

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

01/07/2022

## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

The weather hasn't been as favourable to us this week, but we've still enjoyed it to the max! Class 1 and Class 2 had a wonderful walk and day out to The Watering Hole. Class 3 enjoyed a visit to Harlow Carr in Harrogate and the Upper Key Stage 2 Classes have had a brilliant day at Eden Camp today. It really is fantastic to see the children enjoying trips out of school once again.

### Construction Work in the School Hall

Our school is undergoing construction work with effect from next week, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The school hall will be out of use from this date to the end of term. Lunches will be served and eaten in classrooms from Tuesday, there will be an adapted menu available to choose from, should you require a school lunch for your child.

### Year 6 Leavers Assembly

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022; the assembly will be held in the hall from 2pm. The school are having some ceiling work done and therefore the date has been set in line with the construction programme. We look forward to you joining us to say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children!

### Year 6 Transition – Moving On

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 are being given the fantastic opportunity of attending the Kingsway Church to take part in a Year 6 Moving On workshop. This will give the children the chance to work through any worries or questions they may have surrounding the move from primary school to high school. The children will be walking up to Kingsway during the afternoon, but will be back in time for school pick up.

### Transition News

Transition days will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July within school. The children will find out who their teachers will be for the next school year on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

### Sports Day

This year's Sports Day has been arranged for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

Parents are of course welcome to attend.

### Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<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.



## Sponsored Pyjama Walk Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Wakefield Hospice

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, our School Council is holding our very own sponsored Pyjama Walk in aid of Wakefield Hospice. We aim to leave school at around 3.40pm and walk around the local area in our pyjamas, hoping to be back at school for around 4.30pm. The children will be accompanied by school staff and we also welcome any parents/carers to join us on our walk. We have set up a Just Giving page for collection of sponsor money

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/towngatepyjamawalk22> or if you prefer, cash can be returned to school in a sealed envelope addressed to The School Council. **Please note: Nursery and F2 children will walk a shorter route during the school day.** Children attending the walk are asked to wear their pyjamas for school on this day ready for our walk. **If any children who cannot make the walk, would like to wear their pyjamas for school on this day, we ask for a small donation towards our fundraising for Wakefield Hospice.** Wakefield Hospice do not receive government funding and have suffered due to the pandemic so anything we can do to help, no matter how small would be amazing!

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## 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

After School club children have had their own Wimbledon Tournament this week and enjoyed the traditional fresh strawberries! We all cooled down with ice cold chocolate milkshakes and made some delicious chocolate chip cookies. In the school field, some children made their own horse jumps and pretended to be show jumpers! All enquiries regarding Before & After School Club to be directed to the School Office.

Sharon, Sarah & Alison

## Key Dates

Year 4A & 4B Trip to The Jorvik Centre & Dig	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Non-Uniform Day in Support of the PTA Summer Gala	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Pyjama Walk After School – Wakefield Hospice	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Transition Day – Within School	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Sports Day – Whole School	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Years 5 & 6 Road Safety Presentations – In School	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Year 6 Transition – Moving On, Kingsway Church	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Presentations – In School	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
PTA Event – Summer Gala	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Transition Day – Within School	Monday 18 <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
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July @ 2.00pm

## Core Awards

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

Class	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
F1 – Nursery	William O	Stephanie S	Jenson D	Isla H
F2 – Reception	Scarlet L	Henry P	Jackson T	Bradley W
Class 1	Jayden H	Rosie S	Taylor S	Violet F
Class 2	James W	Jude W	Aziz B	Robbie R

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

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is 94.54%. Our attendance target 97%,

## Team Towngate



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

### Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

This week the children have been learning about maps and routes as part of our Maths and Geography topic. The children followed a map of the outdoor area to find the hidden mini-beasts with a tick list, this activity was fully enjoyed by all the children and they were amazing at identifying equipment on the map! We have also been learning about the different habitats where the mini-beasts live, the children have a good understanding of the mini-beasts that fly and the ones that hide under the rocks and soil. Well done everyone and have a great weekend!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have had a wonderful week. We have enjoyed reading Bumblebear and F2 have all tried very hard with our writing this week. We have had a wonderful time with our adults during our Stay & Play session this afternoon, thank you to everyone who could join us, the children loved having you here and showing off their work and amazing classroom. We have also been very busy using clay to make our minibeast tiles. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week we had an amazing trip to The Watering Hole. The children had such a fantastic experience handling the animals, stroking the chicks and feeding the goats. Farmer Steve was brilliant with the children and really explained how the animals were rescue animals and how they looked after them. The children commented on how well the animals were cared for. Miss Kilbride and I were extremely proud of the children for walking there and back. This was good for our wellbeing, stamina and resilience to keep fit and well. We wrote a thank you letter to Farmer Steve and we will be sending them onto to the Watering Hole. Also this week we have been learning about fractions in maths. We only had 14 buns so we had to cut them in half to share with all the class. We know that we can split a whole into 2 equal parts and this is half. We had some tricky shapes to identify if they had been spilt into half, we had to look to see if both parts were equal. In science we have started our new topic looking at seasons and the weather. We looked at weather forecasts and learned a new word - meteorologist. Do you know what this means?

Miss Lockett

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

What an amazing week we have had in Year 2! Our first EVER school trip did not disappoint. At The Watering Hole, we were greeted by Farmer Steve who guided us all around the farm and taught us LOTS of facts! We were so lucky as we could stroke the animals, feed the goats and go inside the stables. We were so impressed with his knowledge and passion about the animals. He inspired us to research different farm animals and create fact files about them, write thank you letters and a recount all about our day, which we are going to post to all the staff there! The children's behaviour was outstanding and all the staff were extremely proud of them. Well done Year 2.

Mrs Davies

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

We have had a lovely week in Year 3. On Wednesday, we had a lovely day at Harlow Carr - the children inspected plants closely and learned all about how they grow. In Maths we have been learning to find the duration of times and in English we have written a letter to the treasure hunters who gathered us the wrong treasure! There have been some super letters written. In Science we have been super scientists, we have looked at scientific methods and written our very own. In RE, we have looked further at what Christians believe happened at Easter and how they celebrate this. Well done for all your hard work Year 3. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Wilson

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

We have had a super week in Year 4 this week! In Science we have been learning about the skeleton, particularly endo and exoskeletons and identifying some of the animals with these. In Maths we have explored time using the 24-hour clock. We have also started looking at natural resources in Geography. We are very, very excited for our trip to The Jorvik Centre on Monday, enjoy the weekend Year 4 and well done for all your hard work and dedication.

Miss Riley



### **Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B**

Another wonderful week this week! In English, we have been writing a newspaper report about a ferocious fire on a Viking farm and in Maths we have been learning the 24-hour clock and converting 12hr to 24hr clock. In Science, we have been learning about the major bones in our body and in DT we have been understanding health and safety while practising the bridge cut and the claw grip cutting tomatoes and cucumber. In PSHE, we have been learning how to recognise asthma symptoms and how to help somebody who needs help. Well done this week 4b!

**Mrs Schofield**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5**

This week, in year 5, we have begun looking at position and direction in maths. We have looked at position in the first quadrant and have experienced locating points using x coordinates and y coordinates. In English, we have written our own newspaper article which focuses on exposing the dark side of fast fashion – children working in sweatshops for little money. In science, we have looked at physical changes such as melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation. In PE, we have practised throwing events by developing our shot put and javelin techniques. Our history lesson discussed how Hitler rose to power in post WWI Europe which was consolidated by our class trip to Eden Camp!

**Mr Adlington**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6**

This week in Class 5/6 we enjoyed our first week of Forest Skills; we built a den from the raw materials we could find on the field and made bug hotels from recycled plastic bottles! In computing, we have used our word processing skills to further develop our class yearbook, documenting our favourite memories of this year. We have had a wonderful time at Eden Camp today, learning a little more about World War 2 as part of our history topic. Well done everyone!

**Mrs Bateman**

### **Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6**

It's been a busy week for us in Year 6: some of the children went off to their new secondary schools to experience a 'taster day'; many of the children returned to school full of excitement for the next phase in their education – this was great for myself and Mrs Drury to see and hear all about the various activities they got up to during the day! On Friday we took our rearranged trip and headed over to Eden Camp: this trip linked with our current historical studies on 20th century conflict and we learned a lot about life during war times. Well done for this week guys, you've been a pleasure to teach yet again!

**Mrs Poole**







Is it important for everyone to have a hobby?



# 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.

