and flare - the pupil leadership team are looking forward to seeing this work on display across the academy. On Friday 15th October, we watched with excitement and anticipation as the Towngate Titans (otherwise known as Towngate FC) stormed to victory against Flushdyke FC. As part of Black History Month, we have learnt about special role models, authors and other significant black individuals such as Floella Benjamin, Mary Seacole, Mallorie Blackman, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King.

Next term, the pupil leadership team will continue to develop break and lunchtime provision across the academy, continue to model excellent standards of behaviour and further reach out to our local community. We hope everyone has a super holiday and we can't wait to see you after the holidays!

Frankie and Emilio - Head Girl and Head Boy

Rock Steady Music School

Would your child like to play in their very own rock band? Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>. If you are interested in signing your child up for this fun opportunity - head over to our website to sign them up! Thank you.



Key Dates

School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
School Reopens	Monday 1 st November 2021
Flu Vaccinations	Monday 29 th November 2021
Scholastic Book Fair Starts	Monday 29 th November 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	Zavier S & Scarlett N
F2 – Reception	Daisy S & Mahdi M
Year 1	Evie H & Elwood L
Year 2	Darcey L & Imogen H
Year 3	Adam R & Evan S
Year 4a	Clay O'D & Ava B
Year 4b	Amelia G & Eva H
Year 5	Niall H & Alfie A
Year 5/6	Ethan G & Ben F
Year 6	Lois L & Ethan S

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 94.93%. Our attendance target 97%,

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look

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)

This week in F1 we have been continuing to learn about rhyming words and singing the song 'Silly Soup'. The children have been amazing at rhyming! In maths we have been matching numbers in our autumnal tray. The children have enjoyed The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks, next half term we will be looking at The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We are really proud of how everyone has settled in at Nursery! Have a super holiday and rest everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

We have had a very busy week in F2 this week. All the children have enjoyed reading our story, The Enormous Turnip. We have been practising retelling the story and we have worked hard to write our own sentences this week. We have also been using our number skills and talking about making 5. This week we have been developing our own independent play around the theme of castles. We have enjoyed designing them and building them, using our small and large construction resources. We even had a dungeon and a moat outside. Everyone has worked very hard this half term, well done and we hope you enjoy your holiday.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

In year 1 this week, we have retold the story of Meerkat Mail. We have been writing sentences using capital letters and full stops, also we have included adjectives to describe the Kalahara Desert and how Sunny was feeling. In Science, we have been looking to see which kind of food different animals eat. We have been thinking about if an animal is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. We enjoyed our NSPCC assembly all about speaking out to say safe. In Geography, we now know the five oceans in the world and what human and physical features mean. Well done year 1 for all your hard work this half term, you have been amazing. Continue to shine like the little stars you are, have a lovely holiday.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in year 2, we have retold the story of 'The Diary of a Killer Cat!'. We have used a range of sentence types, adjectives and conjunctions to develop our features. The writing produced was amazing and even made us laugh out loud with the humour the children added. This week, we really enjoyed our Harvest Festival assembly, thank you school council for talking through with us what harvest means! We were amazed at how much food we collected and it was lovely to sing along together our harvest songs. We have finished our 'we are researchers' topic in computing and some children were able to present their findings about their chosen animal to the class. Well done year 2 for all your continuous hard work and resilience, we are so proud of you and hope you have a lovely break.

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week Year 3 have enjoyed our music lessons where we once again appraised some music from a black composer to link with Black History Month. Then we began looking at reading and writing simple musical notes including crotchets, quavers and semi quavers. In our PE session the children enjoyed their last Liquidance session of the half term and we now look forward to forest schools after half term. We would all like to say a huge thank you to Miss Ella for her wonderful dance sessions this half term. In our maths lessons we have begun to use the formal method for addition to solve a range of fluency problems and are now looking at exchanging as we cross 10 and 100. Finally, in ICT the children used the programming software Scratch to edit character sprites and backgrounds for use in an animation. Thank you for a super half term everyone and we look forward to seeing you all back after a well-earned rest.

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

In history this week, Year 4 have been learning all about mummification and we even have tried mummifying some tomatoes! We have really enjoyed our half term with the forest school coach and want to say a big thank you for all the to John for all the hard work he has done with us! Year 4 have worked incredibly hard on their writing of a persuasive letter this week and our presentation just keeps getting better and better! Well done Year 4! We are really excited this week to get our dojo treat for winning the most dojos and watch a film with popcorn!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

Well, I can't believe it's the end of term already! We've been extremely busy this half this half term and looking forward to a rest and recharge. This week, we had our final forest school and we made Halloween decorations using real tools and in PE, we worked on our aiming and balance skills for badminton. In Maths, we have been learning negative numbers and in English, we have been writing a persuasive letter using persuasive language and ambitious vocabulary. In History, we learned about Tutankhamun and then we mummified a tomato! Well done 4b - have a wonderful half term!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Adamson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have really enjoyed exploring 'Black History Month' further by learning about Robert Smalls. We have learned about how Mr Smalls planned an audacious escape for himself, his family and many other slaves during the American Civil War. We created a story board to retell the amazing story of how a man born into slavery became one of the most influential black figures in American politics. In English, we have analysed poetry based on the book 'Wonder' and have begun to write our own versions of the poem to show the emotions of the main character - Auggie. In PE, we have concluded our tennis unit by putting together all our skills in a game-based situation. In geography, we have learned about the similarities and differences between two of the major slums around the world.

Mr Adlington, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

In year 5/6 this week, the children have shown flare and enthusiasm in writing a formal letter in English, working hard to develop their sentence structure and vocabulary. In Picture News this week, we focussed on the Nobel Prize and, in particular, the achievements of Martin Luther King Jr. In PSHE, we have carefully considered our past achievements and future goals and aspirations, carefully planning how to accomplish these. As part of our PE work, we enjoyed filming our dance which we have worked so hard on all term. Well done everyone for all your hard work this half term, you are all superstars!

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

What a half term it has been for Year 6! We have been working hard to conclude our learning for this half term, maintaining the resilience and commitment to learning that we have strived to show throughout the half term. This week, we have been writing our redrafts of letters to finalise our learning on our class text, Wonder. We have revisited our maths learning for this half term in a termly review - ensuring that we are competent and skilled in our calculation methods. In Geography we have carefully considered solution-based approaches to solving poverty in the slums we have studied. Well done for a super half term: we can't wait to welcome you back after October Half Term!

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey





2021 ELITE CAMPS

COACHED BY PROFESSIONALS
KIDS AGED 5 - 12YRS
8:15AM - 4:15PM

Our holiday camps provide fun, exercise and learning through skills and games and help to improve children's confidence whilst enabling them to make new friends along the way!



CAMP DATES

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£20 PER DAY OR

£65 PER WEEK

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MULTI - SPORTS & DANCE



All Children will need a packed lunch and water bottle
"All current government guidelines will be implemented and adhered to"

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Monday 25th October
SPORT, DANCE & GYMNASTICS

Tuesday 26th October
SURVIVAL

Wednesday 27th October
SPORT

Thursday 28th October
HALLOWEEN DAY

