

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

21/01/2022

## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We have had a great week here at Towngate. We are very excited that work has begun on our Wildlife Garden, we are very grateful to all your kind donations and gifts to make this garden a reality. Watch this space for the finished result!

### Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting

The Year 6 SATs parent meeting that was held this week has been recorded for the parents who were unable to attend and can be found directly on the Teams meeting under the files heading. We hope you find this meeting useful and will soon be arranging individual parent meetings in due course.

### Lunchtimes

We are working hard to develop our lunchtime provision, we have purchased a range of new resources that the children are enjoying. Check out our Twitter feed for further updates...

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> February** children can come to school wearing their pyjamas for a small donation to Shelley's fund!

### 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

## Updated Risk Assessments

Our Risk Assessments are being updated regularly in line with updated regulations and guidance. You can find a copy of our all our Risk Assessments on our website with the Newsletters.

## 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

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Hibernation Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Valentine's Disco
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	Harper T & Holly B
F2 – Reception	Fabian Y & Charlie G
Year 1	Freddie H & Verity C
Year 2	Lewis J & Oliver B
Year 3	Inaaya H & Joshua W
Year 4a	William J & Eva A
Year 4b	Ethan V & Reuben R
Year 5	Millie B & PJ Samudi
Year 5/6	Aila R & Isabelle W
Year 6	Lewis G & Mason A

### Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 95.35%. 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)

This week in nursery we have been to Africa and learned all about the different animals and how the weather is different to the Arctic. We have been looking at a new story Little Red and the very hungry Lion and discussing how it is like a traditional tale we will be learning next week. All the children have been working super hard in their Maths and Phonics groups. Well done Nursery on a super week

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week F2 have been learning more about Arctic animals and we have continued to enjoy reading our class book Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We have a new play dough station in our classroom and we have enjoyed making our own salt dough to use in our dough area. During the week we have been developing our dance and music skills and we have also enjoyed using clocks as part of our maths work this week.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been exploring using different methods to calculate subtraction sentences. We have practised using the number line, the numicon and the part-whole model. We are now able to decide which method we prefer and use this in our independent learning. In English this week, we have been learning how to add a question into our writing. We know what a question mark looks like and practised adding a question sentence into our extended writing this week. In Geography, we visited Wales and looked at Snowden, which is the biggest mountain in Wales and England. We also took a trip with Barnaby Bear to Moel Famau as he climbed the mountain in the appropriate clothing. Well done Year 1!

Miss Lockett

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have identified the human and physical features of Kenyan landscapes. The children were confident in describing the different features and we compared these features to the features we have in the UK. In our Science lesson, we have been identifying and explaining why certain objects need to be made from two different materials. We looked at why scissors need plastic handles and why tables have metal legs. In our maths, we have started looking at multiplication, the children have been using arrays to complete multiplication questions and focussing on the 2 times table. In our English, we wrote a description and really focussed on how we can use different sentence openers to engage our reader. Some excellent work this week, well done year 2.

Mrs Davies

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been busy developing their knowledge in a range of subjects. In Maths, we are now beginning to use the bus stop method for division. We are still using our times table facts for related division facts but for trickier questions we are learning this formal method. During our English lessons we have been planning a balanced argument which links to our story voices in the park. We have debated both side of the argument 'Should dogs be allowed to walk in the park without a lead?' and are now drafting our final argument. In ART we have used watercolour paints to practice creating different types of washes such as a flat wash and gradient wash. In Music we continued to learn our new focus song 'Three little birds' by Bob Marley and are now beginning to play part of the melody using a glockenspiel. Finally, in our ICT lesson the children used Ipads to record a planned interview with their peers. The children needed to consider which camera shots they would aim to capture and write a scrip to support their recording. Another super week in Year 3!

Mr Hellam



### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A**

In Science this week, Year 4 have been investigating what refraction is, we carried out an investigation by putting an arrow behind a glass of water and shining a light through to see how the arrow changes at different angles. In history, we were amazed to find out that the Ancient Scots were from Ireland and Picts were from Scotland. We found out how the Angle and Saxon tribe were invited to Briton and how it back fired on the Britons. In our PSHE this week we made paper chains to show how many things we had in common with each other and discussed similarities and differences

**Mrs Wolstenholme**

### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B**

We've been busy bees in Year 4b this week. In Maths, we have been learning to divide 2 digits by 1 digit and in English we have been finding the features of a balanced argument ready for our writing next week. In French, we have been continuing our conversation skills about family and in RE we learned all about reincarnation and good and bad Karma. In computing today, we began our musical composition using digital technology. Well done for working hard this week 4b!

**Mrs Schofield**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5**

This week, in year 5, we have begun our new maths unit - fractions! We have investigated what a fraction is and discussed how we can show fractions using concrete, pictorial and abstract representations. We have calculated equivalent fractions by multiplying and dividing and converted improper fractions to mixed numbers. In English, our writing has focused on our new class book 'Mary Poppins' and we have completed a draft write of our alternative character description, written from the perspective of the Banks children - Jane and Michael. We have really enjoyed being more practical in science by building basic series circuits with a cell, wires, bulb and buzzer. We investigated how to analyse our own circuits to solve the problem of them not working. We performed tests to check the battery was working, the wires were connected properly and that each component was working. In DT, we have sketched our initial designs for a very important commission to help create a warning alarm to prevent illegal logging which is taking place in Indonesia - a tropical rainforest biome. In geography, we have been naming the different biomes on Earth and discussing the characteristics and features of each of them.

**Mr Adlington**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6**

This week in Year 5/6 we have been working really hard in maths, learning all about percentages and decimals. In English we have drafted and created a newspaper advertisement for a new nanny in Mary Poppins, which is the book we are currently studying. In science we have been exploring how to make an electrical circuit so that we could identify how electricity flows. In DT this week, we have been designing electrical alarms for a tropical rainforest with endangered animals. In RE we have been learning about the journey of life and created our own journey of life. In PE we have been enjoying Acro with Miss Ella from Liquidance and we also enjoyed learning how to play hockey with the Huddersfield Giants coach. Well done Year 5/6 for a fabulous week!

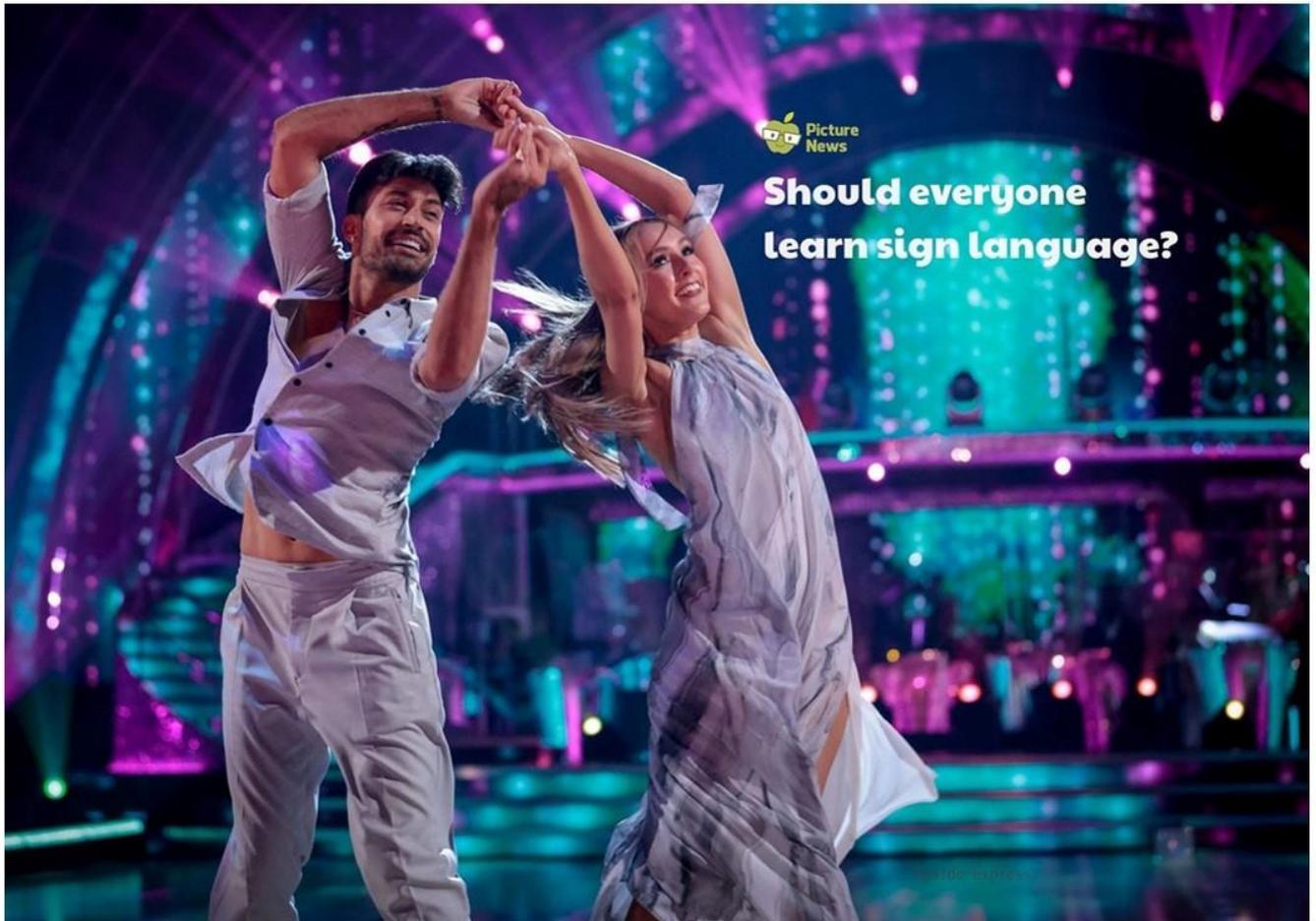
**Mrs Bateman**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6**

In Year 6 this week we have been working exceptionally hard: in maths, we have been solving tricky reasoning questions and solving problems relating to perimeter, area and volume. In English, we completed our drafts of a character description in the form of a person specification for the role of Nanny in our classic fictional novel, Mary Poppins. In Science, we explored the key components to an electric circuit and considered how electricity flows in various ways. This week we led our Year 6 SATs parent meeting; as agreed, this has been recorded for the parents who were unable to attend and can be found directly on the Teams meeting under the files heading. We hope this meeting was useful and will soon be arranging individual parent meetings in due course. Well done for another super week Year 6, we're very proud of you!

**Mrs Poole**





Picture News

Should everyone learn sign language?



# 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.

