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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

What a term it has been! It's the half term holidays and Storm Eunice has arrived to see the term out, we hope you all stay safe and have a wonderful half term holiday, whatever you choose to do. Don't forget we start back to school on **Tuesday 1st March**, Monday 28th February is an Inset Day.

Celebration Assemblies

We are delighted to inform you that we are now discussing safer ways in which we could bring back the Celebration Assemblies for parents to come into school and attend. It has been so long since we welcomed parents into school, we are aware that some of our new parents haven't even been inside the school building! We are hoping to bring back Key Stage Assemblies, watch this space after the Half-Term for further information.

New Members of Staff

It gives us great pleasure to welcome two new members of staff, Miss Minnisthorpe has joined us this week as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 2, we look forward to working with her more in the new terms to come. We also have Mrs Coyle starting with us after the holiday, she is our new part time Attendance & Behaviour Officer. Mrs Coyle already works at our sister school Gawthorpe Academy, so she will be hitting the ground running with a knowledge of our policies and school already.

Acro-Dance Extra-Curricular Club

When we return to school, this club will still be available for F2 Reception and Key Stage 1, but will be more focused on dance than acrobatics.

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.

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 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	Scarlett N & William O
F2 – Reception	Isla L & Charlie W
Year 1	Kyrena R & Andrea Z
Year 2	Ava S & Macey D-H
Year 3	Isabelle A & Will G
Year 4a	Eva A & Joshua F
Year 4b	Daniel H & Maisie M
Year 5	Jack K & Georgia H
Year 5/6	Abigail H & Ben J
Year 6	Elwood F & Tom H

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 93.45%. 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 we have been learning about journeys and routes, the children have been thinking about how we get from one place to another. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their own treasure and a treasure map and guided their friends to follow their route to find it. During our topic this term, we have explored the polar regions, the desert, the jungle, the forest and under the sea. So this week the children have had the opportunity to make comparisons of these places, thinking about what animals live there, what kind of weather there is and what kind of clothes we would wear. I hope everyone has a great half term!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week F2 have enjoyed visiting Shelly and having time to observe and describe Shelly. We have also enjoyed reading the story, " Poles Apart," and learning more about different parts of the world. In our maths work we have been exploring the number 9 and describing 3D shapes. F2 all enjoyed the Valentine's disco this week, thank you to everyone who organised it. We all had lots of fun dancing and singing to the music. F2, have also enjoyed thinking about our Picture News and designing a building for a city. Well done everyone. We hope you all enjoy your holiday.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning to measure the length and height of objects using nonstandard and standard units. We found it much easier to measure using the ruler measuring in cm. In science we explored magnets and are beginning to use the words attract and repel. We had great fun exploring objects that are magnetic and non-magnetic. In English we finished our classic fiction book Peter Rabbit and decided to do a book review rating it out of 5 stars. Well done Year 1 you have all worked really hard all year.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have done some fantastic independent work in our Reading and Maths assessments. The children were able to show resilience whilst working through the questions and thinking back to our previous learning across the year to answer a range of questions. In our Geography, we have written some excellent comparisons between Kenya and the UK. The children discussed the weather, housing, transport and entertainment. We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for organising another fantastic disco, the children had an amazing time! Also, this week we finished The Velveteen Rabbit. The children reviewed the book today, with everyone giving it 5 stars and saying they would read it again. Some children described the book as a 'page turner' and 'emotional rollercoaster'. We just want to say a massive well done to all of the Year 2 children for another fantastic half term, we are really proud of you and hope you have a relaxing break with your loved ones. See you all after half term!

Mrs Davies

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week Year 3 have been very busy in all their learning. In English the children have been reading through a persuasive letter and finding the key grammatical features associated with this text type. In Maths the children have continued to work with money, focusing on addition and subtraction. During our Art lesson we had to evaluate the watercolour pictures that we have made. These creations based on the impressionist works of Claude Monet. During French, the children have continued to practise saying when their and others birthdays are. We also spent some time in PSHE to think about our aspirations for the future and we planned out achievable steps to achieve our goals.

Mr Hellam



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week in Year 4a, we have been very busy before the half term holidays. In English, we have been writing some incredible setting descriptions for our story 'The Anglo-Saxon Boy', we have written about the Roman roads and the gruesome raid at the old farmhouse. In Maths we have continued our learning about fractions, including tenths and counting in fractions. In Science, we have been studying lots of different uses of light and why light is so important. To end our half term, we painted and printed our Paul Klee collagraphs in Art and performing our Fresh Prince of Bel Air raps for Music.

Mrs Wolstenholme

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

Wow! I can't believe it's the end of term already! This week we have been busy planning and writing a setting description about our book Anglo Saxon Boy and in Maths we have been learning tenths. In Science, we learned about convex and concave lenses and different uses of light. We completed our music composition in computing and recorded it onto Audacity and in Art we printed our collagraph block inspired by Paul Klee. We also had a visit from Ossett Fire Service who showed us all the equipment on the fire engine. Well done this term 4b - have a fantastic, well-earned holiday!

Mrs Schofield

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week in year 5 in our maths work we have been adding and subtracting mixed numbers and developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills. In English, we have written an emotive narrative focusing on our class book Mary Poppins. In Science we have investigated what happens in a circuit when components are changed, we also investigated what happens to different components when you add more cells. In PE we looked at a new sport, Lacrosse, we learned some basic rules and looked at improving our accuracy with sending and receiving the ball. Well done Year 5, have a wonderful half term holiday.

Mr Adlington

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

What a fantastic final week in year 5/6! The children have absolutely blown us away with their writing this week: they have written an emotive narrative, carefully considering their vocabulary and language structures, based on our novel Mary Poppins. We have enjoyed finalising our prototypes for our DT projects, where we have designed, created and evaluated an alarm system. Finally, it has been wonderful to meet with our Year 6 parents this week in preparation for our assessments - thank you all for being so supportive in this process. I would like to thank all the children for their attitudes towards their learning this term, they are truly a credit to their families - well done everyone!

Mrs Bateman

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

What a super end to another great half term in Year 6. We have completed our unit of writing on Mary Poppins, concluding with an emotive narrative whereby Bert declares his love for Mary. Our writing has been utterly outstanding and I am so proud of you all! In Maths, we have focused on our efficiency to calculate and will continue this hard work next half term. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended a SATs parent meeting this week. It was lovely to meet with you all and we look forward to working together next half term. Well done for a super half term - enjoy your break and we can't wait to get busy when you return next half term!

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.

