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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Well, that's week two completed! What a busy couple of weeks to open the Spring Term!! The children have settled back into school life brilliantly. We are very pleased to see so many smiling faces every day. We have a lot to pack in for this term and we believe we're all up for the challenge!

Remote Learning

As the new government guidance states that individuals with COVID19 symptoms need now only test using a Lateral Flow, we would like to alert all parents and carers to the remote learning arrangements set out below in the event that your child is absent with a **Covid-related absence**.

- Children should log into the school website and follow the tab for remote learning, clicking on their Key Stage ([Remote Learning - Towngate Academy \(ipmat.co.uk\)](http://Remote Learning - Towngate Academy (ipmat.co.uk)))
- A weekly overview plan will be uploaded onto the Remote Learning page on the website **every Monday morning** for every class. This will highlight the subjects being taught in class each day and the focus objectives the children are working on within the classroom.
- Where school receives notification that a child is absent from school with a **Covid-related absence**, work will be posted to SeeSaw for your child to complete to mirror the weekly plan.
- There are set tasks the children can complete on the website plan for their class whilst waiting for the SeeSaw work to be uploaded, this includes daily reading, spelling / phonics practice and number practice.
- If your child is absent with a Covid-related absence, your child will be able to log into SeeSaw to see further instructions and access their work for that week

Hibernation Day

It's almost Shelley's (the school tortoise) birthday! As usual we are holding a Hibernation Day to raise funds for his upkeep. On **Friday 4th February** children can come to school wearing their pyjamas for a small donation to Shelley's fund!

Year 6 SATS

There will be a virtual SATS meeting for parents on **Wednesday 19th 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.

Staff News

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Wolstenholme and her husband are expecting their first child in May, we are sure that you will join us in congratulating them both on their happy news and we look forward to meeting mini Wolstenholme in the near future.

It is also with sadness that we have said goodbye to Miss Hanley in Class 3. Miss Hanley has moved on to new challenges within the NHS and we wish her well in future career and would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to Towngate Primary Academy.

Miss Haigh in Nursery will be taking part in Jury Service for 2 weeks commencing on Monday 17th January, we have arranged for a supply Nursery Teacher called Mrs Scharnhorst to cover for her in her absence.



School Dinners – Winter Olympics Day

You have been sent an email with a letter attached with details of this special day. The Winter Olympics Day is being held on Thursday 20th January 2022, this is School Census day which is an important day for any school. The numbers of children that take up a school dinner on this day play a vital part in the decisions made regarding funding and for this reason we would encourage as many as children as possible to take part and have a school dinner.

PTA Events

Please see the attached flyer for details of upcoming events.

Malawi Glasses

A reminder that we are all still collecting any old prescription glasses that you no longer need to send on to Malawi. If you have any to donate, please drop them either with your class teacher or in the office.

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

Key Dates

Wednesday 19 th January 2022	Virtual Y6 SATS Parents Meeting at 3.30pm
Friday 4 th February 2022	Hibernation Day
Wednesday 16 th February 2022	Valentine's Disco
Friday 18 th February 2022	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 28 th February 2022	Inset Day
Tuesday 29 th 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	Rory B & Archie G
F2 – Reception	Noureldeen K & Jackson T
Year 1	Ivy G & Finley T
Year 2	Jude W & Lucas B
Year 3	Kenny H & Evie T-W
Year 4a	Rowan L & Ava B
Year 4b	Harrison C & Eva A
Year 5	Hughie C & Amelia J
Year 5/6	Ethan G & Isabelle V
Year 6	James N & Poppy B

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 95.21%. 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)

F1 have had a great week learning about the North and South Pole, we have been looking at the different animals that live there and looking at the weather. Next week, we will be exploring the desert and finding out how it is different to the snowy environments. In maths, we have been looking at number recognition and counting by touching each object and saying the corresponding number. The children had their first fire alarm practice today and I must say they were brilliant! Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week F2 have been reading Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We have enjoyed exploring ice and finding out about penguins. We have also been thinking about capacity in our maths work. F2 have worked very hard in the art area using pastels to create their penguin picture.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week in Year 1, in Maths we have been learning to recall our number bonds to 10 and 20 at speed. Then, using our number bond knowledge we have been making 10 to then help us add on. We have enjoyed drawing pictorial representations to represent this. In English, we have been describing how Peter Rabbit squeezed under the garden gate and pinched Mr McGregor's crunchy carrots. We have started to add adjectives into our statements sentences. In Science, we identified what material an object is made out of and used lots of new vocabulary such as; opaque, flexible, rigid and transparent. In Geography, we have been learning about Scotland and its features, we learnt that Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been identifying different materials in Science and what material an object is made from. We went on a hunt around school to find different materials and grouped them based on different properties. In English, we have written a diary entry from The Velveteen Rabbit, where he tells his diary all about the different toys he is living with in the Nursery. The children have used a range of sentence types to express their feelings and adjectives to add detail. In Geography, we learnt about the equator and the different climate zones around the world. We used this knowledge to compare the weather patterns in the UK and Kenya. In Art, we have been learning about the effect using collage has on our art work. Well done Year 2 for another fantastic week.

Mrs Davies

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been very busy across all of their subjects. In English they have been writing a police report which relates to our new text 'Voices in the park'. After a terrible trip to walk the dog, the first voice of our story complained to the police about the terrible state of the park prompting the Year 3s to act as police as they wrote up the incident. In Maths the children have continued their long multiplication methods and have begun comparing different multiplication and division statements using greater than, less than and equals. In history, the children analysed a range of artefacts found from the Shang Dynasty and learnt new facts about each sources of information. The children will continue to learn more about this fascinating civilisation and its rich history in our next lesson where we will begin to look at the alphabet used by these people. Finally, in our science lesson today the children explore how different sounds are made and how we can alter pitch. They did this by creating their own pan-flute and changing the size of straws to make the pitch change from high to low. Another super week of learning from Year 3.

Mr Hellam



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

Year 4 have been really busy this week, we loved learning about reflection in our science this week and finding out about specular and diffuse reflection and understanding how mirrors work and why fun house mirrors make us look different! In our computing this week we have been learning how to make music on a laptop. We created different rhythms using different instrument recordings and programmed the order and timing. We have worked extremely hard writing a diary in our English this week and have included lots of fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases in our work. Keep up the good work Year 4.

Mrs Wolstenholme

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

In Year 4b this week, we have been working hard multiplying 3 digits by 1 digit in Maths and in our English we have been busy planning a diary writing for next week, based on our new book 'Anglo Saxon Boy'. In Science, we have been finding out about how light travels in straight lines and the moon is NOT a light source! We are really enjoying our new Science topic so far. In French, we are learning how to talk about family members in French and in Art we have been learning about Paul Klee's style of printing. Another busy week - well done 4b!

Mrs Schofield

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

In year 5 this week, we have focussed on division in maths. Looking at dividing 2-digit, 3-digit and 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. We have used concrete resources, visual representations and formal written methods culminating in practising using bus stop method to be more effective. In English, we have continued reading our new class book - Mary Poppins - and have written a person specification from the point of the Banks family, who are seeking a nanny. We have highlighted the features of a model text and discussed the formality of our writing. In science, we have learned about static electricity and how to generate a static charge, we used balloons and our jumpers to create an imbalance in charge between two surfaces. Our DT unit links with our new science and geography learning, in DT we have investigated electrical circuits for alarm systems with the aim of designing and building our own alarms to deter illegal logging in biomes with endangered plant species. In computing, we have begun to use a new coding software application called 'Python' which allows use to create a text-based adventure game. We have experimented with creating commands and looked at how the syntax of our code enables the application to successfully read it.

Mr Adlington

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5/6

This week in year 5/6, in Maths we have explored decimal and fraction equivalencies and developed our understanding of rounding decimals to the nearest tenth and hundredth. In English, we have been planning a job advertisement based on our class novel Mary Poppins - we will be writing from the perspective of Mr Banks who is seeking a new nanny for his children! In Computing, we began designing our own text based adventure game, carefully designing the landscapes involved. Finally, we have launched our new Geography topic: Biomes. The children have explored the six major biomes in the world including their locations and features. Well done everyone!

Mrs Bateman

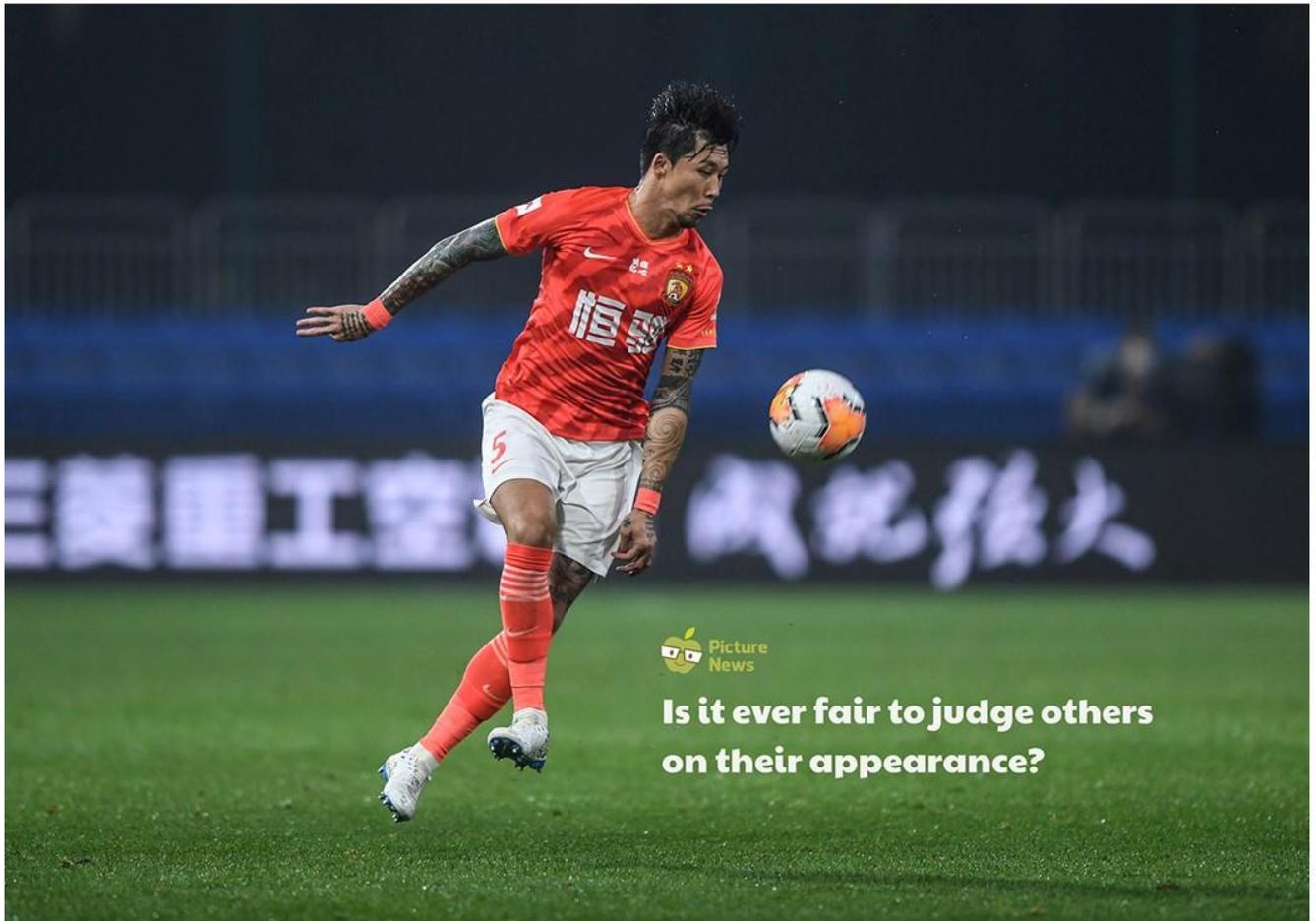
Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have worked hard developing our language and authorial tone as we began writing a character description for our Classic Fictional text, Mary Poppins. We discussed the structures in an upper to middle class household during the Edwardian era and considered how we can use vocabulary to demonstrate the high expectations of household staff during this period of time. In Maths, we have been working hard to accurately convert between units of measure, progressing from our work on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 from last week. In PSHE we have carefully considered what healthy relationships look like: we thought hard to define what a relationship is and discussed that a relationship is based on mutual respect, trust and understanding.

Well done for a lovely week everyone, I look forward to seeing what next week brings!

Mrs Poole





**Is it ever fair to judge others
on their appearance?**



2022

Upcoming events

February - Disco - Weds 16th.

April - Easter Fair - Weds 6th.

May - Car boot/ table top sale - Sunday 15th

May - Break the rules day - Friday 20th.

July - Summer Gala - Sat 16th

July - Year 6 Prom - (TBC)

*Please support us in raising money to
improve our outdoor areas.*

*Thank you
Towngate Primary Academy PTA*

All guidelines relating to covid 19 will be adhered to.

