

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see all of the children back in school this week after the half term break. The children have settled really well back into their learning routines and have also had lots of fun at the 'Friendship Disco' earlier in the week. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event.

## **Baby News**

We have some more exciting baby news to share with you and would like to announce that Miss Ayling is expecting a baby in the Summer. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Miss Ayling on this fantastic news.

## **World Book Day**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. We have a range of exciting activities planned across school, so keep your eye on our Twitter page for photos of the day.

## **Wear Red Day**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, children are invited to 'Wear Red' and / or a red nose for Comic Relief - Red Nose Day, with a small donation which will go directly to Comic Relief. Parents/carers can also donate direct to Comic Relief by scanning the QR code below, or on the posters on the classroom doors.



## **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
02.03.23	World Book Day	Whole school
17.03.23	Red Nose Day (wear red)	Whole School
23.03.23	EYFS Open Evening – potential new starters	EYFS
27.03.23 & 30.03.23	Parents Evening	Whole school
28.03.23	Rock Steady Concert	Rock Steady children & parents
31.03.23	Break up for Easter	Whole school
17.04.23	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 95.36% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Nursery who achieved a fantastic 99.4%. 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	Piper	Imogen	Nathan	Martin
Year 4	Seth	Emma	Bradley	Noah
Year 5	Jake	Ethan	Maya	Krystal
Year 5/6	Lydia	Abbie	Laney	Matilda
Year 6	Ben	Brongan	Karim	Mason

## What have we been getting up to this week?

### Nursery

The children have had a brilliant week back at Nursery. They have worked very hard and enjoyed seeing their friends. This half term the children will be thinking about the past. We are focusing on the past, thinking about when their grandparents were younger and how things have changed. In Maths, the children are becoming familiar with numicon by looking at different colours and which number it represents. Have a great weekend everyone!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**



## **Reception / Year 1**

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have begun our new term topic of 'Time Travellers'. This half term we will look at the past and how things have changed, e.g. we look at transport, homes and buildings. This week we are going back in time over 60 million years to explore dinosaurs! We have learnt about interesting features of some popular dinosaurs, such as Tyrannosaurus Rex, Diplodocus, Stegosaurus and Velociraptor. This topic has been very interesting and we have looked at the story 'How to Grow a Dinosaur' alongside this - exploring adjectives to describe dinosaurs and imagining what it would be like if we had dinosaurs in our back garden. We have settled back into school very well after a short break and have been working very hard. Well done Reception and Reception/Year 1!

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

## **Year 1**

Welcome back to all the Year 1 children. What a fantastic week of learning. In English we have been learning what a noun is but then we extended this to learn what a proper noun is and a common noun. In our extended writing we wrote about the UK linked to our Geography work from last half term and remembered lots of facts. This writing helped us to practise writing proper nouns as we wrote about Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

In Maths we had to subitize a number and make a number bond to 10. We then used this method to add on from 10. This is just one way of working out an addition sentence. The children showed amazing understanding of taking a number to 10 and making it into a number bond to 20. Some children were able to do this in their heads - this is called abstract learning.

In Art we started to learn about weaving. We made a loom, used paper strips as weft and weaved over and under. Next week we will be weaving with a different type of material.

Well done Year 1. Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Lockett**

## **Year 2**

Year 2 have a wonderful first week back! We have settled back in really well and have been working very hard. The class have been really impressing Mrs Wolstenholme and Mrs Thackrah with their Math's learning this week and are getting more and more confident multiplying and dividing by 2 and 10. In English we started our new class book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' and finding out how it can be living in a village in Kenya. We have started our new History topic, finding out when Britain was last invaded and who by. We are excited to find out why castles were so important. Year 2 would like to thank the PTA for organising the Friendship Disco - we had a great time!

**Mrs Wolstenholme**

## **Year 3**

What a fantastic week back for Year 3! We have worked incredibly hard demonstrating all four of our core values. In Maths this week we have explored perimeter, learning how to measure and calculate the perimeter of both regular and irregular shapes. In English we have looked at adverbial phrases and started to read our new core text, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. In Geography we have started to learn about the Earth's water and where it is. In French we have started learning about the days of the week. In RE we are learning about what Muslims believe about the Qu'ran. Well done Year 3, you have all had a super week!

**Miss Riley**

## **Year 4**

In Year 4 this week, we have been very busy working on our new fiction book, Anglo Saxon Boy where we met Magnus our main character. In Maths, we have been learning how to calculate the perimeter of a 2D shape and a rectilinear shape. In Science, we began our new topic 'Space' where we learned about solar and lunar eclipses and in Geography, we learned about the rivers of the world - Did you know that The Amazon is the biggest river in the world? In PSHE, we have been learning about who keeps us safe and how we could help ourselves more. In D.T. we began our topic about levers and linkages. Well done for a busy week back Year 4.

**Mrs Schofield**



## **Year 5**

What a lovely first week back we have had! In English we have started our new book which is a non-fiction text about Albert Einstein. We have used our scientific knowledge from previous terms to understand his work and theories. We have started identifying features and planning our non-chronological reports to write next week. In Maths, we have started our unit on area; firstly, we looked at finding the area of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. In Science, we had a super first lesson of our new unit and looked at what happens when we heat particles. In RE, we looked at what makes a place sacred; particularly the art and architecture of these buildings. In History, we have explored what happened after King Edward died in 1066 and reached our own conclusions about who we believed should have been the heir to the throne. There were some wonderful arguments created for this. What a wonderful and busy week we have had, I hope you enjoy your weekend Year 5.

**Miss Wilson**

## **Year 5/6**

This week, in year 5/6, we have settled quickly back into school life. We have started to study a new book - *Albert Einstein The Greatest Mind in Physics*. We have studied a model non-chronological report and identified the features needed to write our own informative piece on one of the most prominent scientists of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. We have really enjoyed learning about Einstein's most remarkable achievements! In Maths, we have looked at decimal numbers (year 5) and negative numbers (year 6). We have recapped prior knowledge on each of these units and completed some reasoning and problem-solving questions to consolidate our learning. In History, we have completed our first lesson on our new unit of study - Medieval Monarchs - by discovering the events which led to the Battle of Hastings and the commencement of Norman rule in England. We have also highlighted the four key figures from the year 1066 and discussed who had the rightful challenge to the throne. In Science, we have learned about what happens to particles when you heat them. We discussed how the energy transfer affects particles in solids, liquids and gases and the processes that occur as a result of this.

**Mr Adlington**

## **Year 6**

A great first week back for Year 6! In English, we have focused on different grammar objectives: adverbials, subordinating clauses and relative clauses. Using a picture as our writing stimulus, we have created a gorgeous piece of writing that includes these writing skills. In Maths, we have developed our place value knowledge and applied this to our problem solving and reasoning skills. In Science, we have started our new topic - Heat - by exploring how particles change when heat is added or removed. Well done Year 6, have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Richardson**

