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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We have had another great week in school! The children have started their preparations for the Christmas Concerts, we will be getting the decorations out next week to start the Christmas countdown and celebrations off in style! Look out for the arrival of our fabulous Tree in the Lower Key Stage 2 playground.

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. Each class will visit the book fair and be given a wish list so they can write down any books that they have seen and would like to buy. Then, if parents wish to purchase these books, they are able to do so online. A QR code will be provided that will take them directly to the website.

Reindeer Run

On Friday 10th November, our school council will be holding a sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of Wakefield Hospice. As you can imagine, Wakefield Hospice have suffered a decline in fundraising due to the Covid Pandemic and we would love to show them our 'Compassion' help them as much as we can as many of our Towngate families have been touched by their kindness. Your child will receive a sponsor form which should be returned to our School Council with your sponsor money by Monday 6th December. Every child will receive a pair of reindeer antlers to wear during their run and they are encouraged to wear a Christmas item or Christmassy colours. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this very worthwhile cause.

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.

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.



Y6 Puberty Talk

The School Nurses visited today and gave Year 6 a talk on puberty which was very informative. The children were so well behaved and mature, thank you everyone.

Key Dates

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
F1 - Nursery	Ashlee R & Emily T
F2 - Reception	Isabelle G & Ellie B
Year 1	Andrea Z & Evie H
Year 2	Harrison E-H & Latisha S
Year 3	Joshua W & Jeanie V
Year 4a	Maisee K & Lola D-H
Year 4b	Maisie M & Georgina H
Year 5	Laney V & Harvey E
Year 5/6	Marcia T & Kellan L
Year 6	Leanne P & Elwood F

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 93.92%. 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)

Hello everyone, F1 have now finished learning about Space and they have really enjoyed remembering and exploring the planets. Next week we are going to be learning about Christmas, please can you send a photo in for the week where it shows what your child does on Christmas day, for example, eating a Christmas dinner or opening presents etc. We are going to use the photos to have discussions during circle time, thank you! In maths, the children have been learning about more and less where they identified which group had more or less. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week F2 have been reading *Whatever Next*, by Jill Murphy, and thinking about going on a journey to the Moon. We have enjoyed creating plans to build a rocket and then using the construction resources outside. We have also enjoyed pretending to be astronauts using our role play area. F2 have been learning about Neil Armstrong and in our Maths work we have been using our number bonds skills and find one more and one less than a given number. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been writing facts about tigers. We know they are mammals and eat meat so they are carnivores. We have used our Fred fingers to spell out words independently and tried very hard this week to use finger spaces, a capital letter and full stop in our sentences. We then enjoyed reading the story *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Thank you Robyn for bringing this book from home to share with your friends. In science we have been identifying and classifying nocturnal animals. We found out about why owls have big eyes, why a fox has big ears and why a mole has a big nose. All these body features on the animals help them in the night time. Well done Year 1 for working so hard all week.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

Another busy and super week in Year 2! The children have been excellent mathematicians this week, we have learnt how to use the column addition method carrying ten. It was great to see all those lightbulb moments for the children when they understood this new method and used it to answer a range of problems. We have been observing again in our Science lesson and exploring our school grounds for microhabitats. The children identified a range of microhabitats and what minibeasts we would find there. In DT, we have designed our own pop-up story. The children have had some very creative ideas and I look forward to seeing the finished result. Well done Year 2, as always we are really proud of you.

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have continued to use the glockenspiels in music and have been playing several songs using between 2 and 3 different notes. The children have been following the written music with notes such as crotchets and semibreves. We have completed a super character description all about the Wicked Witch of the West and the children tried hard to use a range of grammatical features such as adverbials, prepositions and adjectives to create some effective description. During our Science lesson we completed an investigation into how hard different types of rocks are by scratching them with a variety of different materials and comparing our results. In DT we designed a child's glasses case which we will begin trying to sew and create next week. What a super week in Year 3.

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week in year 4, we have been working hard writing a newspaper report about the Darling children going missing with Peter Pan! We are really enjoying our book this half term and look forward to reading it at the end of every day. In science this week we carried out our fair test to find out which rock was the hardest, we discovered that the smoother rocks were the hardest and the dusty surfaces made the other rocks softer. In PE this week we used our aim to practice our shooting and used our skills in a small game.

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

This week in Year 4 we have been writing a newspaper report about the missing children in the Darling household we used our inverted commas to include an eye witness report. In Maths, we have been learning perimeter and in Geography we have been looking at vertical and lateral erosion and looking at how rivers create landforms. In Science, we carried out an investigation to see which rocks were impermeable and which ones absorbed the water. In RE, we looked at how Christians show their faith in church and how they use Music to show their faith. Well done for another busy week 4b!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Adamson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, our maths focus has been area and perimeter. We have discussed what perimeter is and looked at different ways of calculating the perimeter of a rectilinear shape. We have begun looking at how to find missing sides of shapes and how we can use bar models to support our calculations. In English, we have started to consider two contrasting setting descriptions from our class book 'Windrush Child'. We have gathered words and phrases to describe Leonard's home in Maroon Town (Jamaica) and London Road Station (Manchester) ready to plan and draft our writing next week. In history, we have discussed the consequence of Dr Martin Luther King's speech 'I have a dream' and analysed the content of the speech. We have contextualised the speech with regards to the civil rights movement of 1950's America and discovered the contribution of Martin Luther King to modern day changes. In DT, we have created prototypes of our gingerbread house kit to observe their 3 dimensional appearance and decide on an appropriate scale of production. We have generated some 3D computer aided designs using Sketchup to support our prototyping. In music, we have appraised the song 'Make You Feel My Love' by Bob Dylan. We made notes based on the interrelated dimensions of music and compared Bob Dylan's original version of the song to the more recent Adele cover version.

Mr Adlington, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in year 5/6 in French the children have been reading and translating a story using known vocabulary. As part of our geography curriculum the children completed a highlight task consolidating all of their learning about slum settlements. We were incredibly pleased with all the knowledge the children had retained and were able to clearly articulate in their learning. Year 6 children engaged well in discussions with the school nurses at their puberty talk today. We are really proud of all the children this week for their resilience and hard work in their maths lessons, adding and subtracting fractions. Well done everyone.

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

This week has been very busy in Year 6: we have started drafting a flashback within a narrative based on our class text Windrush Child. We focused our writing at a pivotal moment, taking Leonard back to his initial journey to the United Kingdom many years ago. We thought about the chronology of our writing and developed a 'vocabulary vault' to help develop our language choices. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing fractions by integers and focused our history learning on understanding Jim Crow Laws through developing our understanding on Civil Rights in 1950s America.

Well done Year 6: you are working so hard and we are very proud of you all!

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey





Picture News

29th November - 5th December

Is the world a better place when we live a more natural life?

