

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

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## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We've made it! Another busy half term has come to an end. School closes today for a two-week break, returning on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. We hope all the children and staff have a well-deserved rest. There will be no swimming lesson for Group 2 on our first week back to school, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. When we return to school, our first Celebration Assembly will be for Key Stage 2.

### Year 6 SATS Week & Breakfast

Our Year 6 children in Mrs Poole and Mrs Bateman's classes have been working so very hard in preparation for their SATs assessments. Just to remind parents and carers that the SATs will begin week commencing **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. All children are strongly encouraged to come to school from **8.15am** each morning during SATs week for breakfast club. Each morning school will provide breakfast for the children and will ease any last minute nerves or worries for the children. We do ask that all children attend the breakfast club so we can start the week off as a team!

### Year 5 and Year 6 Football Match



Holy Trinity hosted our second football match of the school year and what a fantastic, exciting match it was. Towngate started out strong against an evenly matched year 6 home team. They were competitive and adjusted well to playing together. There were some good attempts at goal for both teams but some excellent defending and saves prevented both teams from scoring in the first half. In the second half some outstanding bursts of dribbling and attacks and a great whole team effort secured two goals. The game ended 2-2. Another showstopping performance from our Towngate Titans- stay tuned for the next fixture to be announced!

### Year 6 Forest School

You will have received a letter informing you that your child in Year 6 will be taking part in Elite Forest Schools on Mondays once we return from the Easter Holidays. Please can you ensure your child comes to school with a change of outdoor shoes and a coat as they go outside to Forest School whatever the weather!

### PE Days After Easter

After the Easter holidays, PE lessons will be on the following days:

Monday: Class 1 and Class 3

Tuesday: Class 4A and Class 4B

Wednesday: F2 Reception, Class 5/6 and 6

Thursday: Class 2 and Class 5



## What Goes On In After School Club?

This week in After School Club, we have had a busy week preparing for Easter. Some of the activities have included decorating Easter baskets, painting wooden Easter figures, baking chocolate nests, making string eggs, chocolate mini egg slabs and we had an Easter party! We played pass the parcel and we had an egg hunt outside. We are having a Movie Night with popcorn tonight. It's all fun and games at the Towngate After School Club! Happy Easter to all the Before and After School Club children and we look forward to seeing you after the holidays for more fun! If you would like your child to attend either of these provisions or further information, please contact Miss Moore in the school office.

## Parents Evenings

Thank you to all who attended our Parents Evenings this week, we are sure you will all agree, it's a welcome return to face to face meetings! We will be in touch with F2 Reception and Year 5 parents after the Easter break to make new appointments.

## PTA Easter Fair

A big thank you to the PTA for organising and manning the Easter Fair on Wednesday, the children loved it! Thank you to all the parents/carers for their continued support of the PTA raising money for the children.

## Key Dates

School Closes for the Easter holiday	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
School Reopens	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Year 6 Luggage for Life (In School Curriculum Enrichment for High School Transition)	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Paralympian Visit	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Class Photographs	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022
Inset Day – Polling Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
VE Day	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Year 6 SATS Week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
No Swimming for Year 6	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
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
Year 6 Camping Experience	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 94.62%. 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	Isla H	Ivy S	Emily T	Archie M
F2 – Reception	Isla L	Theo S	Noureldeen K	Mia W
Year 1	McKenzie F	Isabel C	Oscar N	Ivy G
Year 2	Leland C	Thea L	Nathan G	Sarah S

Well done to our CORE Award winners for super efforts in school this week.

## Team Towngate



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

### Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

We have had another busy week in Nursery, the children have been revisiting some of the learning we have been doing this term. The children have been amazing remembering their new sounds and were very excited to tell me that they have the sounds at home and have been practicing them. Thank you to everyone who came to parents evening this week, it was great to celebrate what your children have been learning. We hope you all have a lovely rest and lots of fun in the holidays!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week, we enjoyed going to the Easter Fair, thank you to the PTA for organising this. We are baking Easter treats this afternoon and we have been having a big Spring Clean of our classroom. In English we have learned all about the book "The Journey" and we have been making boats in the DT area carrying out tests to see if they will float or sink. In Maths we have consolidated the skills for doubling and halving, all the children did marvellously well at this. It was lovely to see so many families at our Celebration Assembly this week, we are so very proud of them all. Have a super Easter holiday.

Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

In year 1 this week, we had a fantastic time at the Prayer Space at Kingsway Church, it was a lovely time for us all to relax and enjoy, thank you to Matt for letting us visit and the children thought the church was an amazing building. In maths we have been learning to count in 5's and we know that in the 5 times table the numbers will always end in a 5 or 0. In English we wrote our first recount and used ed on our verbs to write in the past tense, Have a great Easter and well done Year 1 you have all worked super hard.

Miss Lockett

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

Another half term has come to an end and Year 2 have been very busy this week! Sadly, our Forest School lessons have now come to an end but we had a very exciting last session. The children were able to take part in building, lighting and extinguishing their own campfire and then toasted marshmallows! This week, we had our local walk to Kingsway Church to take part in 'Prayer Space'. The children embraced and enjoyed all the different activities that enabled them to reflect on their feelings and actions. We thought about things we are sorry for, forgiveness and those we love that are no longer with us. Lastly, a huge thank you to the PTA for organising a very fun and successful Easter Fair. Class 2 loved taking part in the different games, colouring completion and tombola! Again, another huge well done to all our Year 2 children for working so hard this half term. We are so proud of you and hope you all have a wonderful two week break.

Mrs Davies

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week, Year 3 have continued to work hard across all of their lessons. On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fun filled day that began with a trip to the local Methodist Church, where the children joined in a prayer space. This area was filled with activities for the children to reflect, be calm and think about others. Later that same day, the children enjoyed exploring the PTA's Easter fair and had lots of fun playing the games together. During English this week the children have finished their non-fiction focus text with an explanation text all about Volcanoes. In addition to tricky information and knowledge needed to write about this subject, the children also had to ensure their key grammatical features were included such as fronted adverbials, prepositions of place and adverbs. During our Science lesson, the children explored buoyancy through an experiment with water and different materials as we observed the different forces at work in our world. Finally, the children enjoyed some RE learning all about the Christian holy week and how this is celebrated by Christians today. Well done for a super week everyone and enjoy a fun filled half term!

Mr Hellam



### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A**

The highlight of this week in year 4a was Mrs Wolstenholme's amazing baby shower! We played guess the baby photo, guess the size of the bump and guess the smell in the nappy. We also ate lots of cake! Thank you to everyone who helped organise it! We have really enjoyed having Miss Riley with us this week and getting to know her ready for after Easter! Good luck Year 4a thank you for being such an amazing class to teach and keep up the hard work next half term! Mrs Wolstenholme

**Mrs Wolstenholme**

### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B**

We have had a wonderful last week in Year 4b. On Wednesday, we had the Easter fair and then we had a trip Kingsway Church to enjoy their prayer space. We enjoyed some mindfulness and took some time to think about the ones we care about whilst enjoying the Easter Story. In English this week, we have written a diary entry for our topic 'The Arrival' and in Maths we have been finding fractions of an amount. In Science, we learned about astronomy which is the study of everything in space and what astronomers do and in D.T. we have completed our box that we made for a travelling migrant to keep their precious things in. Well done 4b and have a wonderful Easter!

**Mrs Schofield**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5**

This week, in year 5, we have completed our work on adding decimals within 1. We have looked at some problem solving and reasoning with addition of decimals and have developed the ability to explain our thinking. In English, we have written our own narrative based on our class book 'Varmints'. The narrative portrays the feelings of the Varmints as they were intruded by the OTHERS and experienced a drastic change in their lives. In history, we explored Wakefield's local history and looked at how the Industrial Revolution impacted our city. In French, we researched the eating customs in France and translated a short menu from French to English. In Science, we drew our own magnetic fields and predicted how we transform non-magnetic items into magnetic ones. Our music specialist has continued to work with the children to work on writing music notation and practising playing a range of different instruments. Year 5 have worked really hard for Mr Adlington, Miss Walker and Miss Wilson – well done! We hope you have a lovely break and stay safe.

**Mr Adlington**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6**

This week in class 5/6, as part of our History learning, we have focussed on how the Industrial Revolution impacted on the local community of Ossett. In PE we have refined our Hockey skills with our Huddersfield Giants coach and in acro we refined our balancing and combinations of movements. In English, Year 5 have studied a short film called 'Evol' carefully considering the emotions which were evoked by the film and have written a narrative voice over. We would like to thank Mr Pendlebury for all of his hard work over this term during his teacher training and would like to wish all the children a safe and restful Easter.

**Mrs Bateman**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6**

In Year 6 this week we had a fantastic time at the Kings Way Church Prayer Space; here, we reflected on our own achievements, wishes and hopes for the future. In maths, we have focused on angles and measurement – we have worked closely in pairs to decipher tricky problems and consider the most appropriate strategies for this. As part of our learning in science, we have completed our unit of work on magnetism by finishing our highlight task where we convinced Mrs Poole about the way in which magnets work. Well done Year 6 – you have been working **so very hard** and we are so proud of you! Enjoy your holiday with family and friends.

**Mrs Poole**





# 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.

