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Dear Parents and Carers

19/11/2021

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We've had a great week in school this week!

Children in Need

It has been fantastic to see all the children and staff in their Pudsey Bear outfits today, please can we say a massive thank you to everyone that has contributed to this great cause. We have managed to raise a staggering £217.20. Wow, thank you everyone.

Reading Meeting for Reception Children

We would like to welcome parents of Reception children to a reading meeting on Friday 3rd December. The meeting will look at how we teach reading in school and how you are able to support your child at home. To ensure we are able to keep socially distant, we are offering two session times. These will take place from 3:30pm until 4:00pm and 4:10pm until 4:40pm. Please contact the office to reserve a place on 01924 302865.

Donations of Comics/Magazines

We would be grateful if you could keep and bring in any copies of **well-kept** magazines/comics that you may have at home, that we could use in school. Please bring all donations to your child's classroom if possible! Thank you.

Individual School Photographs

Tempest will be in school next Friday 26th November 2021 to take individual photographs of the children. Unfortunately, in line with our latest risk assessment we cannot accommodate sibling or family photographs as we cannot mix the key stage bubbles.

PTA Upcoming Events

The PTA are holding a cinema afternoon for the children on Wednesday 8th December, the children will watch a Christmas film in their classroom with a special treats hamper. The PTA Christmas Fayre will be held on Monday 6th December with a non-uniform day being held on Friday 3rd December, please could Early Years and Key Stage 1 bring in chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall and Key Stage 2 bring in plastic bottles for the bottle hoopla stall. Weather permitting, this will be held outside in the lower Key Stage 2 playground. Unfortunately, as with the Summer Fayre, we cannot invite parents into school to share in the Christmas Fayre, it will be open to the children throughout the day and each class will get an opportunity to visit and have a go on the various stalls.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair commencing Monday 29th November. There will be books for the children to see within school, but unfortunately, we won't be able to allow parents in to look with their child. Order forms and brochures will be sent out to parents and then payments can be made online or using a QR code that will be provided. Further details will follow under separate cover.

Malawi Glasses

You are still managing to overwhelm us with your generosity and compassion. We have received around 30 pairs of glasses ready to be sent over to Malawi so that the children can enjoy the benefits.



Mrs Bailey

It is with great sadness this week that we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Bailey who is moving on to pastures new and will be missed by one and all. Mrs Bailey has worked at Towngate for the last 5 years and has worked in every class within the school. Good Luck!!



Key Dates

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| Individual School Photographs | Friday 26 th November 2021 |
| Flu Vaccinations | Monday 29 th November 2021 |
| Scholastic Book Fair Starts | Monday 29 th November 2021 |
| PTA Christmas Fayre Non-Uniform Day | Friday 3 rd December 2021 |
| PTA Christmas Fayre | Monday 6 th December 2021 |
| PTA Christmas Film Afternoon Treat | Wednesday 8 th December 2021 |
| Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run in a Christmas Jumper | Friday 10 th December 2021 |
| Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert | Tuesday 14 th December 2021 |
| Early Years Foundation Stage Concert | Wednesday 15 th December 2021 |
| Early Years Foundation Stage Party | Wednesday 15 th December 2021 |
| Lower Key Stage 2 Party | Wednesday 15 th December 2021 |
| Upper Key Stage 2 Concert | Wednesday 15 th December 2021 |
| Key Stage 1 Concert | Thursday 16 th December 2021 |
| Key Stage 1 Party | Thursday 16 th December 2021 |
| Upper Key Stage 2 Party | Thursday 16 th December 2021 |
| Christmas Church Service | Friday 17 th December 2021 |
| School Closes for Christmas Holidays | Friday 17 th December 2021 |
| School Reopens for Spring Term 1 | Tuesday 4 th January 2022 |

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 |
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| F1 - Nursery | Isla H & Eligh K |
| F2 – Reception | Ben P & Charlie G |
| Year 1 | Finley B & Isabel C |
| Year 2 | Isaac H & Oliver B |
| Year 3 | Evalyn T & Emma B |
| Year 4a | Rowan L & David R |
| Year 4b | Reuben R & Phoebe H |
| Year 5 | Mason N & Jack K |
| Year 5/6 | Milosz G & Emmie W |
| Year 6 | Isaac H & Lacey H |

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 94.22%. 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)

In F1 this week the children have been learning about being a kind friend, the children said it's about being kind and sharing. In phonics we have been learning alliteration, some of the children were great at identifying the initial sound of the words! In maths we have been discussing positional language such as; on top, under, next to and behind. We are continuing to find out about space which is so interesting, maybe the aliens will join us next week! Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have worked very hard this week. We began our week with a walk into Ossett to the Cenotaph to look at the Remembrance Day poppies. Following our walk, we have tried hard to recall some of the features we saw on our journey and we have represented these in a simple map. The children have been thinking about nocturnal animals this week and we have enjoyed reading our story Night Monkey, Day Monkey, by Julia Donaldson. We have also been developing our recall of ways to make 4 and representing these using Numicon. The children have been mixing primary colours in our art work, and we have been looking at the work of Kandinsky to inspire our paintings.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been writing about mammals and learning new vocabulary like; warm blooded and vertebrae. For Anti Bullying Week, we used a tube of toothpaste to show how when you have said something it is hard to take it back. We tried to get the toothpaste back into the tube and this helped us to realise when we call someone a name and hurt their feelings we can't take it back. In Maths, we have been comparing number bonds and using the more than and less than symbols. In Science, we matched animals to the type of words they eat. We have learnt the words omnivore, herbivore and carnivore. We had a challenge question, can a lion be an omnivore. Well done Year 1.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

We have had a really busy week in Year 2! Firstly, we had a wonderful and reflective visit into Ossett to view the Cenotaph. The children were an absolute credit to the school and enjoyed looking at all the different poppies around Ossett. When we returned, the children wrote a detailed recount using a range of vocabulary and adjectives. As part of Anti Bullying Week, the children have been reflecting on the impact words and actions can have on others and how it is hard to take something back once we have done it. In Maths, we have learnt the column addition method and the children have shown lots of resilience with this tricky concept. Thank you and well done Year 2.

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been very busy with all of our subjects. In Science we have planned an investigation all about the properties of rock and how we can test the hardness of each one using different objects. In English we have now begun to plan a character description of the Wicked Witch of the West from our classic fiction text the Wizard of Oz. The children will be completing this next week and will really need to think about all of the characteristics of the Witch to make a super description. In music we have listened to music from the Romantic era and appraised the work we heard. Then we used the glockenspiels to play some music from the screen thinking about our key notes, crotchets and quavers. Finally, in Geography this week we have been looking at the factors which are important when deciding to build a settlement in an area such as the landscapes and natural resources which are available. Super work this week Year 3!

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

In Year 4 we have had a lovely week with lots of learning. On Monday we took a very special walk to Ossett memorial. We enjoyed looking at all the Poppies made by children in schools all over Ossett. Whilst at the memorial, we took part in a two minute silence to remember all the soldiers who lost their lives in world war 1 and 2. In geography we have been learning all about erosion and how rivers shape the landscape. This has been a very challenging topic but one we are really enjoying it. In science, we learnt about the importance of planning an experiment and why we need to conduct a fair test. We are looking forward to carrying out our science experiment next week to see what type of rock is the strongest. In English we are continuing to study Peter Pan, this week we focused on chapter two. Throughout the week year 4 have been practicing speaking French, we have learnt how to say the names of animals this week. In maths, we have been converting measurements by times or dividing by 10,100 or 1000. Finally, year 4 have made some brilliant toy ideas on pivot during ICT lesson.

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

We have had a fantastic week this week in Class 4B. On Monday we began the week by visiting the Cenotaph in Ossett to pay our respects to the fallen, all the children behaved impeccably. In English we have been revisiting our inverted commas and in Maths we have been subtracting 4-digit numbers. In Science we completed a fair test to investigate which rocks were the hardest and in PE we have practiced our pivoting skills in netball. In computing, we have been planning our toy design and thinking about input and output. Well done Class 4B.

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Adamson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have begun writing a flashback scene for a narrative. This is based on our class book 'Windrush Child' and shows the moment Leonard is transported back to earlier memories of him leaving Jamaica in the 1950's. We have looked at why flashback scenes are important and how we can instigate them through actions, sights or smells. In maths, we have consolidated our understanding of multiplication and division by using multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000 to find the answer to more complex calculations. In history, we used our knowledge gained in Black History Month to further understand why Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus. We have looked at civil rights in America and how peaceful protest was used by important figures such as Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Rosa Parks. In DT, we have developed and communicated our initial design ideas by completing sketches of potential products and packaging. We considered the materials, aesthetics, environmental impact and cost to ensure our proposed plans were viable.

Mr Adlington, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in year 5/6 we have been continuing our work on the Windrush child and planning to write a flashback. In DT we began designing our gingerbread houses ready to start building. We also worked very hard in science where we discussed animal classifications. We are incredibly proud of Class 5/6 for their thoughtful contributions to discussions and work surrounding anti-bullying. Well done 5/6 you have all worked very hard this week.

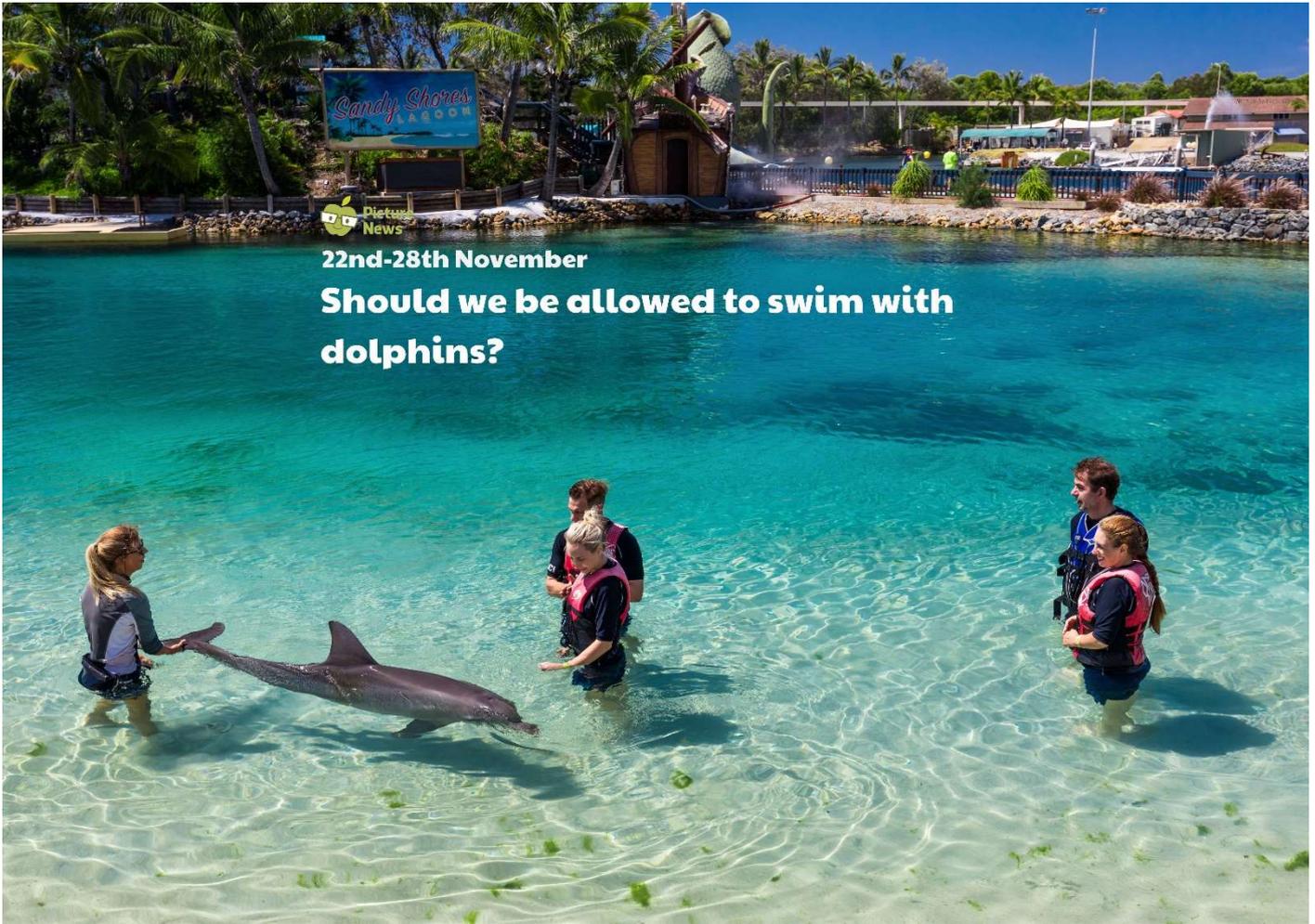
Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

This week Year 6 enjoyed their local walk to the Cenotaph in Ossett where they impeccably paid their respects to all the service men and women of Ossett who gave their lives. In French we worked extremely hard to concentrate on phonics associated with words, we then created sentences to ask for directions to shops on the high street. In PE we worked on one-on-one defending, thinking about spatial awareness, agility and control. As part of anti-bullying week, we worked in groups to create and perform poems based upon the emotions felt by those that are targeted by bullies and considered the varied forms of bullying. As always, they have worked extremely hard. Well done Year 6 for yet another brilliant week.

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey





22nd-28th November

Should we be allowed to swim with dolphins?

