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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

As we approach our final week in school this academic year, we have enjoyed making memories in our classrooms with the children and adults around us. We have managed the heatwave with true Towngate tenacity and have had a wonderful week spent learning and enjoying moments together. A big thank you – as always – must go to our wonderful PTA, who provided ice pops to keep us cool and refreshed in the stifling heat!

Summer Gala

Thank you to the parents, carers and children who attended our summer gala last Saturday: we were so pleased with the fantastic turn out and staff and parents alike spoke highly of the organisation, the array of stalls and entertainment on offer. A **huge** thank you must go to our PTA who arranged this event, managing to raise just short of an amazing £2000! Thank you to parents/carers who 'spread the word' and supported the school, making this event a huge success. As always, proceeds from the event will be spent on developing our school provision further for our wonderful children.

Correspondence with school

Please note that any emails to school must be directed to TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk as opposed to any individual email for the office staff. Any emails sent to Miss Moore's email will not be seen by staff as this has been de-activated, therefore we request the central mailbox is used. Thank you for your understanding.

Goodbye and Good Luck

We are very sad to announce that Miss Kilbride will be leaving us at the end of this term: Miss Kilbride is now a qualified teacher and she has secured her first teaching post. We are delighted for Miss Kilbride as she begins her career as a class teacher after working with us at Towngate for 9 years. Miss Kilbride will be sorely missed and we thank her for her dedication to the children during this time.

Mrs Davies will be beginning her maternity leave in September, therefore will not be returning to Towngate as she awaits the arrival of her second baby. We wish Mrs Davies all the luck in the world and we can't wait to meet her new arrival.

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Our Year 6 children's leaver's assembly is taking place from 2pm on **Wednesday 27th July**. We welcome parents/carers to join us to see the children celebrate their time at Towngate before they head on to High School. The children have worked hard to piece together some fond memories, in which they would love to share. We do ask – to ensure that all children can have a parent/carer representative attend - that families are mindful of the number of adults joining us. Thank you.



Graduation Ceremonies

Our wonderful Year 2 children's graduation ceremony will take place in the hall on **Monday 25th**, starting at 1.45pm. The assembly is planned to celebrate our children reaching the milestone of completing Key Stage One.

Our reception (F2) children's graduation ceremony will take place on **Wednesday 27th**, starting at 9am. We welcome parents and carers to join us to celebrate our children finishing their time in the Early Years.

Towngate's Got Talent

This afternoon, we have loved getting our children together to celebrate the vast array of talents held by our children here in school. The classes have completed the auditions and we had one finalist per class who were set to compete in the grand final. It takes significant amounts of courage to perform on a stage in front of a large audience – well done to all involved!

Key Dates

Year 6 Leaver's Fest	22.7.22 (5pm – 8pm)
Year 6 camping experience	25.7.22 (overnight)
Year 2 graduation	25.7.22 (from 1.45)
Reception graduation	27.7.22 (from 9am)
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	27.7.22 (from 2pm)
School closes for the summer holiday	28.7.22
School opens in September	7.9.22

Pupil Achievements

A huge well done to the children who have achieved our **CORE** awards this week:

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Emma B	Benji C	Kenny H	Evie TW
Year 4a	Maisee K	Niamh W	Jake G	Oakley G
Year 4b	Georgia-Lee	Phoebe H	Nieve R	Georgina H
Year 5	Rhys B	Amelia J	Hughie C	Aaliyah M
Year 5/6	Abigail H	Matilda C	Marcia T	Scarlett B
Year 6	Olivia W	Isaac H	Jessica H	Ethan S

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is 94.32% this week. It's important that we all work together to raise our attendance for next week before we finish on **Thursday 28th July**.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Team Towngate



What's been going on this week?

Nursery

During circle time this week, the children have been learning about things they enjoy that are the same as others and things they like that are different to celebrate diversity. The children demonstrated amazing listening skills as they waited patiently for their turn to speak. During maths we have been using counters to make the correct amount, matching numerals to an amount and identifying numbers on the dice, we have some super counters in Nursery, well done everyone! Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Haigh

Reception

This week F2 have enjoyed reading Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell, by Sue Hendra. We have enjoyed thinking about different words we can use within the text and we have been discussing the problems Norman faces within the story. F2 have also been using their maths skills to solve number problems and we have been thinking about our number bonds to 10. We have also enjoyed sharing our talents. Well done F2!

Mrs Kimbley

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have continued to work very hard during all our lessons. In English we have been writing a set of instructions of how to sow a seed. This is linked to our fabulous story called The Seeds of Friendship, which we are thoroughly enjoying. In Maths, we have been sharing an amount into quarters - we are now making the link with fractions and times tables. Well done! In science, we have been looking at how we can measure rainfall and are continuing to look at how the weather changes through the seasons.

I am really proud of all the children in Year 1 and their resilience to keep working hard during the hottest days of the year. Well done Year 1!

Miss Lockett

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we've been learning about the temperature in Maths and how to read a thermometer. This came in handy with the hot weather this week! We placed our thermometers outside, both in the shade and the sun then compared them. We couldn't believe how hot it still was in the shade! We had our final music lesson with Miss Collins and what a treat it has been to have her each week, the children have learnt so many different skills and experienced a range of instruments. Also this week, we met an Olympic sprinter, who delivered an assembly where we found out he competed against Usain Bolt! He showed us his Olympic gold medal and then we were fortunate enough to take part in different activities alongside him.

Mrs Davies

Year 3

We have had a super week in Year 3. In English, we have written a newspaper report based on our book, Pirates of Poseidon! In Maths we have been learning about parallel and perpendicular lines, as well as 2D and 3D shapes. In DT we have been busy creating our storm shelters - we created a storm in our classroom to test these. Many of our shelters survived the storm! In Music, we have continued to learn our song 'Lesley the Dragon' and we all seem to love this. Well done for all your hard work Year 3 during this very hot week and enjoy your weekend.

Miss Wilson

Year 4a

In Class 4a this week, we have enjoyed comparing and classifying quadrilaterals in maths. In English we have completed a non-chronological report about the Vikings and read the next chapter of our core text. We were extremely lucky this week to have the chance to watch a delightful music concert by Wakefield Music Service in assembly as well as meeting Olympian James Dasaolu who is a true inspiration! In Geography we have researched the UK's natural resources and in DT we have investigated weighing and measuring different ingredients. We have worked extremely hard in the unbearable heat this week so a huge well done to everyone for your resilience through this, we know it's been difficult!

Miss Riley



Year 4b

We have had an amazing week in Year 4b this week, despite the extreme weather conditions. I am very proud of how the children have conducted themselves and kept themselves safe this week - well done everyone! In Science this week, we have learned all about how blood is transported around our body and we learned that we have red blood cells and white blood cells that have different jobs. In Geography, we learned about the natural resources that the UK produce such as coal, oil and gas and we were so lucky to have a visit from Mr. Midgley who came and talk to us all about what it's like to work on the oil rigs. We also had a visit yesterday, from a real-life Olympic sprinter 'James Dasaolu' who put us through our paces and we had a music concert from Wakefield Music Services which was amazing! What a busy week!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week, in Year 5, we have continued our learning on converting units of measure by converting between kilometres and metres and litres and millilitres. We have converted these units of measure in contextual problems, understanding when we might need to do this in real life. In history, we have completed our unit of learning - which looked at twentieth century conflict - by generating a timeline to understand the events that instigated the second world war. In DT, we have completed our textile products by finishing our fabric bags, using a range of different stitches. Our PE lesson focused on improving our explosive power and cardiovascular endurance after being inspired by the visit from an Olympic sprinter. We are all excited for our final week in Year 5!

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

This week in Year 5/6, the Year 5 children have enjoyed their second transition session in their new classes and are getting very giddy for next year. In Maths, we have focused on budgeting, learning vital life skills which we absolutely loved! In Science, we have learnt about chemical and physical reactions which we see every day. On Thursday morning, we were visited by Wakefield Music Services for an assembly, we loved watching the live performance and getting inspired. In the afternoon, we loved meeting and joining an Olympian; we had the chance completing some circuits and even got his autograph! Well done everyone!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been working very hard on completing a transition project for high school: the children had to design and propose plans for their very own zoo, working towards a very strict budget. They showed excellent commitment to their learning, yet again! We have also been busy documenting our favourite moments for our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - this is always a bittersweet time of the year where we can look back on our fondest times and enjoy spending some of our final primary school moments together. We are excited as we have our Leaver's Fest this evening and our camping experience on Monday night to make even more memories!

Thank you for a lovely penultimate week, Year 6!

Mrs Poole

