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Dear Parents and Carers

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

01/04/2022

The children have had a busy week, we've had bikeability, open evenings and getting ready for Parent Evenings next week too! Thank you to the parents that attended Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly this week, next week it will be the turn of Early Years and Key Stage 1.

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 next **TUESDAY the 5th April 2022** so anyone who can make the fixture in support of Towngate would be appreciated as this is our first away game in some time! Good Luck Team Towngate

Year 2 Balanceability / Bikeability

Year 2 have enjoyed taking part in the Balanceability / Bikeability sessions this week, we are pleased to say that everyone in Class 2 passed their Bikeability challenges with flying colours! Well done Year 2.

Parents Evenings

We are pleased to be welcoming parents back into school for face to face Parents Evening meetings, appointment times have now been sent out by text to you. If you do need to change your times for any reason, please let your child's teacher know. **Key Dates**

Parents Evening (Face to Face Meetings)	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 – 2.4-5pm
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 94.64%. 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
Class 3	Noah M	Archie S	Evalyn T	Eva H
Class 4A	Maya G	Jake G	Joshua F	Billie Rae L
Class 4B	Nieve R	Georgia R	Mahmoud K	Jacob P
Class 5	Ava G	Eva-Renae H	Mason N	PJ Samudi
Class 5/6	Jacob D	Skyla H	Ben F	Lydia E
Class 6	Edith C	Olivia W	Alfie D	Ellis D

Team Towngate



What's been going on in school this week?

Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

The children have been map making this week, we made a map of the school together and the children directed us to find where Shelly lives. You may have heard your children talking about 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' this week, this is a programme of actions and movements we do every day to strengthen the children's muscles in their arms, shoulders and upper back. This then helps the children to gain good fine motor control when writing. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week F2 have been thinking about old trains in our history and literacy work. We have been reading the story, The Train Ride, by June Crebbin. F2 have enjoyed creating their own story maps and writing their own sentences about what they have seen on their journey. We have also been busy planting different seeds for our garden. We have been watching as our broad beans begin to grow and noticing what is happening. In our maths work we have been thinking about odd and even numbers and we have been practicing our sharing skills. We have all enjoyed using different media to draw our daffodils in our art area..

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week we have been learning to pay attention and stay in the moment. We have used an activity called 'Bounce Bounce' which helps with our mindful looking. This activity has really helped us to focus when we transition from one lesson to another. In Science this week we tested which material was the best to with stand a strong wind. We built walls out of cotton wool, bricks, stone and plastic then used a hairdryer to represent the strong wind. We used lots of science vocabulary such as flexible, soft, hard, strong and rigid. In English we have been learning to identify a verb in a sentence. We now know a verb is a doing word and are looking carefully in sentences to spot them. In PSHE we recapped on how to look after our teeth. We know to brush them twice a day, to floss and use a mouthwash. We know it is important to visit the dentist to help look after our teeth. Well done Year 1, you have all worked so hard this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

We have been extremely busy, as always this week in Year 2! The children have been fortunate enough to take part in 'Bikeability'. The children have learnt a range of skills and developed many they already had on different bikes. I'm so pleased for all those children that learnt to ride a bike this week - a huge well done for persevering! The children loved getting outdoors on the bikes and their coach commented on their exemplary behaviour. They were a credit to our school. In our English, we decided to write a recount about our Forest School lessons. The children are loving the experiences this is providing and will certainly miss these lessons, next week there will be a campfire! How exciting! In History this week, we have been looking at The Baueux Tapestry as a source to support our understanding of The Battle of Hastings. Well done on another excellent week Class 2.

Mrs Davies

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

In Year 3 this week the children have been working very hard. During our Math's lessons, the children have been looking at measuring and converting between different units such as mm, cm and m. We put this into practice with some tricky questions that allowed the children to work at converting and fully explain their reasoning. During English, the children have been preparing to write an explanation text all about volcanoes. They will cover, how they are formed, how they erupt and why, and also how to stay safe if there is an eruption. This will be drafted and redrafted next week with a focus on our key feature which is using prepositions of place. In Music this week, the children appraised some popular disco music and then went on to sing and perform their song of the term with some children playing a melody on the glockenspiels. The children sung well in unison and really committed to giving lots of enthusiasm to their performance. Finally, in French this week the children were recapping their knowledge on days of the week and we learnt how to say the months of the year also. We did this by singing some French songs that the children really enjoyed. What a wonderful week in Year 3.

Mr Hellam



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week in Year 4, in maths we have started to look at how to find fractions of an amount we are getting more and confident with our fraction work now and are excited to start looking at decimals! In science, we have been finding out about The Big Bang Theory and how scientists think the universe began! We used a balloon with dots on to show how the galaxies spread out as the universe expands. In Geography, we have been continuing our topic in migration and looked at why people become refugees and looked at statistics onto find where has the most refugees and why. We had a super DT lesson this week using a saw to cut pieces of wood ready to create a shell structure for our containers.

Mrs Wolstenholme

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

Year 4b have been very busy and have worked very hard with their assessments this week. In English, we used our inference skills to retrieve information from images in our picture book 'The Arrival' and in grammar we revisited main clauses and subordinate clauses. In Geography, we learned what a refugee is and in Science, we learned about the universe and how we are part of The Milky Way! In DT, we began using tools safely to cut wood, ready to make our containers for a migrant and in PE we practiced our lifts and acro skills. Well done this week 4b!

Mrs Schofield

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have looked at decimals and percentages. We have developed our understanding of place value and discussed tenths, hundredths and thousandths. We have converted from decimals to percentages and percentages to decimals and have completed some problem solving tasks. In English, we have written our draft version of a short narrative; looking at including a range of features and accurately punctuating our writing. In history, we have investigated how a range of different inventions impacted life during the industrial revolution, including the spinning Jenny and the water frame. In music, we have continued to develop our ability to read and write music, using the samba as a basis for this. We have worked hard with our music specialist Mr Ellis to perfect our performances. In PSHE, we learned about Autism Awareness Week and produced a collage made from individual jigsaw pieces (the universally recognised symbol for autism awareness). On a jigsaw piece each person wrote something that was important to them and the things that made them unique. We have displayed this in our classroom window!

Mr Adlington

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in Year 5/6, we have enjoyed our time in the cooking room and worked with Mrs Johnson to scale a recipe and bake some banana muffins. In our Science lesson, we learned about electromagnets and how they produce magnetic fields by using electric currents. In French, we have begun learning about food and will continue to develop this over the next few weeks. In art we looked at a scale perspective drawing and completed a preliminary sketch. In history we learned about the historical significance of inventions made in the industrial revolution.

Mrs Bateman

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have deepened our historical knowledge as we learnt more about the Industrial Revolution: we considered the significance of a range of innovations from this era and considered what impact these had on the economy during Victorian Britain. In maths we have been sharpening our arithmetic skills to calculate with efficiency and accuracy. Well done for another brilliant week guys!

Mrs Poole





Do all inventions have a positive impact on the 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.

