

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

18/03/2022

## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We have had another brilliant week here in Towngate! This week was the turn of Key Stage 2 to hold their Celebration Assembly. 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 after all this time. Next week, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, it's the turn of Early Years and Key Stage 1 for their second 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. We will 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 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

It was wonderful to see all the children in their own clothes and with their red noses today. Thank you to everyone for donating, we have raised a whopping £186.10, well done and thank you again.

### Ukraine Disaster Appeal

We cannot thank all our parents enough for all the wonderful donations that you have sent in for this extremely worthy cause. We have been blown away by your generosity once again. We really do appreciate your support.

### Shakespeare Week

Next week our children will be exposed to the works of Shakespeare as part of their daily reading. The focus of this week will be for the children to read, recount and re-enact the works of Shakespeare and develop an understanding of the life of Shakespeare himself. Keep an eye on Twitter!

### Ossett Academy – Year 6 Transition

Ossett Academy have asked that we direct parents and carers to their Academy Website Transition page at <https://ossett.accordmat.org/y6transition/> where you will find an array of information in relation to your child's transition to secondary school. There is a Frequently Asked Questions document and information on their website that should answer most queries about Transition at this time. However, if you have specific queries, please contact Ossett Academy at [enquiries@ossett.accordmat.org](mailto:enquiries@ossett.accordmat.org). They have informed us of the following dates for your diary:



## Ossett Academy - Transition Dates

- Year 6 Supporting Success Event – Tuesday 7 June 2022
- SEND Transition Days – Wednesday 22 and Wednesday 29 June 2022.
- Year 6 Taster Day – Thursday 30 June 2022

All these sessions will be at 9.30am-11.30am

## Key Dates

Year 4 John Wesley Lifepath Event	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
Year 3 IPMAT Handball Tournament	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
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 94.7%. 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
Year 3	Sebastian R	Lily B	Emma B	Ahmad K
Year 4a	Krystal B	Tahlia D	Clay O'D	Niamh W
Year 4b	Daniel H	Ethan V	Reuben R	Georgina H
Year 5	Aaliyah M	Millie B	Amelia J	Matthew C
Year 5/6	Aila R	Ben J	Kellan L	Milosz G
Year 6	Tom H	Ethan S	Suzie C	Poppy B

## Team Towngate



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

### Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

This week the children have been learning about toys from the past, we had a very special visitor who brought us some toys to look at from the 1950's. The children were fascinated by how they were so different. In maths the children have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes, they have been amazing at naming them! Have a great weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have had another busy week. This week we have enjoyed reading our class story, Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been thinking about the characters and trying hard to retell the story. We have also been thinking about what plants need to grow and naming the different parts of a plant. We have planted our own broad beans and we are also growing cress seeds in different conditions to see what happens to them. In our maths lessons we have been exploring shapes and thinking about repeating patterns. We have worked hard in our gymnastics lesson, using the large apparatus and mats to find ways of travelling and balancing.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been comparing numbers within 50 deciding which is the greatest and which is the smallest. We have had to explain our thinking and say things like 'I know 34 is more than 25 because 34 has 3 tens and 25 has 2 tens. In English we have been using command sentences. In our extended writing we pretended to be Florence Nightingale and wrote a letter to the nurses explaining how shocked we were with the dirty conditions in the hospitals. We gave them lots of commands to improve the conditions, for example; Open the windows to let fresh air in. Wash the bed sheets. Scrub the floors. Get rid of the rats. In science we conducted our experiment to see which wall of material would stay standing after 100ml of water was sprinkled on it. The materials we used were, sugar cubes, straw, plastic Lego and playdough. Which one do you think stayed standing? Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Lockett

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been identifying and describing 2D shapes. We have been counting the sides, vertices and discussing regular and irregular shapes. In English, the children have written some excellent diary entries using ambitious vocabulary such as; honourable, courageous and ferocious. In History, we found out about the three contenders to the throne in 1066. We read information about these three men and then we communicated our ideas about who should have been King and justified why. In DT, the children learnt how to use a running stitch and they will be applying this next week when they start creating their own hand puppets. Thank you to all those that brought in donations for Comic Relief, we have learnt about a young boy called Teddy and the challenges he faces due to his disabilities. The children have discussed how we can be courageous when faced with challenges.

Mrs Davies

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have had a super week and all shown excellence in their work. On Monday, the children played handball in PE to practise for their upcoming tournament on Thursday next week. The children needed to think about positioning and strategy of how to move the ball quickly while also following the rules of the game. During Geography, the children learned about the formation of volcanoes and in particular, Stratovolcanoes. We annotated a volcano with all its key features and discussed different types of eruptions. In English this week, the children wrote a newspaper article all about the Indian Ocean Boxing Day tsunami that affected Indonesia and Japan. The children used lots of high-quality grammatical features within their work and also included lots of relevant facts and figures. The children worked very hard all week. Well done Year 3!

Mr Hellam



### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A**

This week in Year 4A, we have been continuing our work with fractions in maths. We have been working hard to add and subtract fractions and subtracting fractions from a whole. In English, we finished writing our wonderful letters from a heartbroken father to his daughter left behind at home, as well as looking at punctuating direct speech in our grammar lessons. The children took ownership over their research of the 8 planets in our Solar System in Science this week and we created some very interesting fact files in our books. In DT, we finished our prototypes for floating storage containers by testing and evaluating different materials. The children worked well as a team in PE, as we have continued to practise skills of passing and retrieving the ball in lacrosse.

**Mrs Wolstenholme**

### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B**

We have been very busy in Year 4b this week. In English we have been planning our narrative about a migrant father who is looking for a safer future for his family. In Maths, we have been learning how to subtract fractions greater than the whole and in Science, we have been learning about the solar system. It was Red Nose Day today and we have been completing lots of exciting activities including making an origami bird which is featured in our English text book 'The Arrival'. We also ate our Red Nose Biscuits that we baked earlier in the week. Well done 4b!

**Mrs Schofield**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5**

This week, in year 5, we have begun our learning on fractions and decimals. We have started by looking at what makes a decimal and have converted fractions to decimals - giving two decimal places. We have worked with converting decimals back to fractions and looked at some problem solving with fractions and decimals. In English, we have written a persuasive speech to convince leaders to protect our wild areas and reduce deforestation. In art, we have completed some preliminary sketches for our David Hockney landscapes and discussed the use of shades, tones and tints to develop tonal perspective. In history, we have discussed the living conditions for Victorian workers and investigated how working, middle and upper class people were affected by the industrial revolution.

**Mr Adlington**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5/6**

This week in year 5/6 the children have enjoyed exploring the origin of compasses and using these to navigate on a map as part of our Science learning. As part of our PSHE curriculum, we have engaged in thought provoking discussions about making responsible decisions and keeping our bodies safe from illegal drugs and alcohol. In computing, we have explored how the internet transmits data and how computer networks function.

**Mrs Bateman**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6**

In Year 6 this week we have been working hard to develop our knowledge as historians as we further delved into learning about the Industrial Revolution. We explored the nature of the factories and mills during these times, the push and pull factors for those working and owning factories and considered the social and health implications as a result of working within these environments. In Art, we have been considering how to develop perspective in appraising and evaluating the work of David Hockney and look forward to creating our own pieces over the coming weeks.

**Mrs Poole**





**Is there still a place for letters in today's world?**



# 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.

