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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely this week to see some of our children begin to enjoy their summer educational visits. Our Key Stage One children demonstrated their impeccable CORE values during their visit to Askham Bryan. Well done everyone, it sounds like you had a wonderful time!

Reading Visitor

As you will be aware, school unfortunately made the decision to cancel our reading visitor this week. This decision was made due to the insufficient time given to notify parents and carers of the visit - as is the expectation with all visits and visitors in and out of school. As a school, we will work hard to ensure that parents and carers are made aware of all events, visits and enrichments in a timely manner, and thereby given sufficient time to ask any questions about the event or activity.

We remain committed to seeking opportunities that further strengthen and celebrate inclusion and diversity within our school community. Enrichment of our curriculum is a key part of life at Towngate and we continue to explore opportunities to do so further, including other events that promote diversity and inclusion. Thank you for your continued support.

Pride Event

We are excited to inform you of our plans to mark the end of Pride Month with a celebration day on **Friday 30th June**. We invite all children to wear bright colours to represent and celebrate individuality and partake in a range of activities based around some of the wonderful books we have in school focused around acceptance, inclusion and diversity. Classes will have the opportunity to explore different books as a stimulus to showcase their understanding of how, together as a community, we can promote equality, celebrate difference and combat discrimination.

Class Dojo

Please be advised that as of today, the comments on Class Dojo have been disabled. It is important that Dojo remains a positive communication portal between school and home. Parents and carers will continue to be able to liaise with class teachers via the messaging function and - as always - the telephone and enquiries inbox remain open for parents and carers to communicate with school.

Coffee & Cake session

Miss Lowell - our Learning Mentor - is pleased to be launching her monthly coffee and cake session. The first session will be taking place on **Monday 3rd July from 2.30pm**. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to spend time in school and enjoy a chat in an informal setting. We hope to see you there!

PSHE/RSE

Just a reminder that in PSHE/RSE (Relationships & Sexual Education) the children are learning about 'Growing and Changing' this half term. Please refer to the RSE Newsletter emailed to parents before half term regarding subject matter and key vocabulary.



Sporting Success

Our Towngate community are bursting with pride as one of our students, Will in Year 6, has signed to play for Sheffield Wednesday. Will has and continues to work incredibly hard for this achievement and his dedication and love for football has clearly paid off! Well done Will, continue your hard work and we are sure you will achieve your dream.



Extreme Reading

Thank you for the fantastic entries to our Extreme Reading competition – we were so impressed with how creative and adventurous you can be in your quest to enjoy one of your favourite books! We are pleased to announce the winners of our competition: Cora M (F2), Emma M (Y1), Lucas G (Y2), Miles S (Y4), Karim L (Y6).

All of the entries will be shared and celebrated on an extreme reading display in school - well done everyone!

Key Term Dates

Please see attached dates for your diary for this half term:

Date	Event	Class
28 th June 2023	Time to Think @ Kingsway Church workshops	Further information and classes allocated to each session to be shared in due course.
29 th June 2023		
30 th June 2023		
30 th June 2023	Pride Day	All classes invited to wear bright colours.
3 rd July 2023	Y4 Trip Murton Park	Year 4
6 th July 2023	Y3 Trip – Forest school experience	Year 3
14 th July 2023	French Day	Y4 to Y6 to wear white -Y3 to Y1 to wear blue – EYFS to wear red
17 th July 2023	Y6 residential Ingleborough Hall	Year 6
20 th July 2023	Y5 Camping Trip	Year 5
21 st July 2023	Y6 Leavers' Party – organised by the PTA	Year 6
24 th July 2023	9.15am – 10.15am - EYFS Sports Day 10.30am – 11.30am – KS1 Sports Day 2.00pm – 3.15pm – KS2 Sports Day	All classes
26 th July 2023	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole school



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 95.14% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 3, who achieved 100% attendance this week. 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	Eliza	Jenson	Rory	Archie
Reception	Edie	Milan	George	Emily
Reception/Year 1	Phoebe	Holly	Olivia	Ivy
Year 1	Freddie	Charlie	Daisy	Freya
Year 2	Kyrena	Verity	Mia	Elsie



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week the children have continued to enjoy roleplay opportunities relating to our topic 'The Seaside', they have enjoyed using the props such as arm bands, beach balls and rubber rings to create a brilliant swimming adventure! We have been looking at the story 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside' and the children were amazing at identifying the features such as the light house, cliffs and pebbles. In phonics this week, the children have continued to develop their blending skills to begin to read words which is amazing! Well done for working so hard everyone, you make us so proud! Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have explored the story of 'The Snail and the Whale'. We have talked about where in the world we would visit if we got a lift from a whale. We wanted to go to Turkey, to the beach and even to the moon! We then practiced our independent writing, drafting postcards to our chosen destination along with a detailed picture. In maths, we have consolidated our knowledge of number bonds to 5 and 20, as well as odds and evens. We have continued to enjoy the outdoor space, even in the downpour of Tuesday, making shelters and caves, as well as planning and playing exciting football matches. Another super week for Reception and Reception/Year 1!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been finding out how to find a quarter of a shape and a quarter of an amount. Some children in class linked this to the 4 times table and were able to solve a challenge that needed this knowledge. We are beginning to find out that 2 quarters is the same as a half, ready for Year 2 learning. In English, we have continued the story 'Seeds of Friendship' and have retold the beginning of the story in our own words. We were all so proud of our writing and are working so hard to improve our handwriting and presentation. In history we looked at how transport has changed over time, matching an old vehicle to its equivalent modern version. We linked our history work to picture news which asked the question - How has transport changed our lives? We looked into the future and talked about how many think that in 10 years' time we will be able to travel from London to Australia in 2 hours! Watch this space! Well done Year 1, you have all worked super hard.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

We had a very exciting start to the week with our class trip to Askham Bryan Wildlife & Conservation Park where we enjoyed a workshop looking at different creatures, animal skulls and fossils. We explored the park in the sunshine, looking at all the different animals. Our favourite animal was the lemurs who were sunbathing! In English we wrote a recount of our fun day out, adding lots of detail and descriptive language. We have continued to look at measuring in Maths, looking at how we measure liquids and the difference between volume and capacity.

In History, we looked more in depth at Rosa Parks and the events that lead to the bus boycott, including how Martin Luther King was involved. In PSHE, we discussed the feelings we may have when we lose something or someone moves away. We shared our own experiences of when we had lost something and how it felt when we found it again. We have been learning about what causes a change in state of a solid in Science. To help us understand, we held an ice cube and was surprised at how quickly it started to change into a liquid. Well done Year 2!

Mrs Wolstenholme

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have worked hard during our English lessons, writing a character description about the main character in our new book. In Maths, we have identified and compared right, acute and obtuse angles. Ask us how to make a right-angle checker! In Geography, we have learnt what a fold mountain is and how they are formed. In French, we have used our prior knowledge to build sentences about fruit and food. In Science, we have learnt about how we classify animals based on their diets. We have learnt about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and what they eat. During Forest School, we practised our whittling skills and in PE we worked on our long-distance running skills. We had a very important assembly about water safety on Wednesday, we can now identify the flags and danger signs we might see around open water spaces and know what to do if we get in trouble near water. Another super week Year 3, well done!

Miss Riley



Year 4

Year 4 have been working really hard this week on their character descriptions in English. We have been describing Bjorn Sigurdsson, a fierce brutal Viking warrior who also has a softer side and in Maths we have been working on 12 hour and 24-hour clock and converting times. In Science, we have been learning about the major bones in our body and why we need them and in Geography, we have been learning about the increased usage of the world's natural resources and why this is happening. In PSHE, we have been learning about hormones and why our moods change as we move into puberty and in French, we have been learning how to say items of clothing. Well done for another busy week Year 4!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

We have had another busy but wonderful week in Year 5! In English, we have worked incredibly hard to re-draft and improve our job advertisements. We have also read more of our book, Peter Pan, and answered some challenging inference and explanation comprehension questions. In Maths, we have been learning how to order and compare negative numbers: everyone has worked incredible hard in applying their knowledge to some tricky problem-solving questions. In Science, we looked at how different diets impact the environment. We used newspaper articles to explore and understand the views around the impact of a variety of foods. In Music, we have developed our skills in reading music to follow and play sequences with instruments. In RE, we enjoyed a creative lesson in which we created a timeline to represent when, how and why a range of religions started: the result of these were wonderful! I hope you have a super weekend everyone and I'll see you on Monday.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have continued our learning which focuses on the history of the Middle East. We have learned why different religions have legitimate claims to the importance of the Middle East, including Judaism, Islam and Christianity. We have consolidated our knowledge of the area known as Mesopotamia through our daily review of previously taught content. In English, our Y5 children have written a formal advertisement for an Edwardian nanny to help the Darling family from the classic fiction book 'Peter Pan'. Our science lesson has investigated why people with different lifestyles need different diets by identifying the calorific input vs the calories burnt through exercise and activity. With the hot weather lasting, we have watched a live workshop which explained the dangers of swimming in open water to ensure we stay safe whilst having fun this summer.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

This week, in Year 6, we have been writing letters to local businesses, in Ossett and Dewsbury, politely asking for donations to enhance our last 6 weeks. The children were great at this and definitely knew how to play on those heart strings! In PSHE, we explored feelings around body image. The children were extremely kind to each other by telling their peers what they liked about them. In Science, we explored the different effects that diet has on the environment, discovering that just about everything we eat impacts our environment in some way! The children transitioning to Ossett Academy also got chance to visit this week; we heard lots of good things about it and they are now more confident about September!

Miss Richardson



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SCHOOL GALA

FREE ENTRY
10am - 3pm

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023

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AND MUCH MORE

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