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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We have had another super week in Towngate. As you know it has been Mental Health Awareness Week, the children have taken part in lots of fun activities and play times on the school field. Thank you for your support in sending the children in the rainbow coloured tops for the whole school photograph, as you can see we had great weather and it looks fantastic!!



Year 6 Parent Meetings

Mrs Poole and Mrs Bateman have arranged to meet parents of Year 6 children face to face next week, if you haven't already received an email confirming your appointment time, please contact Miss Moore in the school office.

PTA Christmas Fair Prizes

We are aware that some children won prizes at the PTA Christmas Fair on the Children's Raffle, we have allocated next Friday the 18th February for the children to use these.

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.

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.

Staffing Updates

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Chapman and Mrs Watson at the end of this half term. Both are moving on to enjoy the next step in their careers and we wish them well and good luck. We will miss you.



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	Emily T & Emilie L
F2 – Reception	Daisy S & Harry W
Year 1	Verity R & Maisam K
Year 2	Edward C & Darcey L
Year 3	Esmā A & Jeanie V
Year 4a	Maya G & Niamh W
Year 4b	Phoebe H & Neve G
Year 5	Laney V & Matthew C
Year 5/6	Maisy W & Marcia T
Year 6	Olivia W & Anton D

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 96.4%. 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)

The children have been learning about patterns this week in maths. We have been looking at repeating patterns and the children have been amazing at finding mistakes. During topic we have been learning about animals that live under the sea, the children have enjoyed exploring the under the sea scene in the tuff tray. Have a great rest everyone this weekend!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week we have enjoyed thinking about how we have grown and the things which make us feel happy. We have also been thinking about how we stay safe when we are using our computers and when we are crossing the road. F2 have enjoyed reading Handa's Surprise in our literacy lessons. We have been using lots of different vocabulary to describe the fruits in the story and we have tried hard to write our own sentences. We have also been thinking about measuring in our maths work and practicing our addition skills.

Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

In Year 1 we have had such an amazing Children's Mental Wellbeing week. From day 1 we explored how we can take care of our beautiful minds and help them grow. We drew our support balloons and thought about how our support web takes care of us when things don't go quite right. We have loved wearing our wellies and racing around on the school field, feeling the wind in our faces. We are so lucky to have such wonderful school grounds. We have enjoyed our outdoor weaving in art and being out in the fresh air as much as possible. On top of all that we have managed to visit London in geography and have had a virtual trip on the Yellow Duck Tour. A super way to see the landmarks in London.

Well done Year 1, you are all super stars.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been learning all about E-Safety and how to be safe online. The children demonstrated an excellent understanding on what they can do if they are worried about something online, how they should behave online and what they should and shouldn't share when online. We have had a thought-provoking week about mental health and how we can keep our minds happy. The children have reflected on their school journey so far and how much they have grown. We are all so proud of our achievements that we wanted to create a new goal and we are reaching for the stars to achieve these! We have created some 5 top tips to support our mental health: Get a good night's sleep, get active, talk to a friend or trusted adult, do something we love and lastly feed our minds! The children have really embraced these activities this week and they have demonstrated excellent empathy, understanding and friendships. You are all superstars Year 2!

Mrs Davies

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have enjoyed some activities related to children's mental health week. During the week, the children have planted their own sunflower seeds to think about the nurturing which is required for growth. They have also thought about the people who support them and care for them by creating their own 'support balloon' which represent the people who help raise them up. During our LKS2 assembly the children thought about online safety and how to be kind to others by evaluating responses to online chats. The children explained which responses was unacceptable and how to act if this was ever to happen to them by reporting it online and speaking to a trusted adult. During our maths lessons this week the children have been converting pounds to pence and furthering their ability to complete tricky word problems. This week in PE the children were working on their hockey skills by looking at controlling the ball at pace and developing general ball control. What a super mental health week in Year 3.

Mr Hellam



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week in Year 4, we have all been learning about Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'growing together' so as a class we have explored all the different ways we grow together. We have explored how spending time outdoors and in nature can support our mental wellbeing and discussing our different support systems and the people who we trust that can support us when we need help. The children also planted some sunflower seeds to take home so they can be reminded that, just as a flower takes time and needs the right things to grow, we too will grow and develop over time. The children have been working hard this week in English on their non-chronological reports about the Anglo-Saxons. We have learnt all about where they came from, where they lived and their jobs.

Mrs Wolstenholme

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and we have been spending lots of time outdoors. We went on a nature walk around our school grounds and we planted sunflower seeds to take home - I wonder who's will be the tallest? We discussed who is in our support bubble and we created a support balloon. In English, we have been writing a non-chronological report about The Anglo Saxons and in Maths we have been comparing area and perimeter. In History, we have been learning about what the Anglo Saxons believed and in Art we have been creating a collagraph block for our Paul Klee topic. Well done 4b!

Mrs Schofield

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have continued our fractions learning. We have been taught by Miss Walker and have looked at adding and subtracting mixed numbers. We have looked at developing our reasoning and problem solving skills to help us to explain how we found an answer and to spot and correct errors. In English, we have published our non-chronological reports on the different experiences of women through the ages and started to look at the features of our new text type. In science, we have investigated what happens when we change components in a circuit to further our knowledge of electricity. In geography, we have learned what makes the tundra and taiga biomes unique by looking at the flora and fauna that can survive in these ecosystems. Our PE unit, invasion games, has continued with handball, we have looked at some specific shooting and passing techniques and applied these in game situations.

Mr Adlington

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in year 5/6, as part of our learning around mental health, the children have looked closely at the experiences of those with mental health difficulties and have written poetry and letters to express our understanding - take a look on twitter to see some of our work! During English, we worked collaboratively to unpick the next chapter of our Classic Fiction novel, Mary Poppins, carefully considering language features and sentence structure. In PE the children took part in a hockey tournament and in Acro the children carried out balances and lifts. We would like to say a huge well done this week - the children in y5/6 continue to work incredibly hard and have a fantastic attitude towards their learning, we are so proud!

Mrs Bateman

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

Year 6 have had another super week in the classroom: in maths we commenced learning on calculating missing angles and have worked hard to use known facts to calculate angles in polygons, triangles, straight lines and around a point. We started our initial learning to write an emotive narrative to complete our unit of work on the classic fiction text, Mary Poppins, publishing some of our writing for the Showcase Displays on our corridors. In computing, we have been busy coding using Python and in science considered the purpose and positioning of voltmeters and ammeters within electric circuits. As always, well done guys - we continue to be so proud of you!

Mrs Poole





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.

