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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We have had another fantastic week of school and a wonderful assembly this week. It was the turn of Early Years and Key Stage 1 today, thank you to all the parents and carers that came and celebrated our amazing children with us. Next week it will be Key Stage 2 in the hot seat for assembly. We look forward to welcoming you all into school then.

Year 3 Handball Tournament – Thursday 24th March 2022

On Thursday, Year 3 were invited to join a handball tournament hosted at Dewsbury Rams stadium. All players gave a fantastic display and both Towngate teams were victorious – taking first place in their groups, respectively. The children were a credit to the school and showed competitive spirit and sportsmanship in equal measure. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 5 and Year 6 Football Match

Mr Adlington is delighted to announce that a second football fixture is being arranged to play Holy Trinity school. This match will be away at Holy Trinity so anyone who can make the fixture in support of Towngate would be appreciated as this is our first away game in some time! We will confirm the date next week. Football trials will take place on Tuesday (29th) and Thursday (31st) at dinner time. Those children wanting to take part should bring their football kit, boots and shin pads if possible and be ready to get changed straight after their lunch

Year 2 Balanceability / Bikeability

Year 2 have the exciting opportunity to take part in the Balanceability / Bikeability sessions starting on Monday 28th March until Wednesday 30th March. Please can you ensure that your child in Year 2 comes into school in their PE kits and trainers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for this. They will also need warm coats should the weather change again!

Towngate Primary Academy Open Evening – Monday 28th March 4.00pm

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. You should have all received an email with a Microsoft Form to book your place for the Open Evening, If not, please do contact the office to book in.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 4th April 2022 until 6.00pm and on Thursday 7th April until 5.00pm. You should have all received an email with a Microsoft Form to book your appointment time with your child's class teacher. (Year 6 have not received an email as you have already had an opportunity for a meeting with Mrs Poole or Mrs Bateman to discuss the SATS and progress your child has made). Please can you ensure you complete this form by **Wednesday 30th March 2022** so times can be allocated and sent out to parents before the end of next week. Thank you.



Key Dates

Year 2 Bikeability (PE kits please)	Monday 28 th March – Wednesday 30 th March 2022
Towngate Primary Academy Open Evening	Monday 28 th March 2022 – 4.00pm
PTA Non-Uniform Day – Donations for the Easter Fair (EY & KSI Chocolate Bar – KS2 Plastic Bottles)	Friday 1 st April 2022
Parents Evening	Monday 4 th April 2022 – 3.15pm – 6.00pm
PTA Event – Easter Fair	Wednesday 6 th April
Parents Evening	Thursday 7 th April 2022 – 3.15pm – 6.00pm
Share a Story with Mrs Berry – Lower Key Stage 2	Friday 8 th April 2022 – 2.45pm
PTA Event – Break the Rules Day	Friday 20 th May 2022
PTA Event – Summer Gala	Saturday 16 th July 2022
PTA Event – Year 6 Prom	Friday 22 nd July 2022

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 94.63%. 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	Edie F	Phoebe W	Scarlett N	Harper T
F2 Reception	Freya C	Ellie B	Ben P	Freddie G
Year 1	Finley B	Evie H	Freddie H	Maisam K
Year 2	Jude W	Lewis J	Harrison E-H	Eva E

Team Towngate



What's been going on in school this week?

Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Stay and Play sessions, the children were so excited and engaged to show you all around, we hope you had fun! This week the children have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, the children have become really confident at shape names and finding them in the environment. We have been looking back at old transport and comparing the differences. Thank you for your continued support, the children are amazing! Have a great weekend!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have had a very busy week this week. F2 have enjoyed learning about William Shakespeare this week and his play - A Midsummer Night's Dream. We have shared the story and we have tried hard to remember the characters and to retell the story. F2 have also been busy writing about our story Jack and the beanstalk and thinking about Springtime poems. We have continued to enjoy developing our gymnastic skills and we have all enjoyed working outside in the sun. We have been doubling numbers and finding half and also making something very special. Well done F2!

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week we embraced Shakespeare Week by acting out A Midsummer Night's Dream. Thank you to Mr. Phelan who led this activity and made it so fun and exciting. The children really took on the role of the characters and showed their amazing acting skills. In maths we have been ordering numbers with 50 and looking at the parts of a number to decide how to order from largest to smallest or smallest to largest. In English we have been learning how to use the conjunction 'and'. We used it to extend our sentences when describing Florence Nightingale.

Well done Year 1.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, the children have once again thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School lesson. They used soil and water to make their own paint, then they used this to create artwork around our field. In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes, identifying their names, faces, edges and vertices! I wonder what 3D shapes you can spot around your house Class 2? It's Shakespeare Week, so this week in English, we have enjoyed listening to the 'Twelfth Night' and acting out different scenes from the book. In Computing, the children received an email from a witness regarding the mystery of the missing cake and after gathering all their evidence have found the suspect! We are looking forward to taking part in our 'Bikeability' sessions next week.

Mrs Davies

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

In year 3 this week the children have worked very hard across all their subjects. In Music, we began to learn a new song and were singing in separate parts. The children had to think about the purpose they were singing for and to make sure they thought about the dynamics of their voices. In Geography, we continued to learn about volcanoes and we looked in particular at their eruptions. We studied several types of volcanoes, in particular the stratovolcanoes, and we learnt about how and why they erupt how they do. The children also learned about the positive and negative factors that people must consider before choosing to live near a volcano. In maths we have learnt about converting centimetres to millimetres and put this into practise in a variety of problem-solving contexts. Finally, on Thursday afternoon some of our Year 3's went to the Dewsbury Rams playing surfaces to take part in a handball tournament against other schools from within our Multi-Academy Trust. I am delighted to say that both of our Year 3 teams were undefeated and won the tournament! What a massive achievement and thank you again to Mr Adlington for all of the super preparation the children completed in their PE lessons. What a super week, well done everyone!

Mr Hellam



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week in Year 4a, we have been planning and identifying features of a narrative in English to tell the story of the father travelling to a new city in 'The Arrival'. In Geography, the children have been studying all about economic migration and the positive and negative impacts this can have. We have been learning about the lifecycle of stars in Science and identifying different constellations. We have also had a very exciting trip to King's Way Church in Ossett, we learnt all about John Wesley and had an amazing time doing, lots of different activities including planting, blowing bubbles and making food parcels for food banks.

Mrs Wolstenholme

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

We've had a fantastic week in year 4b this week, We had a fantastic visit to Kingsway Church yesterday where we learned about John Wesley and took part in lots of amazing thought-provoking activities. In Geography this week we learned about economic migration and why move from one area to another for employment and in Science we learned about stars and constellations. In English, we wrote a narrative about our migrant father on his journey to find a safer home for his family and in Maths we have been learning how to find fractions of an amount. Another busy week – well done 4b!

Mrs Schofield

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have focused on rounding decimals to one and two decimal places. We have discussed how the place value of each column increases or decreases by ten times as we move left or right. We have linked decimals to fractions through visual representations before moving to more abstract concepts. In English, we have begun to analyse a narrative text which is based on our class book - Varmints. We have looked at the features of a text and made a note of these ready to begin planning our own example. In history, we have investigated the working conditions of men, women and children during the industrial revolution. We decided whether it would be better to drag coal underground or work in the terrible textile factories. Our art unit has continued with our work on David Hockney. We have used a range of techniques to compose our own paintings.

Mr Adlington

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5/6

This week in Year 5/6, we have enjoyed a glimpse of sunshine and are certainly looking forward to the summer months! As part of Shakespeare week, we have used our story time each afternoon to listen to the story of Macbeth, we have even enjoyed having the opportunity to act out the play on the stage in groups, focussing on the witches' scene and reciting parts of the play. As part of our science learning, we have investigated the strength of magnetic fields and the magnetism of different metals. We made informed predictions and recorded our results. In History, we learnt about the different working and living conditions during the Industrial Revolution, we focussed on how health and population were impacted and the levels of crime during this time.

Mrs Bateman

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

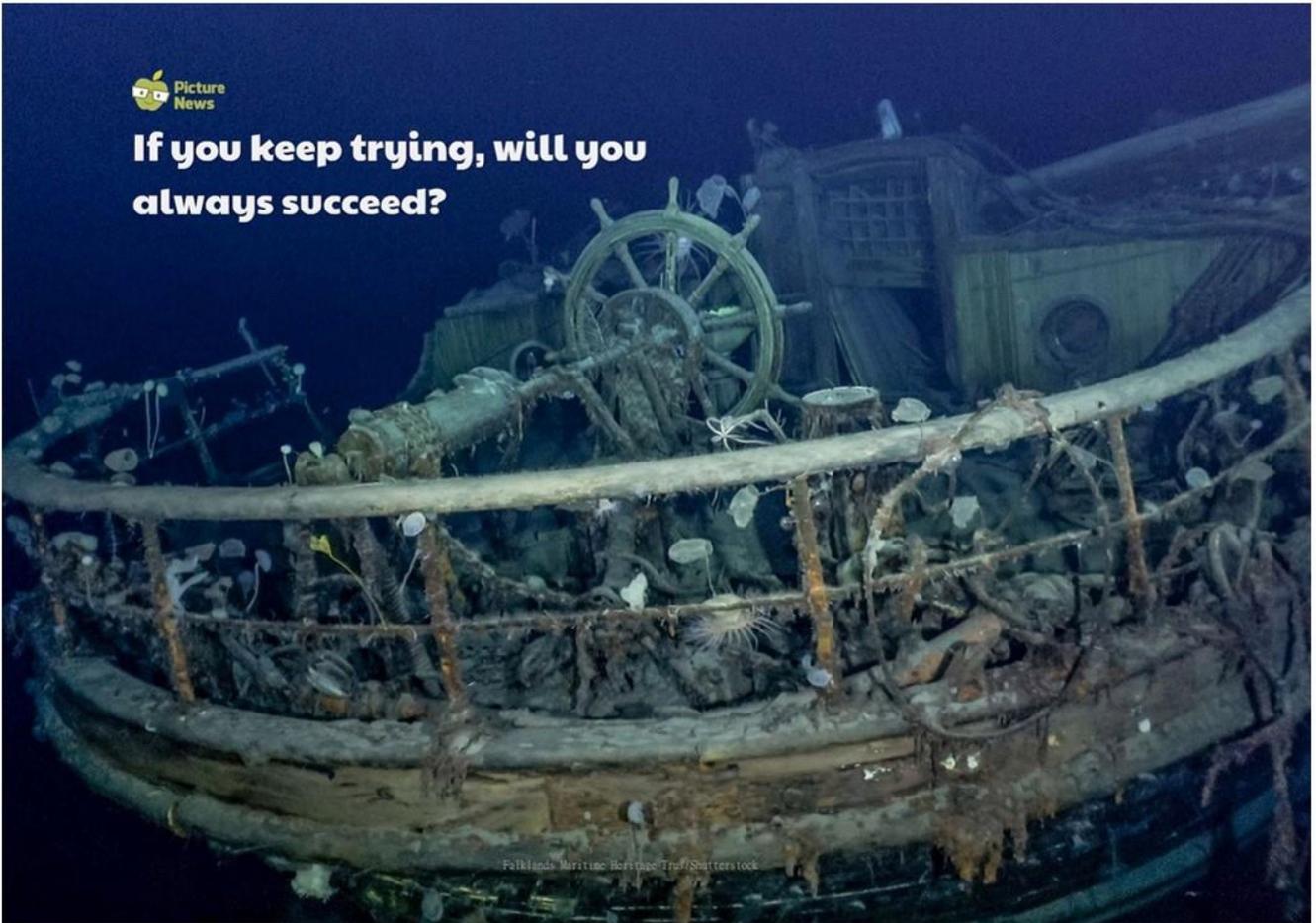
In Year 6 this week, we have been working incredibly hard. In maths, we have been consolidating our learning on ratio and proportion to answer tricky reasoning and problem-solving questions. In computing, we have explored IP addresses, looking at network components and understanding how IP addresses are used. It's been another great week year 6 – well done!

Mrs Poole





**If you keep trying, will you
always succeed?**



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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.

