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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

The weeks are flying by here at Towngate! We have had a great week, the children have been busy in class and working on our outside areas too.

National Storytelling Week

This week it has been National Storytelling Week, the children have enjoyed some wonderful stories in their classrooms, check our Twitter feed to see more...

Mental Health Week

Next week is children's mental health week. Please could you ensure that your child brings to school either wellies or old trainers, outdoor shoes, anything you don't mind getting muddy! Every day possible next week, the children will be taking part in various fun outdoor activities on the school fields. Also, on Thursday, we want to take a whole school photo. For this can the children wear the following colour tops:

Red/Yellow – Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Yellow/pink/Green – Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Orange / Purple – Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Purple/blue – Early Years (F1 Nursery & F2 Reception)

If you would prefer your child not to be involved in the whole school photograph, please do let your child's class teacher know.

Wildlife Garden

We have been very lucky to have secured the help of a company called Ground Control who are going to come into school in February and help us design and create a wonderful space...Watch this space! We would also like to thank B & Q who have donated lots of supplies and garden accessories for our garden, this is really going to be an amazing space!

Shelly's Hibernation Day

Thank you to all the children for coming to school in their pyjamas and making today the comfiest and cosiest in the academic year by celebrating hibernation day in honour of the infamous Shelly... The total amount of money raised is an amazing £193.50, check out our Twitter feed !

Fire Safety Education Assembly

We are delighted that West Yorkshire Fire Brigade will be coming into school on Tuesday 15th February to give age appropriate Fire Safety Education Assemblies to the children. We are sure the children will find these informative and enjoyable.

World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 3rd March 2022 and we invite children to come dressed up as a story book character and to bring in their favourite book to share.



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.

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

Tuesday 15 th February 2022	Fire Safety Education Assembly
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
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	World Book Day

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	Archie M & Edie F
F2 – Reception	Bethany B & Isabelle G
Year 1	Isabel C & Robyn H
Year 2	Leland C & Harrison EH
Year 3	Benji C & Seth B
Year 4a	Tahlia D & Libby B
Year 4b	Darcy-Mae C & Abbey N
Year 5	Eva-Renea H & Harry T
Year 5/6	Scarlett B & Riley B
Year 6	Harry H & Ethan S

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 88.48%. Our attendance target 97%,

Mrs A Berry and Mrs L Poole

Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher
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What's been going on in school this week?

Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

This week the children have been exploring materials. We looked at fabric, plastic, glass, paper and wood. The children described how they felt and were set a challenge to make a waterproof cape for Little Red Riding Hood, who had lost her cape and it was raining. The children then explored which materials would be best to keep the rain out and then they made their own cape, we then tested the capes which was very exciting! In maths, we have been identifying patterns in the environment such as; spotty, stripy and other patterns. The children also had chance to meet our school pet 'Shelly the tortoise' he was a very popular with the children, they were amazed! Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

We have had a very busy week in F2. We have been learning about Chinese New Year this week and we have enjoyed using our cutting skills to make our own lanterns in the DT area. We were all very excited to begin looking after Shelley this week and we enjoyed watching him have a bath and walk around our carpet. We have all tried hard to write our own stories about the jungle and we have been practicing adding two numbers together in our maths work. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning how to use the conjunction "and" to join our sentences together. We have continued to write a short piece of the Peter Rabbit story sometimes changing what happens with our own ideas. We are confident now to add a question and command sentence into our writing. In science we set up an experiment to find out which material was least and most absorbent to help choose a material to protect Snuggles from the rain. We enjoyed working in pairs and knew how to keep it a fair test by using the same amount of water to drop onto each piece of material. In maths we have been learning about related facts and writing down fact families for number sentences. We are still continuing to use our rekenreks to make different numbers. Well done Year 1, you have all worked super hard.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

In year 2 this week, we have been busy planning and taking part in our own experiment in Science. We were testing if a range of materials were transparent, opaque, waterproof, absorbent, bendy or stiff. The children worked in small groups and planned how they would make it a fair test and shared their findings with the rest of the class. In maths, we have been dividing by 2 and recognised how this is the same as finding a half. We will be applying some of our methods next week when we learn to divide by 5 and 10. In Geography, we have been comparing the town Gazi in Kenya to Ossett, we identified the human and physical features and how they were similar and different. Well done Year 2!

Mrs Davies

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have worked really hard and have enjoyed some exciting lessons. In PE the children learnt skills and techniques to play handball. The children really had to think about their spacial awareness and how using the space effectively could support their team in advancing forwards. The children competed in an NSPCC rocks timestable tournament on Friday morning where the children used their timestable knowledge to complete as many challenges as possible. During Maths this week, the children have begun looking at pounds and pence and will now move forwards into converting between the two. We used coins to support our learning and distinguish between different amounts. The children have been writing a narrative this week based around our class story 'Walking in the Park'. We needed to include all of the grammatical features we have been practicing but one of our main focuses was direct speech and punctuating tis correctly. The children have worked incredibly hard all week.

Mr Hellam



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

In Year 4 this week, we have been finding out about all the different Anglo-Saxon Gods and how England became a Christian country. In science this week we really enjoyed finding out what the different parts of our eyes are called and what they do. We are really excited to find out how we see colours next week. In our English we have been using all our history knowledge to write really detailed non-chronological report. Mrs Wolstenholme is so impressed with all the knowledge Year 4 have remembered.

Mrs Wolstenholme

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

Another busy week in 4b this week. In Science, we investigated how we can see light and learned the different parts of our eye that help us to see light. In History, we learned where the Anglo-Saxons lived and how they didn't want to live in the big stone houses that The Romans left behind – instead they chose to live the simple life in the countryside. We practiced our hockey skills in PE and in English we have been planning our Non-Chronological Report about the Anglo-Saxons. This week is National Story-telling week so we have been reading books to each other from our new Top Ten books trolley. Well done 4b!

Mrs Schofield

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have continued our work on fractions by moving from comparing and ordering fractions to adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We have discussed how we can use common denominators and common numerators to add and subtract fractions more easily. We have started to add and subtractions with different denominators by multiplying and dividing to create common denominators. In English, we have learned more about women throughout the ages and have draft written our own non-chronological report – ready to publish these next week! Our DT unit is coming along nicely now as we have begun to develop our practical skills to make our own electrical circuit for our alarms. In PE, we have developed a range of hockey passing and shooting skills to put together in a game situation.

Mr Adlington

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

In Year 5/6 we have absolutely loved taking part in the Timestable Rockstars Competition and are crossing our fingers for 1st Place across the school!! The children have been designing an investigation in Science to determine the best electrical conductors and insulators, In Geography we have learnt about the Savanna Biome and have carefully considered the different flora and fauna that would be found there. Next week we will be looking into the causes of climate change. As part of National Storytelling week the children enjoyed taking their time to enjoy their favourite story and sharing this with their peers. Well done Year 5/6.

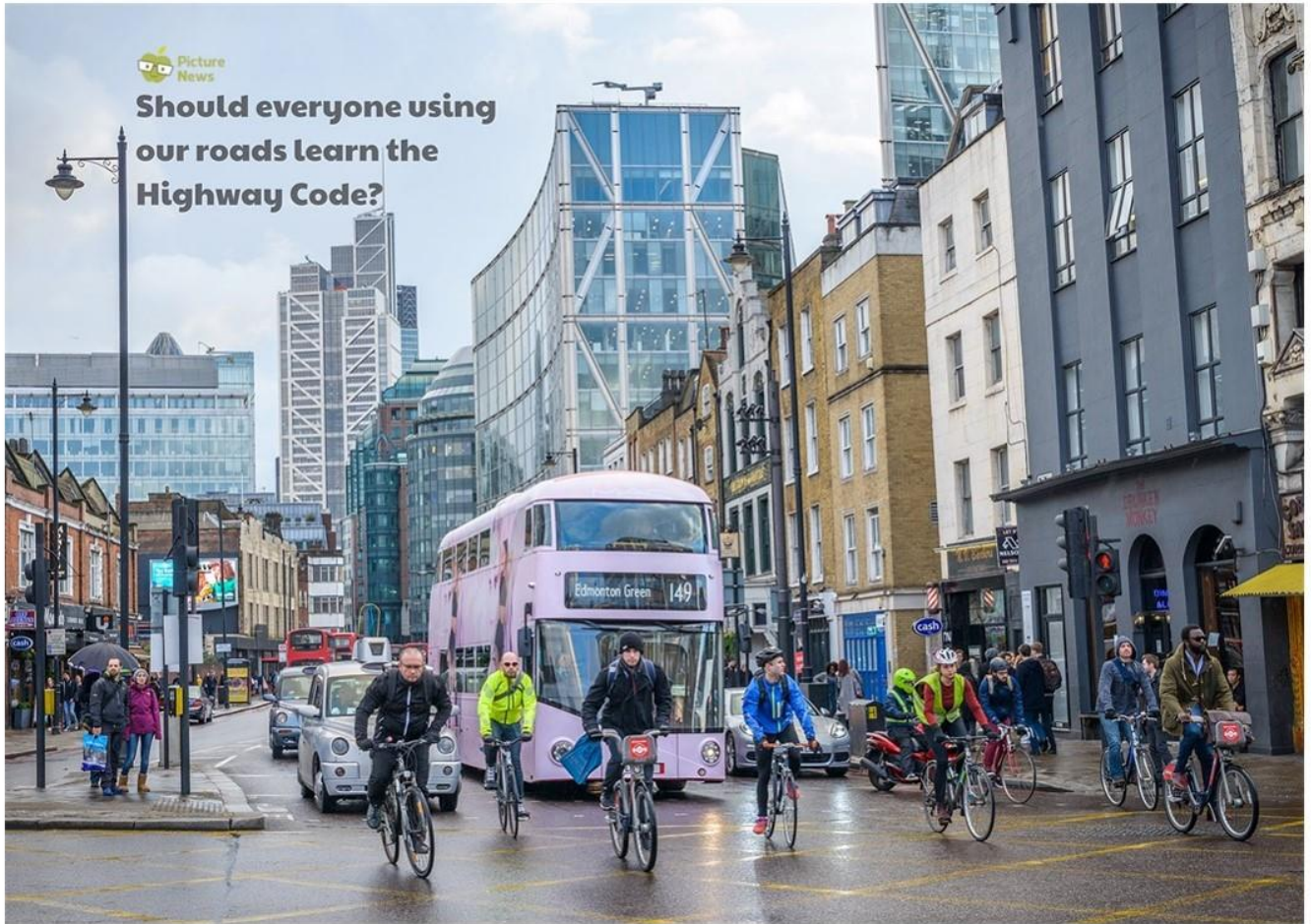
Mrs Bateman

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been busy developing our skills to unpick tricky problems using ratio and proportion; we worked collaboratively in PSHE to understand how we can show unity and teamwork in various tasks and developed our understanding of electric conductors and insulators in our science experiment this week. For National Storytelling Week, we focused on the graphic novel from slave ship to freedom road; we compared life for black people living in slavery in the novel to the treatment of individuals in 1950s America before thinking about modern slavery today. Well done for participating in such mature and thought-provoking discussions everyone!

Mrs Poole





**Should everyone using
our roads learn the
Highway Code?**



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.

