

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is here! Hope you have enjoyed the little bit of sunshine we have had this week, lighter nights are on the way. Don't forget the clocks go forward this Saturday night/ Sunday morning. We have an exciting week ahead with a fluffy visitor coming into school – keep an eye out on Twitter! We also have another special visitor in school next week, the Mayor of Wakefield will be joining us to have a tour of school and lead an assembly with the children.

## **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.

## **Breakfast club**

Polite reminder that breakfast isn't accessible till 7.30am due to insurance purposes.

## **Afterschool club**

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, thank you for the donations we have already received.

## **Easter Foodbank Collection**

Our School Council will be collecting food and Easter eggs for the Resource Foodbank in Ossett. This is the final week for collection if anyone would like to donate, all donations would be greatly received.

## **Support Dogs in School**

If you haven't completed the questionnaire sent out on dojo regarding the Support Dogs Visit in school, could you please complete asap thank you so that we know which children to be aware of.

## **Water Bottles**

Please make sure that it is water being brought to school in water bottles and not juice. Thank you.



### Easter egg competition

All children are welcome to decorate a hard-boiled - polystyrene egg for the Easter egg competition, the winner will be drawn in each class next Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### PSHE/RSE

We are in the process of renewing the RSE (Relationships and Sexual Education) policy in school and would like to invite any parents who would be interested in taking part in the parent & staff consultation group to finalise this policy. If you would like to take part, please contact the office and register your interest. This consultation will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm - 4pm.

### Online Safety

Each week, we will be sharing information and website links to support parents with keeping children safe when using devices online. This week, we are sharing the NSPCC advice on how to start a conversation about online safety and the actions you can take if there is something you are worried about. We hope you find this useful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



	Event	Class
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
12.05.23	PTA Kings coronation 3.30 -5.00pm details to follow	Whole school
12.06.23	YR6 Bike ability	Year 6
04.07.23	YR1 Bike ability	Year 1
08.07.23	Summer Gala	Open event



### Pupil Achievements



### Attendance

Our attendance is 96.42% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Nursery(am) who achieved a fantastic 100%. 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	Keegan	Hollie	Isabella	Gage
F2	Ethan	Emilie	Eliza	Emily
F2/YR1	Seth	Phoebe	Jorgie	Oliver
Year 1	Pippa	Kennedy	Arlo	Thea
Year 2	Rosie	Elwood	Emma	Taylor

# What have we been getting up to this week?

## Nursery

This week Nursery have continued to learn about dinosaurs, the children have been identifying the features of the dinosaurs and how they helped to protect them. We have had some fantastic roleplaying opportunities outside as the children transform into T-Rex and pterodactyls. One of our focusses this week in maths was shapes, we have revisited 2D and 3D shapes, the children were brilliant at sorting them by if they were flat or not flat. We are continuing to learn our number rhymes, they have been really helpful for the children to learn their numerals. I look forward to speaking to you at parents evening this week and celebrating your child's progress!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

## Reception / Year 1

As we continue our journey through history this week we have explored homes from the 1900s. We have explored non-fiction texts about what houses were like 100 years ago, exploring kitchens, living rooms, bedrooms and bathrooms. We have also looked at artefacts from the 1900s and compared them to modern technology that we have now. Maths we have continued looked at factors of numbers and sorting them, such as odd and even. We are excellent mathematicians. Another brilliant week in Reception/Reception YR1.

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

## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have thoroughly enjoyed extending our history knowledge by learning about another significant figure - Mary Seacole. The children have shown great enthusiasm and a true joy in learning facts and with comparing both Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and their contribution to medicine today. In maths we have practised arithmetic skills and know how important it is to read the symbol first so we know if we are adding or subtracting. We have used our number bond skills to 10 and then to 20 to help with quick mental arithmetic.

In English we have been identifying singular and plural nouns and have been learning how to change a singular noun into a plural by adding s or es.

Well done Year 1 you have worked very hard all week.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Locket**



## Year 2

This week Class 2 have completed Maths and reading assessments to show off everything they have learnt so far. The children showed great resilience whilst doing these, well done! In RE we continued to look at how people show they belong to one another, this week looking at a Jewish wedding. We looked at how the weddings focus on the couple creating a new home together and how important the household is. In PSHE we looked at money and how we can save for something we really want. The children discussed how they would feel spending their money on different things. This also linked to our Maths work where we have been looking at money.

We continued our DT work where we have now started to build our own bridges, evaluating them and seeing how we can make them stronger.

In Science we completed our experiment where we predicted which materials would be reflective and which would not. The most reflective materials were those with smooth, shiny surfaces.

Well done Class 2 for another fantastic week. Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Wolstenholme**

## Year 3

What a lovely week we have had in Year 3!

This week we have explored equivalent fractions in Maths, we have demonstrated our CORE values in these lessons as it is very tricky work! In English we have looked at the next chapter of our book, The Firework Makers Daughter and begun to understand the features of a persuasive advert. In Geography we have learnt about why we have seasons and why the weather is wild in the UK! In Science we have learnt how to write a scientific conclusion, we now know all of the steps for writing up a scientific experiment in readiness to do this next week! In PSHE we have learnt about money and what the word 'income' means. We have enjoyed yet another music lesson with Mr Ellis, our skills in African drumming are developing and we are almost ready to perform! Well done on another super week, Year 3!

**Miss Riley**

## Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been redrafting our diary entries and finding the features of a setting description ready for our writing next week and in Science we have been learning about the Universe and what it is made up of. Did you know our Galaxy is called 'The Milky Way'? In Geography, we have been learning about the Amazon River and how it is very important to the communities of the Amazon Rainforest. We also learned about the Volga River in Russia and how it produced the largest sturgeon which was as long as our classroom and weighed a massive 1,570kg! In D.T. we have been creating a prototype of a machine to clear rocks out of the rivers and canals in Wakefield and in Forest School on Monday, we created catapults. In RE this week, we have been learning why people choose to get married and in PSHE, we learned about the United Nation Rights of a Child and we also learned about choking this week and how to recognise when one of our friends is choking. Well done Year 4 for a fabulous week!

**Mrs Schofield**

## Year 5

Another lovely in Year 5! We started the week with our last reading comprehension based on our book about Albert Einstein, after this we looked at understanding and using concise noun phrases. This developed our previous learning on expanded noun phrases. In maths we have progressed to looking a two-way table, we started with fluency in which we looked at completing data in these and then answered questions that required us to interpret the data we were given. In PSHE, we had an extremely interesting discussion in our lesson about democracy; we studied the definition of this term and looked at the process that happens before a law is put into place. After this, we looked at three potential bills and argued whether we thought these should or shouldn't be put into place. In Science, we looked at how heat is transferred through particles and applied this to some real-life situations. Enjoy your rest and weekend, Year 5 - thank you for your hard work again.

**Miss Wilson**





## **Year 5/6**

This week, in Y5/6, we have continued our learning on the medieval period by identifying the ways in which King Edward I was a great and terrible king. We discussed how his actions affected Britain and his link with William Wallace. After analysing his achievements and his downfalls we made a judgement about him as king. In science, we learned how heat is transferred between particles and revised our learning on thermal equilibrium. In maths and English, we have completed our assessment week papers: arithmetic, reasoning and comprehension. In our PE lesson, we focused on attacking and defending space in invasion games and linked this to some key skills in football games such as passing.

**Mr Adlington**

## **Year 6**

In Year 6 this week, in Maths, we have revised adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and applied this knowledge to our problem solving and reasoning questions. In English, we have planned and written a suspense narrative based on the short film, 'Roads End'. In Science, we have learnt about what makes a good conductor and a good insulator and explored how the particles move and change in the conduction process. In RE, we researched art produced by inspirational Muslim artists and discussed why these pieces were important to the Islamic religion. Have a great weekend!

**Miss Richardson**





Please support Wakefield Hospice with a

# WINTER WARDROBE CLEAR-OUT

Because we can't wait until it's time for a Spring Clean!

We are in desperate need for good quality:

Winter Clothing    Children's Toys  
Shoes                  Furniture  
Homeware

Whether a Christmas clear-out or a fresh look for the new year, please consider donating your preloved quality items to Wakefield Hospice.

T: 01924 383294    Charity No 518392





Help support our local foodbank this Easter

Our School Council  
are collecting vital food supplies  
for The Resource Foodbank in Ossett

Let's help ensure that nobody goes hungry this  
Easter

Our school council are collecting food items  
and Easter Eggs.

All donations will be greatly received





# THE RESOURCE

## Food Bank

### COLLECTION LIST

**A BIG THANK YOU!!  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

**WE ARE NOW COLLECTING ...**

#### **DRIED PRODUCE**

Cup-a-soup's  
Packet Mashed potato  
Rice (1kg bags)  
Pasta / Spaghetti  
Pasta'N'Sauce sachet's  
Pot Noodles/Mug Shots  
Biscuits

#### **BREAKFAST PRODUCE**

Porridge Oats  
Cereals  
Jam  
Marmalade

#### **CLEANING ITEMS**

Washing -up Liquid  
Dish Cloths  
Pan Scourers  
Washing Powder

#### **TOILETRIES**

Shower Gel  
Hair Shampoo  
Toothpaste/Brushes  
Face Cloths  
Shave Foam/Razors

#### **TINNED PRODUCE**

Tin Soups  
Tin Potatoes  
Tin Vegetables  
Mince Beef & Onions  
Chicken in White Sauce  
Beef/Chicken Curry  
Beef Stew  
Irish Stew  
Tin Ravioli  
Spaghetti Bolognese  
Chilli-con-Carne  
Macaroni Cheese  
Meatballs in sauce  
Baked Beans  
Tin Spaghetti  
Hot Dogs  
Sardines  
Tuna  
Sandwich Spread  
Rice Pudding  
Custard (sachet or tin)  
Tin Fruit

#### **BEVERAGES**

Tea  
Coffee  
Sugar  
Juice (concentrate)

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