

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

24/09/2021

## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Firstly, can we thank all the students for coming to school ready to learn and looking fantastic and smart in their uniforms. Of course, thanks must be given to you the parents for ensuring the children have the correct uniform in the first place, so thank you!

### Uniform Expectations

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

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021** outside the nursery main door. Any further donations you may have, please bring them to the office.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone that sent donations into school today, the children enjoyed their buns and we managed to raise an impressive £210 for this worthy cause!

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

The extra-curricular clubs have recommenced this week, it's great to see so many children enjoying their extra-curricular opportunities.

### Parking at School

Please could we remind parents to be mindful of where they park their cars at drop off and collection so as not to cause an obstruction to any of the residential or industrial premises surround the school.

### PTA Halloween Disco

Our PTA will be hosting a Halloween Disco this year, details are outlined on the poster attached to the email.



## 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 O & Jack W
F2 – Reception	Isla L & Theo S
Year 1	Elsie F & Rosie F
Year 2	Lewis G & Martin M
Year 3	Noah M & Evalyn T
Year 4a	Krystal B & William J
Year 4b	Phoebe H & Darcey-May C
Year 5	Hughie C & Amelia J
Year 5/6	Louie McN & Ben J
Year 6	Jessica H & Edie C

## Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 96.64%. 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)

We have had a fantastic week at nursery this week. Our new outdoor equipment has kept us really busy outside, we have enjoyed taking part in a puppet show, going shopping to our supermarket and climbing and balancing on the obstacle course. The children have enjoyed showing their friends photos of their families and pets and showed some super listening. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon**

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have been reading the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears, we have been thinking about how the bears are feeling in the story and we have been practising writing a simple sentence together. The children have enjoyed drawing our own portraits this week and we have been trying hard to include lots of detail in our work. We have been practising our number formation and counting groups of objects carefully this week. F2 have enjoyed baking today and eating their chocolate buns.

Well done everyone!

**Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton**

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

In Year 1 this week, we have been learning about meerkat facts. We have been independently writing in our writers workshop area and using new vocabulary, such as omnivore and predator. In Maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards from different numbers up to 100. In Science, we asked ourselves the question 'Do fish have fingers?', then we used our magnifying glasses to look at the features of a dead fish. On Friday, we have baked special buns to raise awareness for the Macmillan nurses.

**Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride**

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have had our first samba lesson in Music. The children started looking at following a beat and rhythm. They are really excited to start using the drums! In maths, the children have been working hard practising their times tables and we are really impressed with how many children have been using Times Table Rockstars, well done! We have been blown away with the children's independent writing and they have demonstrated excellent resilience when trying to extend their ideas. Today, we have all baked a bun to raise awareness for the Macmillan nurses and sat together to enjoy these and reflect on the wonderful cause. Well done Year 2, another excellent week.

**Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah**

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been busy during our English lessons as we are planning to write a set of instructions next week. We will be writing a detailed set of instructions for how to recreate the famous vacuum cleaner water system that Stig of the dump himself uses! In our maths we have been looking further at hundreds, tens and ones, and we are now confident to add and subtract 1, 10 and 100. In our PE we have practise some difficult dance movements in Liquidance and are slowly putting together a performance ready to record and share. Finally, in our PSHE lesson this week we have looked at being physically healthy and the children have planned out a daily timetable with physical activities to follow. Well done for another super week Year 3.

**Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley**

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week, 4a had an amazing time in their forest school project, they collected materials to create a super bug hotel! They really enjoyed using a secator to cut the sticks. We had a lovely RE lesson discussing all achievements and dreams for the future the children work fantastically in a group listening to and reflecting on each others experiences. We loved getting to make buns this week ready for the Macmillan Coffee morning and can't wait to eat them! 4a have worked extremely hard this week and we are really proud of them! Keep it up 4a!

**Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment**



### *Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B*

We've had a busy week in year 4b this week. In Maths, we have been rounding to 100 and in English we have been writing a diary entry as Nakht, an Egyptian boy who is leaving for the city. In French, we have been revisiting body parts and in RE, we learned about life as a journey, who keeps us safe on our journey and what achievements we have had so far. We also had another lesson at forest school where we got to chop twigs using real tools to make a bug hotel - it was amazing! We have also been baking for our Macmillan coffee morning and we enjoyed our delicious buns.

Well done for another busy week 4b.

*Mrs Schofield & Mrs Bailey*

### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5*

This week, in year 5, we have got to grips with our geography unit - 'World of Slums'. We have discussed what defines a slum and have located the five biggest slums around the world. We have learned about economically advanced countries and begun to think about what these countries have very few, or no, slums. In maths, we have continued our work on number and place value by working with numbers to 1,000,000. We have solved problems and developed our reasoning skills whilst working with large numbers. In PE, we have looked at executing a volley shot in tennis and have compared how similar this is to the badminton skills we have already learned. Our French unit has focussed on naming shops on a French high street and how we can use these in a sentence.

*Mr Adlington & Mrs Adamson*

### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6*

This week in Year 5/6 the children have been busy understanding the concept of selective breeding in science carefully considering the advantages and disadvantages and the impact this has on farmer. The children had a brilliant time baking biscuits and buns for Macmillan and participated in a discussion about the impact of their donations and how we could further raise awareness for this wonderful cause. In English the children have impressed us with our writing skills carefully considering their vocabulary and sentence structure to write character descriptions. Well done everybody!

*Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson*

### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6*

In Year 6 this week we have been working hard on consolidating our understanding of our 'core four' values. In PE we worked collaboratively in teams to solve a problem using a limited amount of equipment - this meant we had to show super amounts of resilience! In Geography, we explored the locations around the world where slums are found and entered in some thought-provoking discussions about life for those living in these settlements: this meant we were fantastic at sharing our ideas in our Picture News assembly yesterday!

Well done Year 6 - we hope you have a great weekend and we look forward to another week learning together!

*Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey*





27th September-3rd October

# Should disposable face masks be banned?

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