

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope everyone had a lovely weekend and managed to have some fun in the snow before it melted. Thank you to all of the children who sent in photos of their snowmen. The staff loved to see them and it looks like a lot of fun was had!

## **School choir**

There are a few spaces available to join our Key Stage 2 choir. Choir is held on Wednesdays at lunch time and led by Miss Riley and Miss Pamment. If your child would like to join please speak to a member of staff in the office. Places are limited, once all available places have been filled a waiting list will be created and these children will be offered a place next term. Thank you.

## **Nut-Free School**

Just a gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school and children should not bring anything to school containing nuts, due to allergies.

## **Toys**

After school club are asking if anyone has any unwanted toys which are still in working order but which people may wish to donate to school if their children no longer use them. If you are able to make any donations, this would be greatly appreciated and donations can be left in the Main Reception area.

## **Wear Red Day**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, children are invited to 'Wear Red' and / or a red nose for 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**

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.

	Event	Class
17.03.23	Red Nose Day (wear red)	Whole School
27.03.23	Parents Evening	Whole School
30.03.23	Parents Evening	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 94.74% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to year 5 who achieved a fantastic 98.86%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

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

### Nursery

This week the children have been learning about germs and keeping healthy. We used a wet ball covered in sand to show the germs. We then passed it around the circle and the children were amazed at how the germs had transferred onto their hands. We also designed a new recipe for Ted the dog to go to his tea party. The children made some apple bread that related to our story 'The Little Red Hen' but when we asked the children who will help me eat this bread, "ME!" the children replied. It was yummy! In Maths, the children have been focusing on matching numerals to amounts. They are all doing amazing at touching one counter at a time as they are counting.

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

### Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have continued our journey through history into the Neolithic Stone Age period. We used the story 'Dave's Cave' to explore life in the Stone Age, comparing life 6.2 million years ago to life now. We have learnt about how Stone Age people collected their food, where they lived and how they travelled around. This has inspired us in many areas of provision – building Stone Age homes outside, painting Dave and his cave, creating Stone Age villages in the Small World area. Our brains have not stopped working this week – we are historians in the making! In Maths, we have continued to grow and grow as super subitizers, exploring number bonds to 10 and writing number sentences to show how to make 10. What a brilliant week we have had!

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



## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been continuing to learn about subtraction in Maths. We have been exploring different methods of subtraction and deciding which one we prefer to use. In our arithmetic lessons we now know to look at the symbol to check if it is an addition or subtraction calculation. We are also practising our number bonds to 10 and 20. This is on our working wall in the classroom to support our learning. In English this week we have continued to link our learning with History, thinking about Florence Nightingale. We know so much about her life from when she was a little girl to how she became the founder of nursing. We wrote a character description using adjectives to describe Florence. In PSHE, we continued to think about Rights and Respect. This week we identified what we liked about our environment and recognise who cares and looks after our surroundings. Well done Year 1. You are continuing to work very hard. I am very proud of you all.

**Miss Lockett**

## Year 2

This week in History we looked at Harold Godwinson and William the Conqueror, discussing why each one of them should have been King after Edward died, leaving no heir to the throne. In PSHE, we looked at all the different people who can help us and how it is important to look for someone wearing a uniform to keep us safe. In RE, we looked at how Muslims welcome a new baby and compared this to how Christians welcome a new baby. Did you know Muslims shave the new baby's head and give the weight of hair in gold to the poor? We were very excited by snow and enjoyed catching snowflakes on our tongues!

**Mrs Wolstenholme**

## Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have enjoyed learning about the weather in Geography, looking at a map and weather forecast and analysing what this means. In English we have learnt about fronted adverbials and looked at planning a newspaper report. In Science, we have looked at written methods and explored the features of these. In Maths, we have explored non-unit fractions and have ordered and compared these. Well done for a fantastic week Year 3!

**Miss Riley**

## Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been learning how to use pronouns to avoid repetition in our writing. We have been learning how to use improper fractions and how to convert from a mixed number to an improper fraction, which has been tricky, but we have used our resilience and perseverance to get there in the end. In Science, we have been learning about how the planets in the solar system differ. In Geography, we learned how rivers can create landforms because of the different types of erosion. On Thursday, we had a visit from the school nurse who spoke to us about healthy lifestyles. She reminded us to make sure we drink enough water and get enough sleep and also in PSHE we learned about our rights. It has been another busy week Year 4 and a very snowy one! Well done!

**Mrs Schofield**

## Year 5

Another lovely week in Year 5, working extremely hard. In English, we have planned and begun writing our letter to the Nobel Prize award nominations to explain why we believe Einstein should receive this award. We incorporated main and subordinate clauses within this as well as persuasive language. In Maths, we have been learning how to estimate the area of irregular shapes. In Science, we completed an experiment to help us understand 'thermal equilibrium' - we followed a method clearly and produced our own conclusions. In RE, we looked at what makes a fine mosque: we chose our favourite pictures of mosques and described why, then we debated whether religion would be different without the great art and architecture that they have. In Computing, we have advanced our skills on formatting spreadsheets; we used pre-existing data and formulas to work out costs of journeys. In French, we have mastered identifying nouns and adjectives, as well as translating an advert for a house advert.

**Miss Wilson**



## **Year 5/6**

This week, in year 5/6, we have introduced two new figures in history: King John and King Richard. We have learned about their accomplishments and their downfalls and ultimately made judgements about who was the worst king. In Science, we have investigated thermal equilibrium by conducting quick observations and recording our information in different ways, from diagram drawings to written paragraphs. In Computing, we have used the formatting options available through Google Sheets to format our spreadsheets to display our information in the correct representation. This is something we will then use in our DT unit when we complete a questionnaire as part of our market research. In RE, we have researched what makes a good mosque and discussed the extent to which we agree with different religious statements.

**Mr Adlington**

## **Year 6**

This week in Year 6, we have been using our measurement knowledge to solve problems in Maths, involving length, mass and capacity. In English, we have continued to revise our grammar objectives, focusing on higher level punctuation. In Science, we have been looking at thermal equilibrium and how heat particles spread from one object to another. In French, we have been practising our conversational skills, explaining where we live. We also got the chance to have some fun in the snow!

**Miss Richardson**





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