

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

11/03/2022

## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



We have had a fantastic week! This week has seen a welcome return to our Celebration Assembly. We had a wonderful time celebrating all our friends' achievements in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Thank you to all our parents that joined us today, I think everyone will agree it was wonderful to all be together and celebrate our children.

Next week on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, it's the turn of Key Stage 2 for their Celebration Assembly, we look forward to welcoming parents at 9.00am.

### Towngate Primary Academy Open Evening

Mrs Berry and all the staff are extremely proud of our Academy and the environment we have created and we would like to share this with you all be inviting you to an Open Evening on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from 3.15pm until 5.00pm. If you would like to attend this Open Evening, please let the Academy Office know. More details regarding attending and the itinerary will follow next week.

### Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 until 6.00pm and on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April until 5.00pm. Further details regarding booking a time slot will be sent out next week.

### Year 2 SATS Meeting

Mrs Davies would like to invite all Year 2 parents and carers to a Year 2 SATs meeting on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 3.15pm. There is further information on the Year 2 Class Newsletter that parents have received today.

### Year 2 Bikeability

Your child in Year 2 should have brought a letter home for you to sign to give permission for them to take part in Bikeability. This will run from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The children have a fantastic opportunity to learn how to ride a balance bike or a regular bike whichever they are ready for! We hope they enjoy the sessions.

### Red Nose Day

As you will all be aware, it is Red Nose Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, children are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform and of course a Red Nose. Children are welcome to bring a small donation towards this worthy cause.

### Ukraine Disaster Appeal

We are sure you are all aware of the tragic circumstances unfolding in Ukraine right now. We are aware of a gentleman in Barnsley who is a retired fireman and he is planning on filling and driving a truck with essential aid to help the Ukrainian Refugees in Poland. We would like to help him to do this. If you are able to donate any clothing, toiletries, blankets or non-perishable foods, please bring them in and hand them to your class teacher and Mrs Bateman will arrange to get these items to this amazing kind man.



## Key Dates

Year 2 SATS Meeting	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 3.15pm
Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 9.00am
Year 2 Bikeability	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
Towngate Primary Academy Open Evening	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 3.15pm – 5.00pm
Parents Evening	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 3.15pm – 6.00pm
PTA Event – Easter Fair	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Parents Evening	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 3.15pm – 6.00pm
PTA Event – Break the Rules Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
PTA Event – Summer Gala	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
PTA Event – Year 6 Prom	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022

## Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 94.68%. Our attendance target 97%,

## Core Awards

In this week's Celebration Assembly the following children were presented with our CORE Awards:

Class	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
F1 - Nursery	Hudson L	Zavier S	Eligh K	Holly O'D
F2 – Reception	Imaya L	Emma M	India M	Lucia R
Year 1	Verity C	Lucas G	Finley T	Kody L
Year 2	Latisha S	Macey D-H	James W	Lewis G

## Team Towngate



## What's been going on in school this week?

### Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

This week in nursery we have enjoyed making bread and tasting it too. In maths we have been looking at capacity to see how many scoops of rice can fit into each container. We all enjoyed our first Celebration Assembly celebrating our friends' achievements. Well done F1!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week F2 have enjoyed reading Harry and the Dinosaurs at the Museum and finding out more about dinosaurs. We have been thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up following our discussions focusing on International Women's Day. We have also enjoyed using our new remote control resource Doc, as we are developing our programming skills. F2 have also been focusing on our addition and number bonds skills in our maths work, both inside the classroom and within the outdoor area.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week we have been learning about Florence Nightingale in both English and history. We have found out she came from a wealthy family and her family thought she had the kindest heart in the world. Her father took her on many travels around Europe and she was always fascinated by hospitals. In science this week we have planned an experiment for next week using different materials to build a wall then we will test how durable the materials will be outside in the rain. In maths we have been learning about 1 more or 1 less than a number to 50. The children have been using the greater, less than and equal symbols comparing pictorial representations and numbers. This week we also took part in International Women's Day and enjoyed learning about inspirational woman in society in the past and now. Well done Year 1 you all have all worked very hard. Enjoy your weekend.

Miss Lockett

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2 the children have started designing their own hand puppets in our DT lesson, they've designed what they want it to look like, thought about how they can attach the materials together and listed all the resources they are going to need. In Computing, the children have been learning about emails as a source of communication and understanding how we can attach documents to emails as they're trying to solve the mystery of the missing cake for me! In Science, we have tested a variety of everyday materials to select an appropriate material to create an umbrella. Another super week where Class 2 continue to show resilience and excellence in their learning. Well done!

Mrs Davies

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week Year 3 have been working super hard across all their subjects. In English we have written an information leaflet all about tectonic plates and how earthquakes occur. The children used different picture sources to help them structure their writing and they all tried hard to keep it factual yet grammatically interesting. In DT this week the children have begun to experiment with building circuits so they can plan their siren. The children are planning and developing a siren which would be suitable for a variety of purposes and are experimenting with different circuits before designing their own. In Geography, we learned about the formation of mountains and fold mountains. The children are now expanding their understanding of tectonic plates and how their movement helps to shape the world around us. For international women's day, the children learned about Amelia Earhart, and her quest to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Another super week from Year 3.

Mr Hellam

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

In Year 4 this week, we really enjoyed being able to get back in our cooking room and enjoy some baking! We used our math's skills to scale down the recipe and then carefully weigh out our ingredients. We made some delicious chocolate chip cookies! We made a start making our prototypes for a waterproof container in DT this week, we tried using different materials lollipop sticks to make our shell structure and looked at how we could reinforce it and make our container stronger. This week has also been international women's day and we have discussing different women who changed the world and why we have an international women's day.

Mrs Wolstenholme



### *Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B*

We've had another busy week in 4b this week. In English, we have been writing a letter from the father to his daughter explaining why he had to leave the family home because they were in danger this is from our new book 'The Arrival'. In Maths, we have been learning fractions greater than 1 and in Science we have been learning about the solar system. In Geography, we learned about international, regional, temporary and permanent migration and the different reasons why people might move from one place to another. This week, we looked at inspirational women and shared our research presentations for International Women's Day. Well done this week Year 4b.

*Mrs Schofield*

### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5*

This week, in year 5, we have completed our work on fractions by multiplying mixed numbers by integers. We have looked at some problem solving and reasoning with fractions and have developed the ability to explain our thinking. In English, we have written our own setting description based on our class book 'Varmints'. The setting description portrays a dystopian landscape in which the 'OTHERS' have destroyed most of the natural world. In PE, we have continued to develop our kabaddi skills by working on key components of fitness such as agility and balance. We have played small sided games in which to practise our new skills. In art, we have used scale and tonal perspective to create a 3-D effect for our landscapes. Our music specialist has continued to work with the children to work on writing music notation and practising playing a range of different instruments.

*Mr Adlington*

### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6*

This week in Year 5/6 we have explored the Industrial Revolution including the impact on population, economy and trade. The children have analysed a range sources and have discussed their purpose, reliability and impact. In science the children have explored the force of magnetism and have enjoyed experimenting with magnets of different sizes and strengths, take a look at our Twitter pages for pictures. As part of International Women's Day we thought about our "Shero" – the women who inspire us each and every day. We wrote them a letter of recognition to say thank you. Well done Class 5/6!

*Mrs Bateman*

### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6*

In Year 6 this week, we have been very busy exploring the Industrial Revolution in history: we identified the countries that made up the British Empire during the Victorian Era and looked at various sources to interpret what life was like during this time. In art we have been exploring perspective and considering how David Hockney created mood and tone in his landscape paintings. Well done for a great week guys - remember all of your hard work makes a difference!

*Mrs Poole*





Picture News

**How important is it to show bravery as a leader?**





# 2022

## Upcoming events

*April - Easter Fair - Weds 6th.*

*May - Break the rules day - Friday 20th.*

*July - Summer Gala - Sat 16th.*

*July - Year 6 Prom - Friday 22nd.*

*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.



# TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY

## SUMMER GALA

**SATURDAY 16TH JULY**

**10 AM - 3 PM.**



- Tombola
- Raffle
- Refreshments
- Bottle hoopla
- Krispy Kreme
- Penalty shoot out
- Hook a duck
- & many more.

Come and enjoy the fun  
with family and friends.

