

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

07/01/2022

## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and restful break. The children have certainly come back to school with a renewed vigour and have settled in brilliantly to their classes and learning. We are very excited to welcome the children back to school and start the new Spring term.

### Year 6 SATS

There will be a virtual SATS meeting for parents on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 3.30pm**. If you would like to attend the meeting and would like us to use a different email address than the one we hold on our records, please do let the office know.

### Headteacher Twitter

Mrs Berry now has her very own social media platform, please follow her at @towngatehead for exciting updates!

### Towngate Wildlife/Outdoor Garden

We would like to set up our very own wildlife garden within in the School grounds. If anyone could possibly donate any of the following undamaged items for the children to utilise it would be greatly appreciated:

Bird Feeders/Bird food

Planters/Plant pots

Logs for Sectioning areas

Garden Benches/furniture

Pots/pans/containers to use for planting and a mud kitchen

Bug Hotels

Hedgehog Houses

### Roses Chocolates Blue Lids

After the success of our fantastic Remembrance display, we are now looking ahead to next year where we will be contributing to a Yorkshire Day display in Ossett and we need your help! Please could you collect the lids from Cadbury's Roses this Christmas and send them in to school for our school council.

### Towngate Academy School Council

### Swimming

Swimming lessons will recommence on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### Key Dates

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Flu Vaccination Mop Up
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Virtual Y6 SATS Parents Meeting at 3.30pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Inset Day
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	School Re-opens



## 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	Seth W & Zavier S
F2 – Reception	Freya C & Imaya L
Year 1	Finley B & McKenzie F
Year 2	Lewis G & Sarah S
Year 3	Eva H & Ethan S
Year 4a	Lola D-H & Billie-Rae L
Year 4b	Georgia R & Nieve R
Year 5	Amelia J & Georgia H
Year 5/6	George R-J & Isabelle W
Year 6	Harvey T & Lacey H

### Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 94.35%. Our attendance target 97%,

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)

It has been great welcoming our new children into nursery this week, they have become really settled and enjoyed making new friends. We have been sharing past experiences of special times this week and the children have been eager to talk about what they did in the holidays. In maths we are focusing on counting and number recognition. Thank you for the photos you keep sharing they are valuable to promoting the childrens knowledge of the world. Have a great weekend!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

We are all very proud of how F2 have settled back into school following our holiday. We began our week by going on a Winter walk. We enjoyed noticing all the changes outside. We then explored the different language we could use to describe what we could see and how we felt before practicing our own writing. We have also been recalling number facts to 5 and also exploring the weight of different objects in our classroom. F2 have also shown lots of resilience as we have enjoyed using our new outdoor equipment to develop our physical skills and we enjoyed creating our class dance in our PE lesson this week. Well done everyone!

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

Happy new to everyone! This week in Year 1, we have been learning about a new author called Beatrix Potter. We are really enjoying learning the story Peter Rabbit in our English work. We have practised writing capital letters for names and we are learning to write the beginning of a story using the traditional starter of 'Once upon a time'. In Maths, we have been learning how to count on from the greatest number. We have done this by putting the greatest number in our head and counting on. We used a number line to find the greatest number and count on. In Science, we started our new topic on materials and began to think about words such as transparent, opaque, durable and waterproof. We enjoyed identifying materials and discussing their properties. In Geography, we are learning to name and locate the four countries of the UK using maps. Year 1 love to use the atlases to explore different countries. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

Welcome back Year 2 and a Happy New Year! The children have made an excellent start to the new half term and have been working extremely hard. We started our new book, 'The Velveteen Rabbit' this week and have written our own letters in the character of the Rabbit. The children are showing tremendous amounts of resilience when writing independently and including some key features to their writing. In Maths, we have been learning about money and how we can make an amount in different ways with different coins. We have started our new Geography topic, where we will be comparing England to Kenya. We located both countries on a world map and described what kind of places we thought they were, using satellite images. We went on a Nature Walk around school after looking at this week's Picture News question - "Should more of our learning take place outside?". We reflected on how fortunate we are to be surrounded by nature at Towngate. Well done to all our children for a fantastic start to this half term!

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week Year 3 have returned to school with a very positive attitude and have worked extremely hard in all of their learning. This week we have begun work on our new class story, 'Voices in the park'. The children have read through the first voice's perspective and have begun creating a police report detailing the terrible events which often happen in the park. In our maths lessons the children have begun using long multiplication to solve tricky questions. This method is difficult and has several steps which the children have practised well. Knowing our times tables has supported this learning, so please keep practising at home. In History we used a scaled timeline to begin understanding the chronology of the Shang Dynasty and which periods of history it is concurrent with. Finally, in our Science lesson this week the children have begun learning about sound. In particular we have looked at vibrations and how they affect particles. Furthermore, we have annotated a diagram of an ear as we begin to understand how it helps us hear sound. A super first week back from Year 3, well done everyone!

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley



### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A**

Year 4 have had a great first week back. We started our new topic this week on the Anglo Saxon and are enjoying our new book *The Anglo Saxon Boy*. We are excited to read about the battles he gets into. We started our new science topic this week looking at light, we found out how we see different colours and the difference between, transparent, translucent and opaque. In math's we have been using concrete resources to find all the factors of different numbers and have been tackling some tricky problems!

**Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment**

### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B**

We've had a fantastic first week back in year 4b! In English, we have been introduced to our new book 'Anglo Saxon Boy' which links to our new History topic 'The Anglo Saxons'. This week we have been practising our retrieval and inference skills whilst reading chapter 1 and we have also been learning to use pronouns ready for our diary entry writing next week. In History, we used our chronological understanding to complete a timeline including a key. In Maths, we have been learning factors and products as part of our multiplication topic and in PE, we have been practising our Hockey skills such as push pass and positioning. Well done for our first week back year 4b!

**Mrs Schofield & Mrs Adamson**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5**

This week, in year 5, we have settled back in well after enjoying our Christmas break! In maths, we have continued our work on multiplication and division by looking at multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. We have had lots of practise using a formal written method and applied our knowledge to new contexts. In English, we have begun to look at a new book for our stimulus for writing - *Mary Poppins*! We have thought about what life was like in Edwardian London and how the era impacts the storyline. We have looked at a person specification for the job of nanny to the Banks' family and drafted our own version. In computing, we have studied text-based adventure games and have practised using text code on Python. Our science unit is 'Electrical Circuits' and we have begun this learning by looking at what static electricity is, how it is generated and the potential dangers it may pose.

**Mr Adlington & Mrs Watson**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6**

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and positivity the children have shown on their return to school this week and we are thrilled to have them back. Year 5/6 have been busy in computing this week learning to use Python software for coding, which they will eventually use to design their very own adventure game. In English, we have begun reading our new classic fiction novel - *Mary Poppins*. We are very excited to begin planning and writing next week! In Maths, we have been learning how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages using our knowledge of place value and applying our learning to reasoning and problem-solving questions. Well done everyone for a fantastic first week back!

**Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson**

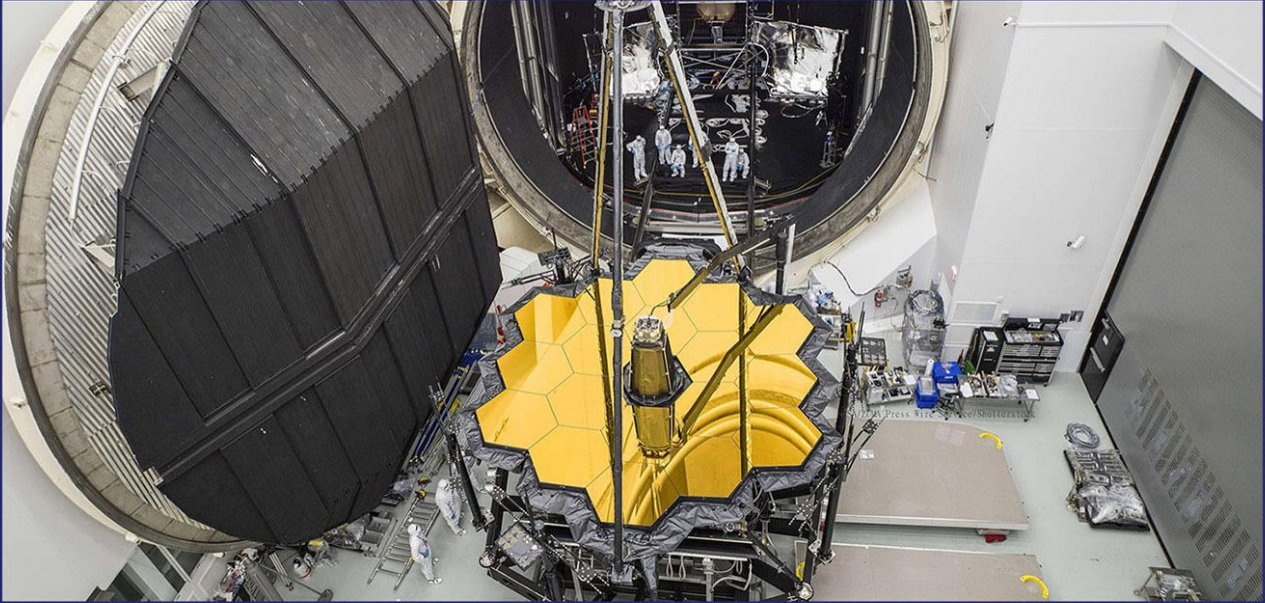
### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6**

Happy New Year everyone! We have had a lovely week back in Year 6 this week following our Christmas holidays. In English and Maths we have completed our mock SATs assessments and worked hard to show resilience and determination in our work. Well done everyone, we are really proud of your hard work and commitment. In Science this week, we have started our new topic of electricity. We revisited the circuit symbols we have seen previously in school and have learnt about static charge during our first lesson. We completed an experiment to generate static charge using a balloon and discussed static discharge and how the consequences of this result in shocks of electricity! This week we also completed our highlight task in History to assess our understanding of the topic we were taught last half term - Civil Rights. It was excellent to see what children could remember and the vocabulary we could use within the correct contexts. Well done everyone - a super start to the half term. I'm very proud of you all!

**Mrs Poole & Mrs Drury**



# What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

10th - 16th January 2022



OSSETT RUGBY CLUB PRESENTS

# Rookie Rugby



England Rugby  
COACHING

Ossett Rugby are proud to announce  
plans for

**Rookie Rugby**

fun based session for  
kids aged 2 - 12



If interested come give it a **try!**

Contact Danny Duce to register interest:  
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