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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our last week of the half term has been another very busy one, where each class has focused their learning around Children's Mental Health week and the theme of 'Let's Connect'. Please visit our Twitter page to see some of the different activities the children have been enjoying. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday, 21st February.

Baby News

We are over the moon to share the happy news that Tobias James Berry and Elijah Henry Berry arrived safely on Thursday, 2nd February. Both baby boys and Mum are healthy and can't wait to get into school to see everyone. I am sure you will all join us in welcoming the latest adorable additions to our Towngate family.

Hibernation Day

Thank you for all of the contributions sent into school on Shelly's hibernation day. We raised a fantastic £135, which will go towards caring for Shelly.

Wear Your Scarf to School Day

Today was 'Wear Your Scarf to School Day'. SCARF represents Safety, Caring, Achievements, Resilience and Friendship and the purpose of today was to remind us to always wear our imaginary scarf and remember our values.

World Book Day

On Wednesday, 2nd March, Towngate will be participating in World Book Day, where we will come together as a school to celebrate our love of reading. On this day, we would like your child to dress up as one of their favourite book characters for the day and to bring in a favourite book from home, to share with their peers during the day.

Easter Foodbank Collection

After half term, our School Council will be collecting food and Easter eggs for the Resource Foodbank in Ossett. Any donations will be gratefully received and will be collected in the collection basket in our school hall.

PE Uniform

A polite reminder that children should attend school wearing full PE uniform on their designated PE day. **PE uniform includes: trainers, black/navy shorts, plain white t-shirt, plain navy jogging bottoms, plain navy jumper/zip-up top.**

If children attend school on their designated PE day wearing different clothing, then a reminder will be sent home for parents.



| Date | Event | Class |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 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 |
| 21.02.23 | EY Friendship disco | Early years |
| 21.02.23 | KS1 Friendship disco | Key stage 1 |
| 21.02.23 | KS2 Friendship disco | Key stage 2 |
| 02.03.23 | World Book Day | 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 94.09% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Nursery who achieved a fantastic 96.67. 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 |
|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Nursery | Summer | Olivia | Joseph | Oscar |
| F2 | Holly | Freddie | Emily | Holly |
| F2/Year 1 | Archie | Cora | Eva | Edie |
| Year 1 | Ellie | Henry | Lucia | Freya |
| Year 2 | Robyn | Lucas | Verity | Violet |

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week has been a very busy week for our children. They have been working really hard at their numeracy skills when counting and matching the correct amount to the corresponding numeral. We have also introduced some new phrases to help the children remember each number to 5 and some to 10. The children have been introduced to 2 more sounds this week 'u' and 'j' and have been fantastic at finding pictures that begin with these sounds. The habitat that we have been exploring this week is 'Under the Sea'. The children displayed high levels of interest and concentration when learning about some of the animals and fish that live under the sea. I hope you all have a lovely week off with your families ready for the next term when the children will be 'Time Travellers' and learn about the past. Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon



Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have finished off our 'All Around the World' topic with the story 'A Planet in a Pickle Jar'. We have consolidated all we have learnt this term and discussed which parts of the world we would save in a pickle jar. We also linked this story with all we have learnt about protecting the planet and talked about all the wonderful things we can do to save the planet, such as throwing our rubbish in the bin, looking after the plants and animals, and recycling our milk cartons. As part of Mental Health Week, we have looked at kindness and connection. On Monday we did a compliment circle and thought of kind words to say to our friends. We have also drawn pictures of each other to make a class collage all of us together. We have really noticed our friends being kind this week and seen lots of acts of kindness in our classroom! What a lovely week!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week - Let's Connect. We have played kindness circle time activities - our favourite being 'There is a space to my right and I would like... because ...'. This focused around paying someone in our class a compliment. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning and sharing our kindness song on Twitter 'Try a little kindness'. The children have really taken this song on board and are always singing along to it. We have also created our own kindness poster, thinking about what kindness means and what it looks like when we share kindness with others. In other subjects we have continued to work diligently. We are building our stamina and resilience and working more independently with activities set. Well done Year 1, you have all worked so hard this half term. Enjoy the half term holiday. Go out and enjoy the fresh air with lovely walks. Enjoy doing the things you love. ♥

Miss Lockett

Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have thinking about Children's Mental Health week. We wrote a compliment to our friends in the class and discussed how this made us feel. On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day and we took time to share the story of Hanni and the Magic Window. This helped us to understand that the internet is a wonderful resource to explore but if we see anything that makes us feel uncomfortable, we should always talk to a trusted adult. This also linked to our PSHE topics, where we have been learning about situations that may make us feel uncomfortable and who we can talk to if this occurs. The children have worked so hard this half term. Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a wonderful week's holiday and a well-deserved rest.

Mrs Wolstenholme

Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have enjoyed learning about how sounds are produced in Science. We made our own string telephones and tested them outside. In Maths, we have learnt how to add and subtract lengths. In English, we have written a character description. We had lots of fun in our Art lesson, creating our monoprints. In French, we have learnt how to pronounce numbers to 20. Another fantastic week Year 3, well done. Enjoy a well-deserved rest next week!

Miss Riley

Year 4

Wow! I can't believe it is the final week of half term! Year 4 have been working hard on their diary writing this week ensuring that we are using the correct tense and in Maths we have been learning how to use and convert metres and kilometres. In Science, we completed our topic on the Rock Cycle. In History, we completed our topic on the Anglo Saxons - ask your child how much they know about the Anglo Saxons. In PE, we have been working on our fitness. In Art, we have completed our sewing design. In Computing, we have created a letter using turtle academy and in PSHE, we have been learning how to keep ourselves safe online. We have also been completing 'Children's Mental Health Week' activities. Well done for a super half term - enjoy your well-earned break.

Mrs Schofield



Year 5

We have worked very hard this week in Year 5 for our final week of term! In Maths, we have looked at converting fractions to decimals and percentages; everyone worked so hard to understand this new skill. We then applied this to reasoning and problem-solving questions. We particularly focused on the sentence stems that we used to answer reasoning questions. In English, we have produced some wonderful character descriptions for our last write, based on our book, Once Upon a Hillside - we wrote about a spirit that our key character may potentially meet. We all tried extremely hard to include lots of parenthesis in our writing and this certainly paid off! In Science, we had a super lesson which involved gathering our own data. We went outside in teams and timed one another running a 20m distance, then we worked out how fast each other ran in metres per second using a scientific equation. In RE, we have focused on Hinduism this week, looking at their place of worship (the Mandir) and understanding what the important features are of these buildings. What a wonderful week and half-term we have had Year 5. Thank you for all of your hard-work, I am so proud of you all. Have a lovely half-term and a well-earned rest.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have continued to work on our character descriptions in English. We have written character descriptions which focus on giving the reader a really clear picture of the spirit that Tani discovers whilst she is at the pool in the forest. We have used the Descriptorsaurus to gather effective figurative language and to develop our ideas for writing. We have self-assessed and peer-assessed our writing to ensure we have produced work which really demonstrates our ability. In Computing, we have continued to develop our websites by using 'Google Sites' to add external links to our content. We discussed the implications of linking to external content and completed an online quiz using a Microsoft Form to demonstrate our understanding. In Science, we have calculated the kinetic energy of an object using the equation: $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{mass}^2$. This allowed us to compare the kinetic energy of objects by altering the mass or the speed the object was travelling at.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

A brilliant end to the half-term this week in Year 6. In English, we have used our Chromebooks to plan a character description based on an unknown spirit, sharing our wonderful ideas with our peers. We then wrote our character description - they were fabulous and we used lots of descriptive writing skills! In Maths, we completed our statistics learning by reading and interpreting pie charts and calculating the mean average. In Geography, we have explored the positive and negative consequences of a globalised food industry, once again, using technology to share our ideas. In Science, we have discovered how to calculate kinetic energy using a formula. A busy yet brilliant half-term, Year 6. Enjoy the holidays and a well-deserved rest!

Miss Richardson

