

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been art week in school and what a wonderful week it has been! The children have been working hard to develop their skills as painters, using the theme 'Diversity' as our inspiration. We are excited to adorn our corridors with our new art week displays – keep your eyes peeled for the transformation next time you're in school!



## Phonics and Reading Meeting

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, parents and carers were welcomed into the academy to attend our phonics and early reading meeting. It was such a lovely event where parents and carers were welcomed into school to understand the practice of our phonics and early reading scheme, Read, Write, Inc. It was a fantastic turn out – thank you to those who were able to join us! We are developing new roles in school for some specially chosen Reading Ambassadors from each class to further develop our love and culture for reading across our school. We will keep you posted on our progress!

## Safeguarding Parent Workshop

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will be moving our parent/carer safeguarding workshop to an alternative date. We will inform parents and carers of this change in due course.

## Jeans for Genes Day

Last Friday we welcomed children into the school for Jeans for Genes day; the children raised a fantastic £185. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

This Friday, we had a fantastic morning for our MacMillan Coffee Event. This event was led by the school council where parents and carers were invited during our first hour and then children visited the coffee morning during the school day. Thank you for the array of baked goods that were donated by staff and parents/carers. We will keep you updated on how much money the school has raised in due course!

## Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, we will – once again - be taking part in the Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run in the school playground. Every child wishing to take part in this fun event, will receive a pair of reindeer antlers and will raise money for Wakefield Hospice by running/jogging/walking as many laps of the school running track as they can. Children are also invited to wear Christmas jumpers or tops as this date is also Christmas Jumper Day. Sponsor forms will be sent out with the children nearer the time.



## Music Lessons

Just a reminder that in school we offer fantastic musical opportunities for children to learn to play the drums, cello or guitar. These lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers who specialise in these instruments. We currently have spaces in all classes for these lessons, with a chargeable fee of £70.00 per term.

## Key Term Dates

Please see attached dates for your diary for this half term. PTA dates have been added in bold for your attention:

Date	Event	Class
30.09.22	MacMillan coffee Morning	All classes Parents / carers welcome to attend
To be rearranged	Parent/Carer Safeguarding information meeting	All parents/carers welcome to attend
14.10.22	Year 1 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 1
17.10.22 (3.30pm – 5.00pm)	Parents' Consultation Evening A letter will be sent to all parents/carers to book an appointment closer to the time.	All classes
19.10.22	Year 2 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 2
20.10.22 (3.30pm – 6.00pm)	Parents' Consultation Evening A letter will be sent to all parents/carers to book an appointment closer to the time.	All classes
<b>01.11.22</b>	<b>Early Years 'Bats, Cats and Rats' Halloween event - times will be confirmed.</b>	<b>Early Years</b>
<b>01.11.22</b>	<b>Halloween Discos – times will be confirmed.</b>	<b>KS1 and KS2</b>
09.11.22	INSPIRE event UKS2 @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 5 Year 5/6 Year 6
15.11.22	Year 4 INSPIRE event @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 4
17.11.22	Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parents
18.11.22	Reception and Reception/Year 1 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 1
25.11.22	Year 3 INSPIRE event @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 3
25.11.22	Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school	All classes
<b>02.12.22</b>	<b>Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles / sweets for the Christmas Fair.</b>	All classes
05.12.22	Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Production	Year 3 & Year 4
06.12.22	Early Years Christmas Production	Nursery, Reception, Reception/Year 1
07.12.22	Key Stage One Christmas Production	Year 1 Year 2
08.12.22	Upper Key Stage Two Christmas Production	Year 5 Year 5/6 Year 6
09.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day Reindeer Run	All classes (non PTA Event)
12.12.22	Christmas Fair after school	All families





## Pupil Achievements



### **Attendance**

Our attendance is 96.85% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 1 who achieved a fantastic 99.26%! All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

### **Core Awards**

Celebration assembly did not take place this morning and will recommence next week with Early Years and Key Stage One.

We look forward to working in collaboration with you this year and hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Team Towngate



# What have we been getting up to this week?

## Nursery

This week the children have been exploring all the amazing Autumn resources we have received this week. We have been using our senses to discuss how the conkers felt smooth but their shells were spikey and exploring the animals that are camouflaged hiding under the leaves. The children have also been using them to count during our maths activities, so thank you very much to the parents who brought them in for us! Our new café is also ready this week, the children have been making ice creams and hot drinks to keep warm. Please follow us on Twitter where we post daily photos of your child's day at nursery. Have a fantastic weekend!

**Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon**

## Reception & Reception / Year 1

Reception and Reception/Year 1 have had a super week developing our paint mixing skills during art week. We have been thinking about mixing our own skin colour and using this to create a handprint. We have also been using red, blue and yellow to make our favourite colours and using these to paint the background for our work. In our literacy work, we have started reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been busy drawing pictures, making dough bears and using our construction materials to make chairs and beds for the bears. This week we have continued to practise our subitising skills in our maths work and talk about how we can sort different objects into groups. From next week our library day will be Wednesday. Please return your library book on this day so we can change them. Thank you.

A super week everyone. Well done!

**Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Miss Ayling**

## Year 1

This week we have been extremely busy with our art week project, we read the books 'The Same But Different Too' and 'Mixed' to inspire our art work. We have thought carefully about our differences and similarities, considering our unique qualities. The children and adults are so proud of the amazing art work we have produced, take a look at Twitter to see us busy! In Geography, we have been using our skills to draw a sketch map of the local area using a key to indicate each feature. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equals signs – deepening our learning by responding to reasoning problems. Well done Year 1, we are so proud of you all!

**Mrs Bateman**

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a great week. We have been developing our art skills based on the book - A Day of Pride, this book celebrates equality and diversity. The children have been mixing colours, understanding how to blend and planning their work before creating a final project. Our class art work looks amazing, we can't wait to see it on display! In Maths, we have been working with number lines and have finished the week learning how to estimate where the numbers will go. We have written a setting description in English using our five senses, the children were able to talk about London as if they were there! What a fantastic week Year 2!

**Miss Senior**

## Year 3

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard this week particularly on our fabulous art work for art week. We focused on the theme of diversity and chose to use our knowledge of the colour wheel to represent the differences between us all. We have also worked very hard in Maths and have learnt to count in 50's. In English, we have learnt about expanded noun phrases and are now confident to add them to our independent writing. In RE this week we have looked at the Christian faith and how the life of a Christian may differ from the life of a non-Christian. Well done Year 3!

**Miss Riley**



#### **Year 4**

It has been Art Week this week in Year 4 therefore we have been working very hard on our painting skills. We have been blending colours to create mood and different tones in our work. We have also been inspired by Pablo Picasso and his use of cubism within his painting. We have created art that captures inclusion and diversity whilst using cubism, In English this week, we have been learning about conjunctions ready to plan our persuasive letters to Mr Edmund Hillary to convince him to take us on his expedition up Mount Everest. In History, we learned about how the Romans invaded Britain - did you know they used a tortoise formation with their shields when being attacked? Well done this week Year 4!

**Mrs Schofield**

#### **Year 5**

It has been Art Week this week in Year 5 therefore we have been working very hard on our painting skills. We have been blending colours to create mood and different tones in our work. We have also been inspired by the book 'Wonder' and August's experiences. We have created pieces of art that represent unity through the way that they merged together. In English this week, we have been writing a setting description of a war-torn street. The writing produced was wonderful! Well done year 5.

**Miss Wilson**

#### **Year 5/6**

This week, in y5/6, we have really enjoyed taking part in our art week activities. The theme for art week was 'Equity and Diversity'. We focused on the artist Damola Ayegbayo who paints pictures which are inspired by the diversity he witnesses living in Nigeria. We have developed our painting skills with both watercolours and acrylic paints, working on both paper and canvases. Our final pieces are now proudly displayed in the KS2 corridor! In maths, we have completed our learning on short division with remainders and Y6 children have practised converting the remainders to fractions. In English, we have written a setting description which provides an insight into the scene that greets Bamse, the main character in 'Hitler's Canary', as he emerges from the theatre after heavy German bombing. Our PE focus has been multi-sports this week, primarily looking at develop netball skills.

**Mr Adlington**

#### **Year 6**

This week has been art week in Year 6! Our theme was 'Equity and Diversity' and before we even put pen to paper, the children were discussing the meaning of these terms and why they are important. Our art was inspired by Brianna McCarthy, who creates mixed-media art to challenge stereotypes and reflect black beauty. We sketched our own designs and after exploring different types of paint and their properties, we got creative and composed our own final pieces! Our final pieces are something to be proud of and are now on display in the corridor for everyone to see. The creativity and resilience shown this week has made me so proud Year 6! Well done.

**Miss Richardson & Mrs Poole**

