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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another action-packed week here at Towngate Academy and the children have enjoyed a range of fun activities across the curriculum. If you don't already follow us on Twitter, please take a look at our page, @IPMATtowngate where you will see some of the exciting learning we've been getting up to this week, ranging from sewing, collage-making, building bird nests and learning about the Chinese New Year. At the start of the week, the children even got to briefly play in the snow!

Wear Your Pyjamas to School

On Friday 3rd February, the whole academy is invited to come into school in their pyjamas. This is part of our annual Shelly Hibernation Day, where we celebrate our fabulous school pet tortoise! Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in different activities to find out more about hibernation and the life of a tortoise. We will be sharing photos from the day on our Twitter page, so be sure to take a look. Please can all parents ensure children come to school that day wearing outdoor shoes and not slippers.

Car Parking

It has been brought to our attention that a number of cars have been parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. We would like to send a polite reminder that it is illegal to park on this area of the road as it poses a huge risk to the safety of our children. We are requesting that this area is kept clear when families are collecting children from school.

Wear Your Scarf to School Day

On Friday 10th February, we will be holding a 'Wear Your Scarf to School Day' where children are invited to wear a scarf with their uniform. Wearing a scarf represents the values of SCARF which are Safety, Caring, Achievements, Resilience and Friendship which links very closely to our school values. 'Wear Your Scarf to School Day' is part of Children's Mental Health Week, from 4th to 11th February, where we will be completing activities around wellbeing and mental health. Children do not need to bring any donations, just wear a scarf.



Date	Event	Class
03.02.23	Shelly Hibernation Day - wear your pyjamas	Whole school
08.02.23	Y4 Times Table Check Parents Meeting 3.30pm	Year 4 parents
10.02.23	Young Voices	Choir
10.02.23	Break up for half term	Whole school
20.02.23	INSET Day - school closed	Whole school
21.02.23	Return to school	Whole school
02.05.23	Class photos	Whole school
09.05.23 - 12.05.23	Year 6 SATS	Year 6



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 94.47% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 1 who achieved a fantastic 97.67%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day - keep going everyone!

Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Thea	Samuel	Isaac	Oliver
Year 4	Maria	Miles	Max	Seth
Year 5	Dylan	Amber	Harrison	Billy`
Year 5/6	Ava	Will	Cora	Kellan
Year 6	Matthew	Rhys	Amelia	George



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

The children have had a busy week of learning this week. In Maths, we have been learning about weight. The children have been exploring the balance scales and exploring that when the scales go down it is heavy and if it goes up it is light. In Phonics this week, we have been learning some new sounds, 'o' and 'c', to challenge the children further they sorted pictures that begin with these sounds. We have been exploring a new region of the world this week, we have been exploring the desert and looking at the animals that live there. This week's homework is to practise writing the letter 'm' and the phrase to use is 'Down Maisie, mountain, mountain.'

Thanks for your support,

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have continued our exploration of our world through the story 'Dear Earth'. This story explores different habitats all over the world so we used our super knowledge of adjectives to describe the different places in the story. We then applied this throughout our provision, painting wonderful seascape pictures, detailed jungle drawings and fantastic sentences using our super adjectives. Linking to this week's picture news we then talked about taking care of our wonderful planet and how we can do this through recycling, reducing water use and tidying up after ourselves. In Maths we continued to consolidate our understanding of 6 and 7, exploring different compositions of these number in a range of ways.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week we have been continuing to learn about place value in Maths. We have been using a whole part model and base ten equipment to make teen numbers, thinking about how many tens and how many ones. We extended this with numbers to 50. In English we found out that in our classic fiction book, Peter Rabbit, mummy rabbit gives her little bunnies lots of commands. We practised writing command sentences in our writing this week. In Art we made our own relief printing block and made a print with it on paper, extending our printing techniques. In Science we used the scientific vocabulary, vertebrate and invertebrate, and explored what these words mean. We then identified animals with and without a backbone. We also know how important it is to protect our spine.

Well done Year 1, I am very proud of how hard you are focusing on your learning.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great week where we have written a fantastic diary entry about the Velveteen Rabbit feeling upset about being forgotten in the Nursery. In Computing we have been writing an algorithm to put into our robot toys, to get them to move to where we want. We started our final art piece today to create an African sunset. We have started this week by layering tissue paper to create a lovely sunset background. In Maths we have been looking at shape and naming 2d and 3d shapes. Year 2 have worked extremely hard this week - keep it up! Well done year 2!

Mrs Wolstenholme



Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have continued to work hard on division in Maths, even working out calculations that have remainders! In English this week we have looked at apostrophes and why and when we need to use them. In History we have learnt about what the people of the Shang Dynasty ate. In Science we created our own musical instruments to test how sounds are produced. In French we have learnt about famous French landmarks and tourist destinations. We enjoyed using the chrome books to research information on this. Another fantastic week Year 3, well done!

Miss Riley

Year 4

In English this week, we have been planning a narrative including a flashback linked to our wordless picture book 'The Arrival'. In Maths, we have been learning how to use related facts and how to multiply 2 digits by 1 digit. In Science, we have been learning about metamorphic rocks and how they are formed. In History, we have been learning about how life changed from the Roman era to the Anglo-Saxon era and in Art, we used our sewing skills to create running stitch and back stitch. We have had another super busy week - well done Year 4.

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week in Year 5, in English, our grammar focus has been writing in active and passive voice. We will use this next week when we write a diary as our key character from our book. In Maths we have continued to work hard on our fraction's unit; we have been finding the whole when we have only been given a fraction of an amount. In Science we have continued to develop our knowledge on energy store. We have looked at how to calculate efficiency using a scientific method. In French, we have been learning the names of more rooms within our homes and used this knowledge to translate a short, written French text. In Geography, we have had some super discussions about why we trade internationally and the benefits and disadvantages this has. Thank you for all of your hard work again this week Year 5 - enjoy your weekend.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have continued our learning of measure in Maths by converting units for measure. We have converted between different metric units, such as metres and kilometres, and we have also introduced imperial measures, such as miles and pounds. We have practised some reasoning and problem-solving questions to apply our knowledge in new and varied contexts. In English, we have continued to read our book 'Once Upon a Hillside'. From this, we have identified the features of a flashback in a narrative. We have used this to give further detail about characters and provide the reader with essential information that may have occurred before the book was written. In Science, we have applied the equation for calculating efficiency to identify how much energy is converted into useful energy by an object or product and how much energy is wasted.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have continued reading our English core text 'Once Upon a Hillside'. Based on this text, we have created some wonderful flashback narratives that included beautiful descriptive language and lots of year 6 writing skills. In Maths this week, we have been converting metric and imperial units of measurement and using this knowledge to problem solve. In Science, we have continued our 'Energy' unit by calculating efficiency. In Geography, we have been looking at how technology has developed over time and how this has impacted globalisation. In PSHE, we have been looking at how we can stay safe online, to protect ourselves and others. Enjoy your weekend Year 6, see you next week!

Miss Richardson



