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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week back we have had at Towngate. Everyone has settled back in beautifully. We are looking forward to all the exciting things in Summer term and hopefully some sunshine. The children have loved being able go onto the school fields for the first time this year. A huge well done and thank you to the EYFS team on their success in the Early year open day. We had extremely positive feedback from all the families who came to visit!

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.

Crown competition

If any children would like to make a crown for the Kings coronation & bring them into school we will be holding a competition with a small prize for each class.

Car parking

Can we please ask Parents to respectful of the local residents on the surrounding areas when picking up and dropping off at school. Thank you for the support with this matter.

Red, white & blue day

Due to the Kings coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023, Children are invited to if they would like to wear Red, White & Blue clothing to mark this celebration on Friday 5th May 2023.

Uniform shop

Thursday 11th May 2023 we will be holding a second-hand uniform shop in the main playground, where we have lots of good used uniform for a small donation.



Resource Foodbank

Your Easter foodbank donations were greatly received by The Resource Foodbank. Thank you so much to everyone who donated for your overwhelming kindness - these donations make such a huge, unimaginable difference to the people who rely on this service. Our School Council will continue to collect any donations going forward and these will be in the foodbank collection basket in the hall. We will be collecting donations for the Spring Bank school holiday at the end of this term where families will be grateful for any donations no matter how small.

School Council

	Event	Class
02.05.23	Class photos	Whole school
05.05.23	Wear Red, White & Blue to school	Whole School
09.05.23 – 12.05.23	Year 6 SATS	Year 6
11.05.23	Uniform shop	Whole school
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
15.07.23	Summer Gala	Open event
21.07.23	Year 6 leavers party (more details to follow)	Year 6



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 95.57% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 3 who achieved a fantastic 98.57%. 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	Sarah	Ruby	Darcey	Lewis
Year 4	Lilly	Archie	Isabelle	Maria
Year 5	William	Eva	Joshua	Eva
Year 5/6	Phoebe	Clay	Lexi	Ethan
Year 6	George	Ava	Alfie	PJ



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back after the holiday and hear all the exciting news they had to share. This week the children have been for a walk around the school grounds looking for signs of spring, the children were really observant and noticed the leaves and flowers were starting to grow. We then looked back at some photos of our previous walks and the children were able to make connections and notice the changes of the different seasons. The topic we are focussing on this term is 'Time to Grow' where the children will be learning about how to keep healthy, how to keep our teeth healthy and the life cycles of various animals. Have a great weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

A brilliant first week back to school for Reception and Reception/Year 1. We have begun our half term unit of growth and change through exploring the story of 'Jasper's Beanstalk', discussing how plants grow and planting our own garden in the outdoor area. We compare this story with the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk' too and talked about what Jasper could do next after his beanstalk had grown. Alongside this we have been exploring the parts of a plant and their important jobs in helping plants grow. We could identify lots of different types of plants that all have an important role in our environment, e.g. giving us food, giving wildlife a home, making our environment beautiful. We have really loved exploring this topic and can't wait to delve deeper into this in the coming weeks. In maths we have bridged 10 and began looking at teen numbers and their composition. We can talk about what makes a teen number and what the units in the numbers represent - 13 is made of 1 full 10 and 3 ones. We are super mathematicians! Amazing hard work this week in Reception and Reception/Year 1.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

In Year 1 we have had an amazing start to the new term. On the first day back, we got straight into making fruit kebabs. This was part of our PSHE lesson thinking about eating healthy and having our five a day. In maths we have found out about measuring and really enjoyed measuring in cm. We know how to look at a ruler and to find out where to start measuring.

In English this half term we are thinking about poetry. We wrote our own poem about what we are thankful for. We explored ideas and drafted them down to create our own piece of poetry. What are you thankful for?

In science we have started to think about plants and planted our own beans to take care of. We also started planting seeds in our KS 1 garden area to hopefully grow beautiful flowers in our outdoor environment. Well done Year 1, you have all worked very hard.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

Class 2 have settled straight back into lessons this week. In Maths we have been looking at fractions, finding a half and a quarter. We discovered that you can find a quarter by halving it and halving it again.

In English we have started a new class book, Sulwe. We were very sad to hear that the other children were unkind to Sulwe because of the colour of her skin and that she tried doing different things to make her skin lighter. We had a fantastic PE lesson, working together in teams to win different games and also enjoyed our first Forest School session. We worked together to help clear up any rubbish that may harm the wildlife and then used natural materials we found around the school grounds to create dens for them.

In Geography we used atlases to name all the different continents and were able to find the UK and Kenya. We looked at aerial photographs and compared them, thinking about what climate they are in and how this affects the land.

Well done for working so hard, have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Wolstenholme



Year 3

What a fantastic first week back we have had in Year 3! You have made us extremely proud this week for settling straight back in to your learning, well done to you all! This week we have started our history topic on Ancient Greece, we learnt about the way their government was structured and compared this to ours. We decided that it is best to live in a democracy as we have the right to vote for our leaders. In Science we started to learn about plants, we learnt about different variables that can affect how a plant grows. In English we have started to look at poetry using our core text Storm in a Jar. In Maths we have shown resilience, working on adding and subtracting fractions. We are looking forward to learning lots of new information this half-term, continue to work hard Year 3! Well done.

Miss Riley

Year 4

It's been a very busy week back in Year 4 this week! In English, we are learning how to create an acrostic poem about a dandelion using our new book 'The Lost Words' and in Maths, we have been very busy learning decimal numbers and how to convert fractions to decimal numbers. In Science, we began our new topic learning all about how animals adapt their characteristics in able to survive in their environments and in History, we have been learning about why the Vikings invaded Britain as an introduction to our new topic 'The Vikings'. In PE, we have been learning gymnastics and in Art, we are learning how to use 3D Media to create a moving picture all about The King's upcoming Coronation - watch this space! Well done Year 4!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week, in Year 5, we have had a very busy first week back. In English we have started our new book, 'Overheard in a Tower Block' which is a short story told through a series of poems. We have analysed and discussed the features of this text so that we can write our own free-verse poem. We have started our new unit on angles in maths, firstly we looked at degrees and understood this in terms of turns. We then progressed to measuring angles with protractors using our steps to success which we crucial to ensure we did this accurately. In Guided Reading, we have started our new book 'Goodnight Mister Tom': we are all thoroughly enjoying this so far. We have focused on our fluency when reading the text, as well as our expression. In Geography, we have looked at why geographers do fieldwork and the benefits that this has for them, but also for society. In PE, we have started our new unit on athletics, beginning with a focus on our technique of batting and bowling. It has been a lovely start to our term, enjoy your weekend Year 5!

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have relished the opportunity to be back in school with our friends and teachers. We have started our new geography learning which is focused on fieldwork. We discussed why fieldwork is important and where fieldwork is currently taking place around the globe. In science, we have learned lots of new vocabulary - such as vacuole or cytoplasm - as we identified different parts of plant and animal cells. In music, we have enjoyed having Mr Ellis back teaching the class drumming. We practised rhythms using songs in order to remember the length of each pause after a beat. In English, Y5 have worked on planning their own poem based on the poetry book 'Overheard in a Tower Block' by Joseph Coelho.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been working extremely hard revising their maths, grammar and reading skills. They have shown a great attitude towards their learning; taking ownership and being resilient. In Science, we have started our new unit - Cells. We explored the similarities and differences of an animal and plant cell and explored the seven processes that a living thing does. In Geography, we are now looking at Fieldwork. We learnt about what fieldwork is, where and how it happens and the process that Geographers take when carrying out fieldwork. Keep up the hard work, Year 6! Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Richardson







Towngate Primary Academy
KINGS CORONATION CELEBRATIONS
Family tea party

 **Friday 12th May 2023**

From 3.30pm - 5pm

 *Bring your picnic blankets and join us on the field to celebrate the Kings Coronation.* 

There will be a free royal hunt around school grounds as well as games to play on the field.

Refreshments will be available to purchase.

Any shop bought donations of cakes also welcomed on the day.

We hope to see you there.





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SCHOOL GALA

FREE ENTRY
10am - 3pm

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023

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