

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Mrs Berry has taken her maternity leave, as she prepares to welcome her two new little bundles of joy. We will keep you updated with any news & are sure you will join us in sending Mrs Berry & her family all the very best wishes.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Year 6 parents who have given their time to meet with the Year 6 teachers over the last 2 weeks. At such a crucial stage of their educational journey, it's really pleasing that we can continue to work together to support these children in their final year at Towngate.

## **Wear Your Pyjamas to School**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **PE Uniform**

We would like to remind everyone of our agreed PE Uniform and politely ask that parents check their children are attending school wearing the correct sportswear on their PE day:

- Black/navy shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy jogging bottoms (outdoor only)
- Plain navy jumper / zip-up jumper (outdoor only)
- Trainers.

Thank you for your support with this.

## **Radfield Homecare**

Thank you so much to Radfield Homecare who came to visit Year 4 yesterday, to carry out a 'living with dementia' workshop as part of our PSHE/RSE learning. The children were very engaged and asked lots of questions. Radfield will be back in the near future to visit other classes in KS2.



## Wear Your Scarf to School Day

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February, where we will be completing activities around wellbeing and mental health. Children do not need to bring any donations, just wear a scarf.

## Winston's Wish

Please see at the end of this newsletter, a poster from Winston's Wish, offering support for children who have experienced loss or bereavement. Winston's Wish have lots of information, support and activities for parents, children and siblings.

## NSPCC Pants Rule

This half term, Year 1 will be learning about the NSPCC Pants rule and how to keep themselves safe as part of the PSHE/RSE learning. For more information see the NSPCC Pants Rule website.

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	Wear your pyjamas to school	Whole school
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 95.77% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year F2/Yr1 who achieved a fantastic 99.52%. 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
Nursery	Archie	Tristan	Grace	Teddy
F2	Scarlett	Jack	Darcy	Hudson
F2/Year 1	India	Ashlee	Eligh	Eva
Year 1	Daisy	Imaya	Arlo	Ellie
Year 2	Esme	Joshua	Finley	Kyrena



# What have we been getting up to this week?

## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been exploring another habitat and making comparisons. We have been learning about the Jungle and the animals that live there. The children have been brilliant at identifying where different animals live and are able to independently sort the animals into the correct habitat. In Phonics, the children have been exploring words that begin with 'c' and 'u'. They are becoming amazing at identifying the images that correspond to the sounds. The children have enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year story and what animal will be celebrated this year.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

## Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have explored the story 'A Gift for Amma' which explores a little girl's journey through an Indian market to buy a gift for her Amma. We have talked about all the wonderful items we could see in the market and used adjectives to describe these. We also discussed what we would buy in Ossett market for our loved ones. In Maths, we have built our subitising skills further and have secured our knowledge of 7 and how to make it. We applied this really well in provision using concrete resources. Alongside this learning, we have learnt about Lunar New Year, as people all over the world celebrated last weekend. In the home corner we made our own Lunar New Year feast for our friends and talked about the traditions involved in celebrating Lunar New Year. In topic we have shown a great interest in our computing, looking at algorithms of everyday life and in technology. We have been programming human robots with our own algorithms to move them along the playground. What a busy week!

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

## Year 1

This week in Year 1 we had an amazing extended writing lesson, writing independently about Peter Rabbit. We had to extend our sentences by using the conjunction 'and'. Miss Lockett was very proud of everyone. Look out on Twitter for some examples of our work.

In Maths, we have been thinking about the word - comparing. We have been comparing numbers, thinking which is the greatest and smallest. We have also been ordering objects and will be moving on to ordering numbers.

In Science, we found out what the word amphibian means. We were surprised to find out that amphibians have gills and lungs to help them breathe in water and on land. In Art, we had groups of children making their own relief printing block and then making a print. We are really enjoying the printing sessions and are thinking carefully now about where we want to place our prints on the paper. In PSHE, we talked about our emotions and how our body can react when we feel worried. We have also talked about Growth Mindset this week. The children showed an excellent understanding of negative ways of thinking and how we can change this to a more positive way of thinking. We are using a poster in class to help us think in a more positive way.

Well done Year 1 - a super week filled with lots of fabulous learning.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Lockett**

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic week. We are really enjoying using our programmable toys in Computing, making predictions and trying out to see where our toys end up after we put in our algorithms. We are really enjoying reading our story 'The Velveteen Rabbit' this week and we have written some beautiful descriptions of the boy's nursery. I have been really impressed with some of the vocabulary Year 2 have used. In Maths, we have started looking at multiplication, beginning with looking at equal groups. We have been having a go at some tricky problems and explaining our reasoning. Year 2 have shown super resilience when facing new problems. Keep up the hard work Year 2!

**Mrs Wolstenholme**



### **Year 3**

We have had yet another fantastic week in Year 3 this week! We have worked hard in Maths on learning how to measure using centimetres, metres and millimetres. In English we have written a fabulous diary entry. We have continued to read 'The Borrowers' in guided reading. In French this week we have learnt about colours. In History we have learnt about what the people of the Shang Dynasty's beliefs were. Our Science lesson was based around pitch and frequency. We learnt that some of us can hear very high-pitched sounds and others can't. In PE we have enjoyed another lesson on Gymnastics. Well done Year 3, another super week!

**Miss Riley**

### **Year 4**

This week Year 4 have been working really hard multiplying 2 digits by 1 digit and 3 digits by 1 digit in Maths. In English, we have been writing and redrafting a narrative including a flashback. In Science, we have been identifying rocks by looking at their properties. In History, we looked at what the Anglo-Saxons believed in. In PE, we learned about balance and co-operation and in Computing we are learning how to programme a turtle to create numbers or letters. Year 4 were very lucky to have a visit from Radfield Homecare who delivered a 'living with dementia' workshop. The children were very engaged and asked lots of questions. We learned a lot about how we can help a relative or friend who has dementia.

**Mrs Schofield**

### **Year 5**

This week, in English, we have focused on identifying and using passive and active voice. We have also planned and started to write our diaries that we are writing from the perspective of our key character, Tani. In Maths, we have been identifying tenths, hundredths and thousandths; we then used this knowledge to answer reasoning and problem-solving questions. In Science, we have mastered how to work out power output using a scientific equation. In PE, we have continued to develop our passing and defending skills in Netball, as well as making Bug Hotels in Forest School. What a super week we have had again, Year 5; I hope you have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Wilson**

### **Year 5/6**

This week, in year 5/6, we have completed our learning on algebra. We have looked at how to substitute values for variables and how to form expressions. We have also looked at solving equations to find the value of variables. Our Y5 children have been using the inverse operation for addition and subtraction in order to check their answers to calculations. In English, we have written a diary entry based on the adventures of Tani in the book 'Once Upon a Hillside'. We have looked at using a diary entry to develop a character and discussed how authors use this to influence a reader. In Geography, we have discussed how globalisation has impacted the fashion trade and the role fast fashion plays in modern societies. In Art, we have continued our work inspired by Chiara Fedele; we have designed some print blocks ready to create an ink print. In Science, we have calculated the power rating for different electrical items and compared a 50KW electric car to a 6W phone charger.

**Mr Adlington**



## **Year 6**

This week in Year 6, we have been busy writing diaries in English. We have been writing from the perspective of Tani, from our core text 'Once Upon a Hillside'. In Maths, we have been forming algebraic expressions and solving equations. This is the first time we have looked at algebra and the children have done so well! In Science, we have continued our topic of 'Energy' by looking at how we can calculate the power of different objects and the impacts that high power objects have. In RE, we have looked at worship in Judaism and compared the difference between Orthodox and Reform synagogues. In Art, we have continued to develop our sketching skills by completing some line printing; I can't wait to see our final pieces at the end. In PE, we have worked on our fitness by completing a fitness circuit - it was not easy! Another fabulous week in Year 6, have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Richardson**



I'm so angry with my dad for taking his own life and leaving me. is this normal?

My stepsister died but I don't want to cancel our trip... is that normal?

my mum died 3 weeks ago and I still haven't cried is that normal?

I haven't been able to get back in a car since my friend died. is this normal?

is this normal?

My dad died when I was 9, I'm 13 now and miss him more than ever... is that normal?

is this normal?

I can't stop thinking about how my brother died... is this normal?

is that normal?

# ABSOLUTELY.

## THERE'S NO RIGHT OR WRONG WAY TO FEEL WHEN YOU'RE GRIEVING.

### WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN.



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