

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who submitted an egg for the Easter Egg Decorating Competition – we had some amazing entries and it was clear lots of hard work had been put into these. The children have had such an exciting last week of term, meeting the Mayor of Wakefield and Doris the Support Dog. We would like to congratulate the children on their impeccable behaviour during both of these visits and the respect they showed the Mayor. We have received really positive feedback about how respectful and well-behaved the children of Towngate area. We've come to the end of another half term and would like to thank you all for your hard work and thank parents for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back in the Summer term – hopefully with a bit of sunshine! Happy Holidays everyone!

## **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.

## **Mayor of Wakefield**

We had a very special visitor in school on Thursday. We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Wakefield who explained all about the role of the Mayor and the history behind the regalia that he wears. He told us that the mayoral chains actually belong to us the people of Wakefield. He took a tour of the school visiting each class escorted by PJ our Head Boy and mini Mayor. The Mayor was blown away by our school and children especially the History knowledge in Year 2.

## **Afterschool club**

Afterschool 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.



### Support Dogs

On Tuesday, we had an amazing assembly to celebrate of Autism Acceptance Week. We were visited by Jill and Jane with their support dog Doris. They showed us how 11-month-old Doris is in training to support a person either with a disability or with Autism and will leave her trainer Jane in July to join a family. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting Doris and hope to see her again soon.

### Drumming lessons

Wakefield music service will be offering drumming lessons to KS2 for £70 per term. Any children interested in attending the music services please let the school office know.

### Gardening club

Gardening club will recommence after the Easter holidays and we would welcome any donations of compost, seeds or flower baskets. Any donations would be gratefully received.

### Dogs on school site

Please note dogs are not allowed on the school premises.

### 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
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



## Attendance

All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day. A particular well done must go to F2/YR1 who achieved a fantastic 98.6% keep going everyone!

# What have we been getting up to this week?

## Nursery

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all the parents I have spoken to this week at parents evening, it was great to be able to celebrate your child's learning with you and share all the wonderful things they enjoy. This week, the children have been developing their oral segmenting and blending skills in phonics, we have been practicing sounding out words and seeing if the children can identify the words, they have been brilliant! The story we have been learning this week was Hansel and Gretel, the children developed their empathy when thinking about how the characters were feeling when they were left in the woods and had a good understanding of what was wrong and right. The children have had another busy half term and are ready to enjoy some time with their families, we hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you after the holidays!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

## Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we conclude our half term journey through history through looking at transport and how this has changed in the last 100 years. We learnt about this alongside the lovely story 'The Train Ride', which describes all the wonderful things a child sees on her train ride to see Grandma! We used this story as inspiration to make story maps, develop our use of adjectives and nouns, and to learn about George Stephenson. We explored George Stephenson's life and how his inventions moulded the railway industry and shaped transport. Our learning also inspired us to create a train track and small world, building a town around the train track, recreating the story. In Maths we have explored sorting numbers, strengthening our number sense and mathematical vocabulary. We have worked so hard this half term and have earned this break. Happy Easter Reception and Reception/Year 1!

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

## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have finished our history topic looking at significant figures by learning about Edith Cavell. Not many people know about her but we do! She was brave and determined and helped injured soldiers in World War 1 on both sides! She believed it was the right thing to do because they needed her help.

In maths we have finished our work on place value and we have enjoyed making numbers beyond 30 using dienes and numicon to explore tens and ones.

In English we pretended to be Florence Nightingale and write a letter back to our parents from the Crimean War. We told our parents how disgusting the hospitals were.

Thank you to all the parents for attending parents' evening this week. It was lovely to see you all. Thank you all for your continued support.

Have a lovely Easter holiday.

Let's hope the sun shines so we can enjoy the outdoors.

**Miss Lockett**



## Year 2

This week Class 2 have been learning about time during Maths. We played 'Stop the Clock' where throughout the day we had to stop what we were doing and tell the time. You could try this at home! In English we wrote our final piece of writing from our class story - The Secret of Rain. This time we were Lila and wrote a letter to Lila's mum to say sorry for sneaking off to the mountain but it was very important and we were able to finally make it rain.

We were very excited to have some special visitors this week, including Doris the support dog and the Mayor. Doris was a very clever dog and we were surprised by all the ways she can help those with a disability. We were fascinated by the Mayor and his regal clothing, including the very expensive chain he wears. We were able to impress him with our History knowledge about the Battle of Hastings too as he used to be a History teacher!

The children have all worked so hard this term and Mrs Thackrah and I are very proud. We hope you have a lovely break and enjoy lots of family time.

**Mrs Wolstenholme**

## Year 3

We have had a brilliant last week this week in Year 3! In Maths we have worked hard on mass and capacity, we have compared grams and kilograms and added and subtracted these to find a total. We have also compared millilitres and litres. In English we have written a persuasive advert about joining a pirate crew! The children have thoroughly enjoyed this and produced some amazing work, well done everyone! We have worked really hard on our presentation this week so a huge well done to all of you for persevering with this! In Geography we have explored climate change and the effects of climate change on the world. In Science we have carried out an investigation and written a full scientific report on this. In RE we have continued our work on Hindu beliefs and looked at how Hindus celebrate their Gods. A very busy week in Year 3 this week, well done Year 3!

**Miss Riley**

## Year 4

We've had a super final week of the half term in Year 4. We have been very busy writing a setting description in English for when our character Magnus reaches a burned-out village with bodies on the ground and in Maths, we have been working on adding & subtracting fractions and adding fractions to whole numbers. In Science, we have completed our topic on space by learning about astronomers and in Geography, we completed our topic on rivers by learning about what happens when a river floods. On Tuesday, we thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Jill and Jane from Support Dogs with their gorgeous dog Doris as part of Autism Acceptance Week and today we wore non-uniform and watched a movie for winning dojos twice this half term! A huge well-done Year 4! Enjoy your holiday!

**Mrs Schofield**

## Year 5

What a lovely last week we have had in Year 5! We have written a newspaper article about the sad death of Albert Einstein. In maths we have finished our unit on statistics by mastering timetables and we can now read and interpret these. In Science, we completed a practical experiment to see which material stopped ice melting the most. In History, we understood the causes of the Reformation and the role that Henry the 8th played in this. I hope you have a lovely Easter everyone - you certainly deserve the rest.

**Miss Wilson**





## **Year 5/6**

This week, in Y5/6, we have looked at King Henry VIII and the part he played in 'The Reformation'. We discussed how he was influenced by people who earlier broke from the Roman Catholic Church such as Martin Luther in Germany. We also looked at the part Catherine of Aragon played in 'The Reformation' and how her relationship with King Henry VIII influenced his decisions. In science, we have learned which materials are effective conductors and insulators and created our own quiz for our friends to complete - we posted these on Google Classroom for everyone to answer. In PE, we have developed our cardiovascular fitness, balance and agility.

**Mr Adlington**

## **Year 6**

This week in Year 6, we have had our second mock SATs week. The hard work the children have put in over the past few months has really paid off: it has been great to see their progress and I am extremely proud of them - well done Year 6! In Science, we learnt how we can prevent an ice cube from melting by planning and carrying out a practical experiment. In PE, we got the chance to show off our gymnastic skills using the apparatus. In Computing, we continued expanding our spreadsheet knowledge by learning how to use equations to find averages. We applied this learning by creating our very own spreadsheet from scratch. Have a lovely, well-deserved break Year 6.

**Miss Richardson**





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**Saturday 22nd April**

**10am-12pm**

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**Ossett  
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**£5.00 per ticket**

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# Towngate Primary Academy Open Day

## Thursday 20th April 4pm - 5:30pm



**Come along and play with us!**

Explore our Nursery and Reception classroom and enjoy some play time! Have a go at some building, crafting, reading and imagining.

This Open Day will be a fun-filled session, with the opportunity to meet our wonderful Early Years team and explore our exciting classroom!



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