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Dear Parents and Carers

17/06/2022

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Another school week has drawn to a close. We have enjoyed lots of fabulous sunshine this week, please can we remind you about sun cream and sun hats for your children when the weather demands it!

Staff Movements

We would like to welcome Mrs Longlands and Mrs Smith to our Team at Towngate, who have joined us as a Teaching Assistants within Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and Mrs Bell who has joined us as a lunchtime supervisor in Key Stage 2.

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that Miss Moore is leaving Towngate on the 15th July. Miss Moore has been with Towngate for a long time and we are sure you will all agree what a huge asset she has been to the school. We thought we would give you lots of notice as we know you will want to thank her for her dedication and outstanding contribution to the school, parents and children. We are sure you will join us in wishing her well in new career and letting her know that she will be sadly missed.

Year 5, 5/6 & 6 School Trip

Thank you for your patience in this matter, you will have by now received a letter home confirming that the trip to Magna has been rearranged for a trip to Eden Camp on Friday 1st July 2022.

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day has been arranged for Wednesday 13th July, should the weather prove uncooperative, we will rearrange for the week after. The timings will be as follows:

Early Years (F1 Nursery & F2 Reception): 09:00 – 10:00
Key Stage 1 (Class 1 & Class 2): 10:15 – 11:30
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4): 12:30 – 13:30
Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6): 13:30 – 15:00

Year 6 – Leavers Celebrations

Year 6 are busy planning their leaving celebrations and wonder if anyone could donate any big pieces of cardboard, paper plates and paper bowls. Also, if anyone has any fancy dress wigs they could donate, that would be fantastic too!

Operation Encompass

As you are all aware our school is part of Wakefield Operation Encompass, this is a scheme that enables us to work closely with West Yorkshire Police to keep children safe from domestic violence. We are notifying you that the remit of Operation Encompass has been widened to include children who attend our nursery, This will be effective from September 2022.

Year 6 Camping Meeting

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

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 7th July 2022

There has been a change in dates for the non-uniform day in support of the Gala, it will now be held on Thursday 7th of July in support of the PTA Summer Gala on Saturday 16th 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 25th 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 Friday 8th July 2022 – Wakefield Hospice

Sponsor forms and permission slips for the Pyjama Walk in aid of Wakefield Hospice have been sent home with your child today.

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.

Before & After School Club

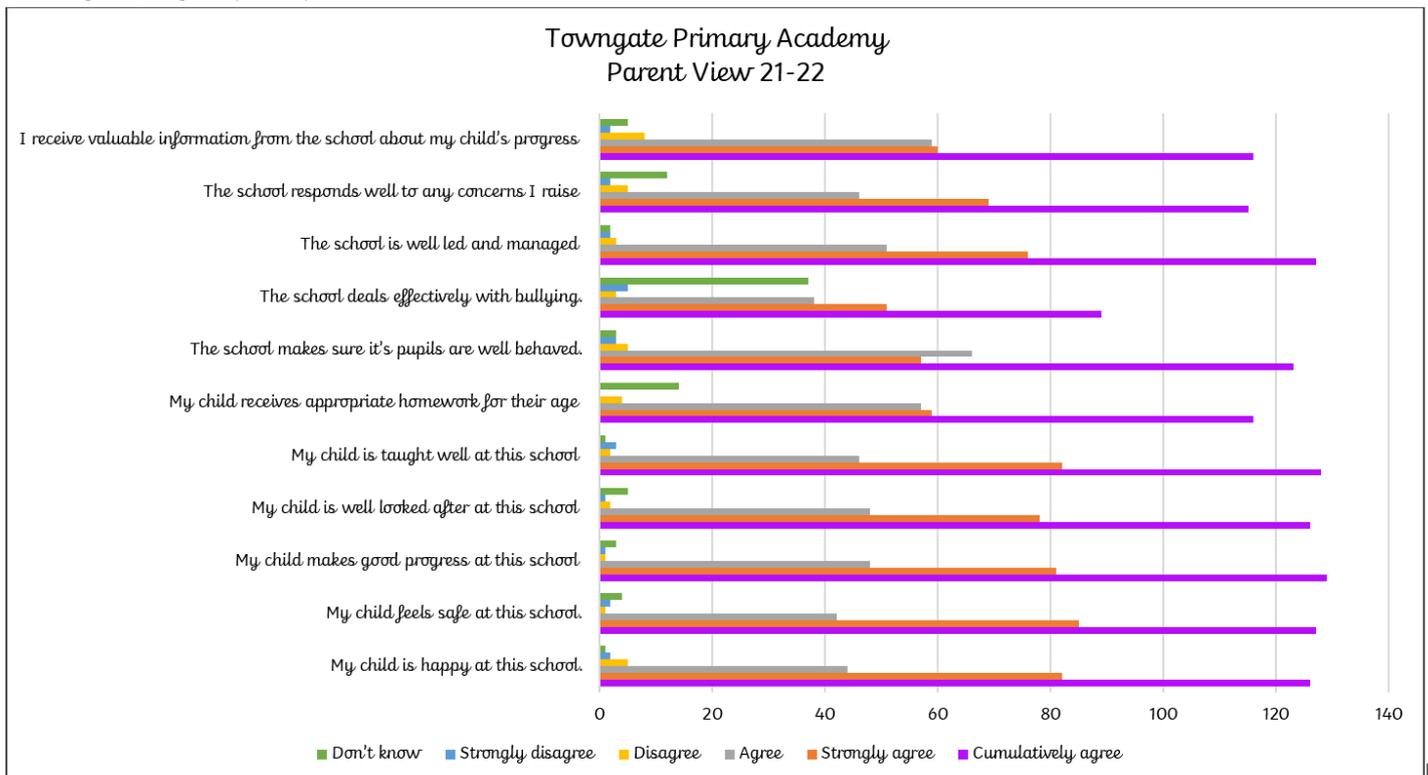
In Before & After School Club this week, the children were really excited to play with our newly gifted pool table! We've made the most of the warm weather by having our tea outside on the school field. We have baked mini chocolate cheesecakes (which Miss Moore says are delicious!) We've played hairdressers and built some fantastic obstacle courses. Overall, we have had a brilliant, fun week! All enquires or to book your child into the clubs are to be made through the school office.

Parent View

Thank you to the parents and carers who spent the time to complete a Parent View survey last term; please see below the outcome of the 134 responses to the survey. In addition to the questions posed below, the final question of the survey was to ask whether parents/carers would recommend Towngate Primary Academy to another parent: we are pleased to say that **95% of parents said they would recommend the school.**

The survey is a very useful tool for school to gain feedback in order to drive continuous improvements; the results will be shared with staff in school, where we will work together in response to the data collected. The staff will be considering the areas in which we can further improve on through summer term, ready for September. Where parents have stated 'don't know' to responses (light green bar), we will use the other responses for the questions to guide our work.

Thank you for your participation.



Key Dates

Polling Day	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
Years 5, 5/6 & 6 Trip to Eden Camp	Friday 1 st July 2022
Year 4A & 4B Trip The Jorvik Centre & Dig	Monday 4 th July 2022
Non-Uniform Day in Support of the PTA Summer Gala	Friday 8 th July 2022
Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Presentations – In School	Tuesday 12 th July 2022
Sports Day – Whole School	Wednesday 13 th July 2022
Years 5 & 6 Road Safety Presentations – In School	Thursday 14 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

Core Awards

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

Class	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
F1 Nursery	Olivia J	Maizy C	Seth W	Jack W
F2 Reception	Mahdi M	Kennedy B	Oliver C	Ellie S
Class 1	Robyn H	Elsie F	Verity R	Kyrena R
Class 2	Piper W	Jake B	Isaac H	Martin M

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

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is 94.58%. Our attendance target 97%.

Team Towngate



What's been going on in school this week?

Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

We had an amazing trip to the farm this week, lots of children were very brave and had the opportunity to feed the animals. We found out lots of important information about the animals and they really enjoyed the play area. We have been focusing this week on numbers, doing lots of counting and identifying numerals. The children have also been learning about feelings by identifying images, they were very good at this! Have a great weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have had a very exciting week this week. We had such a lovely day at The Watering Hole and all the staff were very proud of the children and how they engaged in this experience. The children enjoyed being able to touch the animals and feed them. At the end of the day we all settled to draw the animals. We are also very proud of how hard the children have tried with their writing this week. A super week F2, well done.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

In Year 1 we have been writing a friendship recipe thinking about the ingredients we would put in to make a good friendship. We added a jug of kindness, a pinch of warm heartedness and a spoonful of smiles. In our cooking activity this week we made scrambled egg on toast and poached egg on toast. The children were fantastic at cracking open the eggs on their own. In maths we have been learning to explore doubling with numbers to 20 make equal groups from a total. Next week we will be learning to share a number equally. This week we have been taking care of Shelly, we bathed him to keep him cool in the hot sunshine and made sure he was hydrated with lots of water to drink. Well done Year 1 and have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been learning all about the 5 different food groups in Science. We can identify different foods that belong to each group, what those foods do for our bodies and how to ensure we eat a balanced diet. In our weekly assemblies we have been learning about diversity, which has linked with our class book Sulwe. We have wrote letters to Sulwe helping her embrace her differences! In PSHE, the children learned all about the green cross code and practised this on the playground. In Computing, we have been recording data in a tally chart. The children went on a bug hunt and had to record their findings! Well done for another super week year 2!

Mrs Davies

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

We have had a super busy week in Year 3! In Maths we have been learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes - everybody has shown amazing resilience in learning this very important skill! In English we have written a character description of the pirate in the golden mask, we have analysed his personality and appearance. In RE we have been thinking about Easter and why it is celebrated by some people. In DT, we have been busy planning and designing our prototype for our storm shelters that we will be building this term! 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 about animals that use bioluminescence to survive under water environments in science. We have also learnt how to say items of clothing in French. In English we have been writing character descriptions for one of the characters of the story. We have also worked very hard on our assessments. Every single child has shown fantastic determination, resilience and perseverance so a huge well done to all of you! Have a lovely weekend in the sun, stay safe and enjoy!

Miss Riley



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

We have been very busy in Year 4b this week, writing our own character descriptions of Bjorn Sigurdsson, the father in our new book Viking Boy. In Maths, we have been learning how to round and estimate money and in Science we have learned how animals adapt to survive in the deep sea. In History, we have been learning about Viking Gods and in PSHE we have been learning First Aid and how to recognise a minor or severe head injury. In DT, we have been evaluating existing baked goods using our senses and in Music we were lucky enough to have a fantastic singing lesson with Mr Jones. Well done for another super week 4b!

Mrs Schofield

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have continued our learning based on twentieth century conflict. We have discussed how warfare changed with commencement of WWI by looking how advancement in weapons technology led to so many lives being lost. We also learned about the living conditions in the trenches and how trenches impacted how much ground an army could make. In DT, we have analysed an existing fabric product by reverse engineering and making detailed annotations in our sketchbooks. We have looked at the type of stitches used to join fabrics together and discussed features such as seam allowances and how to sew a hem. In maths, we have continued our work on angles by looking at how to accurately draw angles using a protractor and how angles on a straight line can help us when estimating the size of drawn angles. In PE, we have begun our athletics unit by developing our triple jump technique. We found this tricky at first, but ultimately managed to hold our triple jump competition on the field!

Mr Adlington

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in year 5/6, we have written a diary entry from the perspective of a young girl, Hahn, who lives in Hanoi and is employed to work in a clothing factory. We have explored her experiences as she was given her dream job, only to find out the reality was something completely different. In Computing, we have been planning a year book for the end of term. We will be using Microsoft Word and Publisher to create, edit and publish our work. In Science, we used our learning from last term to apply our knowledge of separating mixtures to help scientists separate river water. Well done everyone, enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

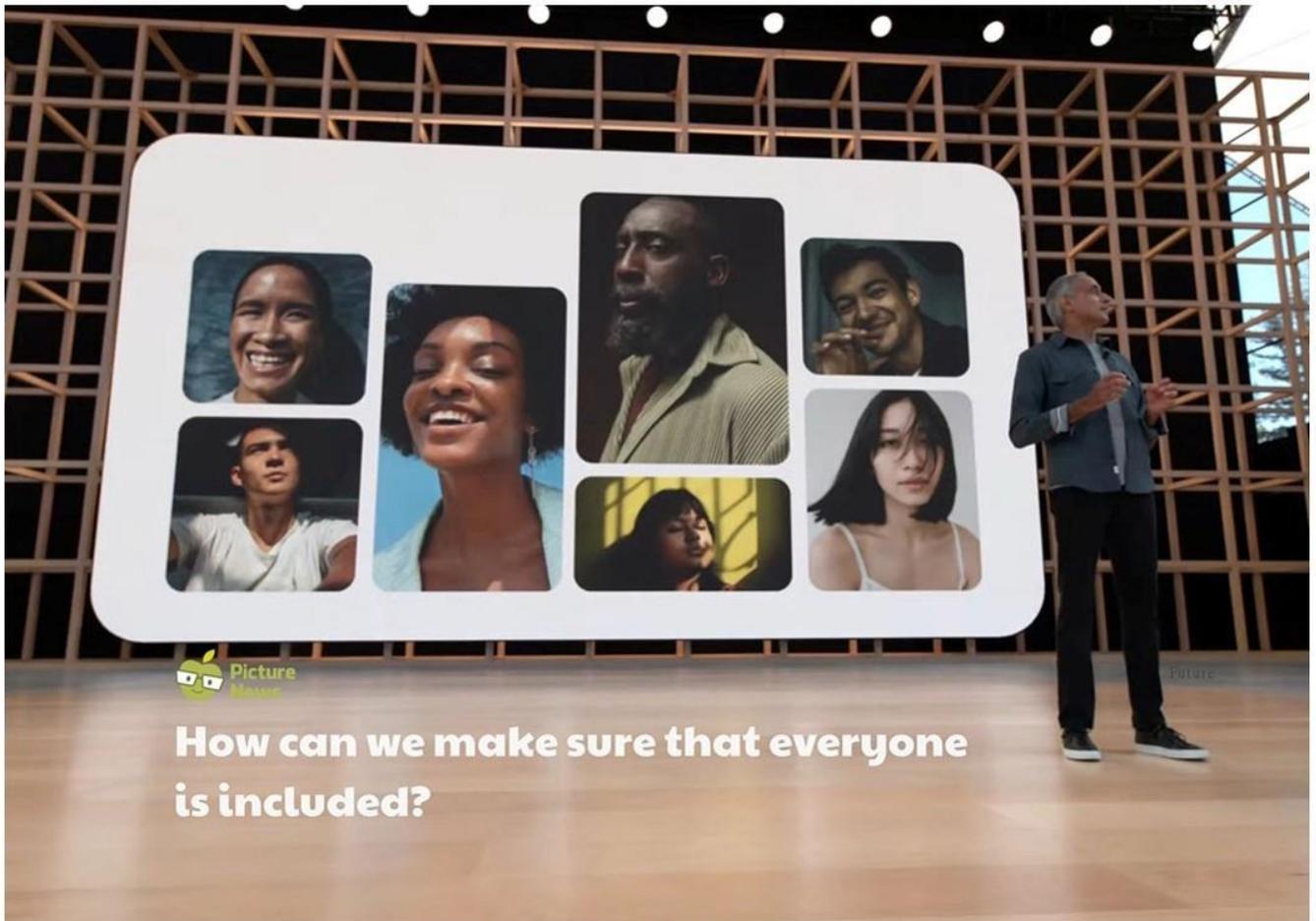
Mrs Bateman

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have worked hard in our English writing, creating diary pieces from the perspective of the main character, Hanh, who is being encouraged to work in a fast-fashion factory. We redrafted our work to develop our vocabulary to reflect our emotions. In Maths, we have worked on translation, developing our skills working on coordinate grids and in History we commenced our unit on 20th Century Conflict; we worked hard to unpick the alliances between countries which led to the Great War. Thank you for another brilliant week Year 6 - we still have lots to look forward to before the end of the term, and we're so excited to make lots more memories together!

Mrs Poole





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.

