

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

It has been amazing to welcome all the children back into school this week for a relatively short term! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and we are delighted to see the children have returned fresh and ready to learn. We've had a great start with our Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly, it was great to see so many parents in school helping us celebrate the wonderful children this week. Next week, it's the turn of Early Years and Key Stage 1 to host the Celebration Assembly. Just a reminder that school is closed next week on Monday for the Bank Holiday and on Thursday for an Inset Day.

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 9th May until Thursday 12th 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!

PE Days After Easter

Just a reminder, 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

Please can you ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit and trainers on the correct day.

Jubilee Day – Thursday 19th May 2022

As the Queen's very special Jubilee falls during our Spring Bank Holiday, we thought we would hold a Jubilee Day here in school on Thursday 19th May 2022. There will be a special menu available for lunch, details of which are to follow. We would like children to come into school on this day dressed in red, white and blue, face paints, royal accessories, anything goes! We are going to hold a Crown competition, we would like children to create and make a Crown at home to bring into school and wear in a parade during the school day with a chance to win a prize. We will be doing some baking in school prior to this day for the children to enjoy on Jubilee Day in their classes. The PTA are also arranging an event for after school for parents and children to join in the celebrations featuring a Corgi Hunt, lawn games and refreshments will be available.

Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday 3rd May 2022, please can you ensure that your child attends school with a school jumper or cardigan for their photograph to be taken.



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.

Key Dates

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| Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed | Monday 2 nd May 2022 |
| Class Photographs | Tuesday 3 rd May 2022 |
| Inset Day – Polling Day | Thursday 5 th May 2022 |
| VE Day | Friday 6 th May 2022 |
| No Swimming for Year 6 | Friday 6 th May 2022 |
| Year 6 SATS Week | Monday 9 th May 2022 |
| Early Years Book Share with Mrs Berry | Friday 13 th May 2022 @ 2.30pm |
| No Swimming for Year 6 | Friday 20 th May 2022 |
| PTA Event – Break the Rules Day | Friday 20 th May 2022 |
| Nursery F1 Trip to The Watering Hole | Tuesday 14 th June 2022 |
| Reception F2 Trip to The Watering Hole | Wednesday 15 th June 2022 |
| Year 5, 5/6 & 6 Trip to Magna | Thursday 23 rd June 2022 |
| Year 1 Trip to The Watering Hole | Tuesday 28 th June 2022 |
| Year 2 Trip to The Watering Hole | Wednesday 29 th June 2022 |
| Year 3 Trip to Harlow Carr | Wednesday 29 th June 2022 |
| Year 4A & 4B Trip The Jorvik Centre & Dig | Monday 4 th July 2022 |
| PTA Event – Summer Gala | Saturday 16 th July 2022 |
| PTA Event – Year 6 Prom | Friday 22 nd July 2022 |
| Year 6 Camping Experience | Monday 25 th – Tuesday 26 th July 2022 |

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 94.69%. 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 |
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| Year 3 | Evie T-W | Max D | Maisie A | Ethan S |
| Year 4A | Flynn H | Maisee K | Eva A | David R |
| Year 4B | Isla S | Dylan S | Georgia-Lee H | Phoebe H |
| Year 5 | Isaac L | Hughie C | Brogan S | Jack K |
| Year 5/6 | Isabelle V | Ben M | Louie McN | William B |
| Year 6 | Freya S | Lewis G | Isaac H | Lois L |

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)

It is wonderful to be back and here what the children have been doing in the holidays! This week the children have been learning about seeds and what they need to grow. They have all planted a sunflower seed and over the next few weeks the children will take care of their plant by watering it daily. Our supermarket has become our garden centre this week, the children have enjoyed buying seeds and flowers and paying using their number recognition. Our story this week is Jack and the Beanstalk, the children have been retelling the story using the characters in the tuff tray, we have had some amazing voices as the giant! We hope you all have a great bank holiday weekend! Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have had a super week this week. We have enjoyed reading our class story, The Little Red Hen, and we have been thinking about being on a farm and different baby animals. F2 have been thinking about numbers past 10 and thinking about how we can count large groups of objects accurately. We have also enjoyed finding out how to make an egg float during our science lesson.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been reading a poem called 'Animals on Show'. We worked really hard to answer retrieval and inference questions and our new learning was to focus on vocabulary in the poem, finding out about new words such as outstanding and magical kingdom. In maths we have been using the words longer, shorter and taller to describe and compare length and height. We really enjoyed using a ruler to measure objects around the classroom in cm. In science we learnt how to plant a bean and found out about new scientific words - germination and hydrated. We all planted a bean and carefully watered it. We are going to observe the seeds and see how long it takes for them to start growing. We decided to have an experiment and have put one planted seed in the cupboard so it has no light. We predict it will not grow. What do you think will happen? Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

It's lovely to see all the children in Year 2 come back so happy, positive and ready to learn. We have enjoyed starting many new units of work this week across our subjects. In Science, we have learnt what offspring means and identified and grouped offspring that look like their adult and do not. We have learnt that amphibians don't look like their adult and mammals do. In PE, we have been improving our passing skills and in dance we were practicing our balancing and have started learning a dance to 'The Greatest Showman.' In Geography, we have used atlases to locate the seas and oceans that surround the UK. Also, we identified the countries that make up the United Kingdom and used compass directions to direct ourselves from given points. Well done Year 2!

Mrs Davies

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

In year 3 this week, we have had a fantastic first week back. The class have worked very hard in English, where we have been exploring The Iron Man poem. We are going to begin looking at writing our own version of the poem in the coming days! In maths, we have been learning about perimeter of different shapes. In Science, the children have also been able to recognise and understand the different conditions and things needed for a plant's survival and growth - we are going to be investigating the difference between a plant that has been given water, and a plant that hasn't. Well done for a super week year 3!

Miss Wilson & Miss Javid



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

What a lovely first week back in Year 4a. Thank you to all children and parents for a lovely welcome to Key Stage 2! In English, we have introduced a new poetry book, 'The Lost Words' and have been working hard on planning in readiness to write our own poems next week. In Maths, we have focused on decimal numbers and although this is very tricky we have shown amazing perseverance! In Science we are looking at Adaptations and how animals adapt to their environment. We have also started our History topic on 'The Vikings' and why they invaded Britain. In Music we enjoyed listening to and performing 'Blackbird' by the Beatles. Well done on a fantastic week 4a!

Miss Riley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

We've had a very busy first week back in Year 4b! In English, we have been reading poems from our beautiful new book called 'The Lost Words' and we have been working extremely hard on our poetry planning ready to write our own next week. In Maths, we have been learning about decimal numbers which has been a bit tricky we have been showing lots of resilience! I am proud of you year 4b! In Science, we began our new topic of 'Adaptation' which is all about how animals adapt their characteristics to be able to survive in their environments and in History we have begun our new topic all about 'The Vikings' and why they invaded Britain. Well done for a super week 4b!

Mrs Schofield

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have enjoyed settling back in after our two-week break. We have demonstrated excellent learning behaviours and have all produced work to a high standard. In English, we have begun to study the Edwardian poem 'The Highwayman' and have written our own monologue from Bess' point of view. In maths, we have worked on adding and subtracting decimals to three decimal places, ready to complete some reasoning and problem-solving questions. In art, we have completed our David Hockney landscape pieces using poster paints and fine liners. In geography, we have focused on sustainable energy sources and have debated whether renewable or non-renewable energy sources are most advantageous.

Mr Adlington

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in Year 5/6 we have launched our new Geography topic, energy and sustainability. We have discussed the importance of a sustainable environment and carefully considered what can be done to support the planet. In Art we are continuing to develop our painting skills from last term and are working towards developing a final piece inspired by the landscape works of David Hockney. In English Year 5 have been reading the poem The Highway Man, we have enjoyed reading and listening to each stanza. Year 5 have planned their own monologue based on the thoughts and feelings of the Highway Man and will be writing these next week. We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children for their continued hard work and dedication at this time, we are very proud of you all.

Mrs Bateman

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been very busy getting back into the swing of school after our well-earned Easter holidays! We have been working hard this week on our reading and grammar skills in preparation for our SATs assessments WC 9th May. We have been thinking about our efficiency to answer questions quickly and accurately as part of our focus on test technique. In Geography, we started our new topic on sustainability: we considered what sustainability was, how it can be achieved and thought about what impact sustainability can have on people, the environment and the economy. In the coming weeks, we will be exploring whether it is possible to fully achieve sustainability in the world. For picture news this week, we debated the big question: 'Should we protect our pets more than other animals?' Safe to say we were split as a cohort and shared some very interesting ideas in our conscience alley activity! Mrs Drury and I are so very proud of you, Year 6!

Mrs Poole





Should we have the right to say whatever we choose?



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.

