

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

10/06/2022

## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

In the blink of an eye, the holidays are over and we're back to school in our last term! Its lovely to see all the children back in their classrooms and working hard. We have got some brilliant trips to look forward to, with Early Years and Key Stage 1 heading to The Watering Hole, Year 3 are going to Harlow Carr Gardens and Year 4 are going to York for the Jorvik Centre and Dig. Please bear with us Years 5 & 6, we are trying to rearrange and sort another date for your trip to Magna, watch this space.....

### Polling Day & End of Term

Please note that Wakefield Council have informed us that there will be a further polling day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022, as our school is used as a Polling station, this will now be an inset day. Also, the Trust Board have held a meeting and decided that our school will now be closing a day earlier on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for the Summer holidays.

### Year 6 Camping Meeting

Please note that there will be a meeting for parents to attend on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 3.30pm** in the Class 6 Classroom to give details of the Camping Trip being held on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

### New Extra-Curricular Club

If your child loves singing, then this is the club for them! Thursday after school at 3.15 there is a new Choir Club starting with effect from next week. This is being led by Miss Riley and Miss Pamment, let the office know if your child would like to join. This is open to all pupils and we look forward to seeing them all there.

### Non-Uniform Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of July in support of the PTA Summer Gala on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Please could Early Years (Nursery & Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) bring sweets and Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) bring anything in plastic bottles.

### Year 2 Graduation!

We would like to invite parents to Year 2's end of Key Stage One Graduation Ceremony on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45pm. We are excited to host a special, exciting afternoon for all the children to celebrate their achievements this year and share these with you.

### Sponsored Pyjama Walk – Wakefield Hospice



On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, our School Council will hold a sponsored Pyjama Walk around the local area to raise funds for Wakefield Hospice. Due to the pandemic, Wakefield Hospice are really in need of funds for this vital work that they do. We will wear pyjamas for school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July and leave for our sponsored walk around Ossett. A sponsor form will be available for the children to collect sponsor money from friends and family and this will be collected by the school council. A permission letter will be sent home with the children to be returned to school council next week.



## Yorkshire Day

Please could we ask you to send in the bottoms of 2 litre pop bottles as you did for Remembrance Day last year, these will be painted white to make a display in Ossett Town Centre for Yorkshire Day.

## Ofsted Parent View

Just a reminder about the Ofsted Parent View Microsoft Form that was sent out earlier this year, if you would like to complete one, please can you do so before midday on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Thank you



## Key Dates

Nursery F1 Trip to The Watering Hole	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Reception F2 Trip to The Watering Hole	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Polling Day	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
Year 1 Trip to The Watering Hole	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Year 2 Trip to The Watering Hole	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Year 3 Trip to Harlow Carr	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Year 4A & 4B Trip The Jorvik Centre & Dig	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Non-Uniform Day in Support of the PTA Summer Gala	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Presentations – In School	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Years 5 & 6 Road Safety Presentations – In School	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 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

## Core Awards

In this week's Celebration Assembly, the following children were presented with our CORE Awards:

Class	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Class 3	Isabelle A	Umaimah M	Adam R	Toby B
Class 4A	Lola D-H	Thomas C	Joshua F	Oakley G
Class 4B	Maisie M	Cora-Bethan F	Eva H	Neve G
Class 5	Niall H	Harvey E	Laney V	Aeryn J
Class 5/6	Myles H	George M	Coben D-H	Emmie W
Class 6	Harry H	Kieran M	Leanne P	Matthew W

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 has been lovely to welcome every one back after the holiday and hear about their adventures, thank you to the children who have shared their photos with us! This week our key focus is learning about the farm ready for our trip on Tuesday, the children have been so excited we had to put a sleep count down up, only 4 sleeps to go! In maths we have been counting amounts and matching them to the corresponding numeral. Our new campsite has inspired lots of conversations and roleplay, we have had so much fun! Enjoy your weekend!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

We have had a very busy week this week. We have started out new topic, Minibeasts, and we have all enjoyed looking for different minibeasts in our outdoor area. We have also been using our outdoor area during our RE work as we have been thinking about how being in nature makes us feel. Everyone has worked very hard during our literacy lessons. We have been reading, The Snail and the Whale, and we have been trying very hard to develop our writing. We have also been practicing our number bonds to 10 this week and we are able to answer questions very quickly. We have also enjoyed playing team games in our PE lesson. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week we started our new book in English called The Seeds of Friendship. This is a beautiful book about a boy who moves from a different country to England and his new home is in a strange city in a high tower of flats. He misses the colours and friendships of his faraway home. But when a teacher gives him some seeds, she plants an idea in him. The children are already showing great empathy, thinking about it would feel for like for Adam and how he is struggling to settle into a new school and make friendships. In maths, we have been learning about making equal groups, adding equal groups to find a total and reading arrays, learning about columns and rows. We know repeated addition is the beginning of how we start to learn our times tables. We are practising hard to count in two's, fives and tens. In art we are leaning about the artist Jill Townsley and made a sculpture using plastic spoons and rubber bands. Have a look on Twitter to see the results!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

Welcome back Year 2! I can't believe we are in our last half term, this year has flown by! This week, we have started learning about measurement in maths. We have focussed on millimetres, centimetres and metres and learnt how to accurately measure different objects and which unit of measure is most appropriate. In Science, we learnt about the **three** basic needs for survival; air, water and food and created fact files about how to care for different animals. Also this week, we have been busy baking scones. We've applied our measuring skills, mixing and kneading. Well done Year 2!

Mrs Davies

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

We have had a lovely first week together in Year 3! In Maths we have been looking at tenths as fractions and decimals - everybody has shown superb effort in understanding this! In English we have started our new books, Pirates of Poseidon! We have worked very hard to understand the story and have begun to plan our character descriptions of the pirate in the golden mask. In RE we have been thinking about celebrations and festivals. We had lots of fun planning our celebrations and thinking about what it really means to celebrate something or someone. Well done for all your hard work Year 3. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Wilson

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week in Class 4a we have enjoyed learning the value of pounds and pence and how to order money in Maths. In English we have started looking at the text Viking boy and writing a character description. In French we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about some traditional French games and loved having a go at these in our PE lesson. We have all shown amazing resilience practicing our times tables this week too. Well done on a fantastic first week back Class 4a.

Miss Riley



### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B**

We have had a super first week back in 4b. In English, we have been retrieving and inferring information from our new book 'Viking Boy' and we have been finding the features of a character description ready to write our own next week. In Maths, we have been learning to recognise money, order money and use our reasoning skills to solve money problems. In Science, we learned how animals adapt their characteristics to survive underwater and in RE we are learning about the Ten Commandments. Well done you've worked hard this week 4b!

**Mrs Schofield**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5**

This week, in year 5, we have commenced our learning an angles and geometry in maths. We have discovered what an acute, obtuse and reflex angle is and how many degrees each one might measure. We have practised using a protractor to measure these angles and have solve reasoning and problem-solving questions to consolidate our knowledge. In English, we have looked at our new class book 'Stitched Up' which explores the life of Hanh - a girl who is tricked in to joining a clothing factory where she is forced to work. We have looked at a diary entry and have planned our own writing ready to write a diary from Hanh's perspective. In DT, we have looked at how fashion was impacted by WWI and discussed how the silhouette of men's and women's clothing changed. In history, we have launched our new unit of learning which focuses on twentieth century conflict.

**Mr Adlington**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6**

In Year 5/6 this week, we have been delighted to have the children back in school. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard during their Bikeability sessions and we couldn't be prouder of them for their hard work, perseverance and resilience! This week we were joined by Mr Ellis from Wakefield Music Services who will be working with us for the next 4 weeks to teach us Djembe drumming, keep your eyes on Twitter for some exciting videos. In History, we have started to learn about the range of factors which started the First World War in 1914. In French, we have been using our knowledge of vocabulary to translate a French menu, tasty! A super week where we have certainly enjoyed the sunshine! Well done everyone.

**Mrs Bateman**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6**

We have had a wonderful week this week in Year 6: we began our new core English text, stitched up, which is about a young girl who becomes swept up in the perils that come along with fast fashion. We are preparing to draft and redraft our writing which we will work towards next week. In Maths, we worked on our knowledge of statistics and interpreting data within a variety of graphs and tables. In Geography, we completed our units of sustainability and renewable/non-renewable energy sources. We discussed the impact of non-renewable energy sources and looked at two case studies to further understand ways to make our world sustainable for the future. We took part in Bikeability this week; well done to everyone who has worked so hard and represented the school fantastically well. We're so proud of you!

**Mrs Poole**





### Picture News Impact Awards

Mrs Schofield entered our school into the Picture News Impact Awards last term, she told them about our fantastic efforts in collecting glasses for Malawi and also our brilliant Reindeer Run that we took part in to raise funds for Wakefield Hospice. We won!! Here is the reply we received from Picture News...



Wow! Mrs Schofield , these are fantastic – thank you so much for sending in your application.  
We absolutely loved reading about your glasses for Malawi appeal and the Reindeer Run – both such fantastic initiatives and providing such a positive impact!  
We are delighted to award you with a Picture News Impact Award, please find your logo attached and we'll arrange for the award to be sent across after the half term break.  
Kind regards  
Katie – Picture News



# 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.

