

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week in school. Clubs started again this week and children have been excited to participate and it has been lovely to see what all the children have been up to. Remember to keep checking twitter to see all the exciting things happening in school. Next week we are looking forward to celebrating the coronation don't forget to bring your crowns in on Friday!

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 be 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.

Puberty Workshop

A huge thank you to Lucy from SCARF who came to deliver a puberty workshop to Year 5 today. She spoke to us about menstruation and how male and female bodies change during puberty.

Uniform

We welcome any donations of school uniform in good condition and also any school shoes and coats that are in good condition that your children have grown out of. Our school council will be collecting these items and will be selling them after school one evening for a donation to Wakefield Hospice. We would also welcome any donations of coat hangers and a clothing rail if anyone has one they can donate.



Gardening Club

Gardening Club is now well underway and we have been busy planting some sunflower seeds to take home. We will be having a sunflower competition to see who grows the tallest sunflower. We would appreciate any donations of empty hanging baskets and brackets for the children to fill and display around school.

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.

Materials plea

As a school we are looking to develop a role play area for use at lunchtimes and breaktimes across KS2. We are kindly asking parents for any donations of materials for the children to use to create role play characters and settings. If you have anything that would be suitable for this area then please hand donations to class teachers or the school office.

	Event	Class
04.05.23	Polling day (INSET DAY) school closed	Whole school
05.05.23	Wear Red, White & Blue to school	Whole School
08.05.23	Kings coronation bank holiday (School closed)	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
15.05.23	Class photographs	Whole school
11.05.23	Uniform shop (main playground)	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

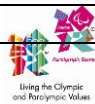


Attendance

Our attendance is 93.47% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Nursery who achieved a fantastic 96.09%. 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	Louie	Isabella	Oliver	Telisha
Reception F2	Cora	Maizy	Austin	Isla
Reception/Year 1	Eligh	Hannah	Rueben	Lilly
Year 1	Theo	Isabell	Arlo	Joseph
Year 2	Evie	Andrea	Jayden	Freddie



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week the children have been learning about how to keep their mouth healthy by brushing our teeth and going to the dentist. The children have been brilliant at brushing their teeth independently whilst making sure they brush each tooth. In maths this week the children have been learning about capacity using the language full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and empty. Thank you to everyone who is practicing their phonics at home we can see a great impact in your child's retention of the sounds. We have changed our PE lesson to a Friday, so this is the day we can come in trainers and sportswear if you wish to do so. Thank you for your continued support and enjoy your long weekend.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have looked at the story 'A Seed in Need'. This story explores the life cycle of a seed, which has inspired lots of scientific talk about how plants grow and change. We used what we had learnt to do an investigation into growing plants and what they needed to grow. We also created a plant diary and wrote about each stage of the plant life cycle. Outside we have done some gardening and planted our own seed garden full of exciting plants, such as peas, carrots, spring onions and flowers. We have also created our own Café and worked as chefs, waitresses and hostesses, creating our menu to serve imaginary goodies to our classmates and teachers. In maths we have continued our learning of teen numbers and focused on ordering numbers, odds and evens and noticing patterns in a number grid. We have had a week full of imagination, investigation and inspiration!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week Year 1 having been learning how to write a poem using descriptive language. We looked at a picture of the ocean and sea and used adjectives to describe the setting. In English we have continued to order the alphabet. We know the markers are A, MN and Z. When we have these in place, we then order the other letters.

In maths we have been thinking about weight and mass. We have used balancing scales to decide which object is heavy and which object is light. We had to order heaviest to lightest and then lightest to heaviest. In geography we have been thinking about how the weather affects us in what we like to do, what we like to wear and where we like to go.

In science we have identified wild plants and where they grow in our school grounds.

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett



Year 2

This week in Maths we have continued to look at fractions, moving onto finding a third. We know that we can find a third by sharing into three equal groups. In English we wrote a diary entry as if we were Sulwe from our new class story. We talked about how the other children were making us feel and things we did to try and make our skin lighter because Sulwe wanted to be more like her sister who was the colour of high noon.

We had another exciting forest school session where we used potato peelers safely to peel sticks and decorate them

In RE we looked at what makes us unique and how it makes us feel when others are unkind. We listened to the song 'You are a Star' which had lots of kind words in and then wrote our own verse to add to the song.

In PSHE we looked at what choices we are able to make ourselves and what choices others might make for us and why. We know that sometimes adults make choices in order to keep us safe and healthy. In Geography we have been comparing the climates in the UK and Kenya. Did you know that the UK is a temperate climate?

Another very busy week, well done Year 2. Enjoy your long weekend.

Mrs Wolstenholme

Year 3

We have had yet another fantastic week in Year 3! In English we have written our own narrative poems about a storm, we found it very tricky but persevered and produced some lovely poems. In Maths we have been working out fractions of an amount, we now know that to work out a fraction you have to divide by the denominator and multiply by the numerator. In History we looked at the Golden Age of Ancient Greece and the reasons for this name, did you know the first ever Olympics was held in 776BC? In French we worked on writing our own sentences about fruit, using our prior knowledge of colours and numbers. In PE we had another lovely session on Hockey, we learnt all of the skills needed to play the game and enjoyed a bit of healthy competition using our tackling skills! In Art we have explored how expression is shown through sketching and colours. A very busy week, well done Year 3!

Miss Riley

Year 4

We have been working really hard in Year 4 this week redrafting our acrostic poems about a dandelion and in Maths, we have been learning how to use hundredths in decimals. In Science, we have been learning how animals adapt to living in hot conditions and in History, we learned what happened in Lindisfarne 793. In PE, we have been learning some dance moves and in RE, we are learning why people pray and what praying means. In French, we have been learning different hobbies and how to say we play and in Art, we are planning a Coronation scene using malleable materials with moving characters using stop motion. Well done for a fabulous week Year 4.

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week, in Year 5, we have written our own free-verse poem about the setting of the Tower Block in our core text. These were utterly beautiful to read; everyone incorporated some wonderful figurative and emotive language to describe the past memories that were created there. In Maths, we have demonstrated excellent resilience to master finding angles on a straight line and also around a point. Firstly, we developed our knowledge through fluency questions and then applied this knowledge to reasoning and problem-solving questions. We applied some super map-reading skills in our Geography lesson which was all about why Geographers use maps and how they assist them in fieldwork. In RE, we used our chromebooks to understand what Christians, Hindus and non-religious people believe about having a soul: we found some interesting differences in these beliefs. On Monday, we were also lucky enough to have a visit from the NSPCC who delivered a workshop on 'speaking out' to stay safe. They shared some really insightful information on children's rights and the wonderful work that Childline do. In PE, we have continued to work hard on our batting and bowling skills through some more exciting games! Thank you for all of your commitment and dedication again this week Year 5, enjoy your weekend.

Miss Wilson



Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have continued our study on our geography unit which looks at fieldwork skills that geographers use to conduct research. In this week's lesson, we learned about maps. We looked at the different types of maps that are available and discussed the benefits of each map for geographers. We learned a new word 'topographic' which related to physical features being represented on a map. We also investigated how contour lines can help us understand whether the land is steep or flatter depending on how close together those lines are. In computing, we continued to develop our E-safety awareness by playing our CEOP game. We also used scratch to explore how conditional statements can be used to influence the outcome of coding. We experimented changing conditions using 'If...then...else' blocks which enabled us to make simple games. In science, we looked at the main organ systems of the body in readiness for the next lesson which breaks down what organs, tissues and cells are in more detail.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

In year 6 this week, we have continued to work extremely hard preparing for our upcoming SATs. We have been revising key concepts in maths and working together to problem solve by coaching our peers. The children have shown tremendous resilience this week so keep it up, not long to go now - I am so proud of you all! In Science, we have continued to explore living things; this week looking at the systems that keep animals and plants alive. In PE, we have been playing team sports - cricket and football rounders (we beat year 5/6!). In RE, we have learnt the different beliefs that various religions have about life after death. We worked together to create a presentation and shared this with our classmates. In Geography, we have been looking at four-figure grid references and using them to find places on a map. Keep working hard, year 6, I promise it will be worth it! Have a great 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.





Exhibition entry is FREE for Members, Wakefield District residents & under 18s.

Family Fun at The Hepworth Wakefield

Thurs 27 April & Tues 2 May 2023

Join us for a creative day out with your family on Thurs 27 April and Tues 2 May. Explore the galleries and garden with activities for all ages. Make a day of it and bring along a packed lunch to enjoy in our garden or picnic area.

THE HEPWORTH WAKEFIELD

GARDEN PLAY

Drop in 11am – 4pm

Stock, build, experiment, draw and imagine with your family in the open air. Be inspired by the garden's artworks and plants, the weather and buildings around you.

ART POD

Tue 2 May only

Drop in 11am – 4pm

Closed for lunch 1 – 1.30pm

Join us at the Art Pod to make your own artwork inspired by what you see in the galleries

EXPLORE & DRAW KITS

10am – 4.30pm

Have fun moving around the galleries and garden with our creative looking and drawing kit.

EXPLORE & DRAW STATIONS

10am – 5pm

Suitable for families with children aged 2–12. Borrow looking tools, handling objects and drawing materials inspired by the artworks in the galleries.

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SCHOOL GALA

FREE ENTRY
10am - 3pm

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