

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week in school this week, with our Year 3, Year 4 and Reception children enjoying their educational visits – behaving impeccably and the week rounding off with some glorious sunshine! Thank you to the staff for going above and beyond to arrange these and our previous and upcoming visits. As we approach the final few weeks in school, we look forward to continuing to enrich the curriculum and making many new memories together.

Miss Ayling & Mrs Davies

Today is Miss Ayling's last day in school before she begins her maternity leave as she awaits the arrival of her new baby. The staff and children are incredibly excited to meet the newest member of the Towngate team and we wish Miss Ayling a happy and healthy maternity leave.

We are pleased to share that Mrs Davies returns to school on Monday 10th July after her period away on maternity leave. Mrs Davies will be joining Mrs Kimbley in Reception class, covering Miss Ayling's maternity leave and she is excited to meet the children within the setting. Welcome back Mrs Davies – we have all missed you very much!

Staffing Update

As we look forward to our transition days next week, we would like to make you aware of the upcoming staffing changes for next academic year: Mrs Wolstenholme has secured a promotion within the trust and is therefore leaving Towngate to work as Key Stage One Leader at one of our trust schools – we are very grateful to have had the privilege of working alongside Mrs Wolstenholme over the years and wish her congratulations in her new role – we know she will be a fantastic asset to her new school.

Miss Richardson will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to join another school within the trust. Miss Richardson has been a fantastic member of our staff team and we are grateful to her for her ongoing hard work and dedication to the school and the children. We wish her all the best as she embarks on her new role.

We will be welcoming a new class teacher next year to school: Mr Hitch will be joining us for transition days and Meet the Teacher sessions and is looking forward to joining the Towngate team in September. We wish Mr Hitch a warm welcome and we are certain he will be a great addition to our team.

Pride Day

Last Friday, we celebrated the end of Pride Month with a celebration of diversity and difference. In school, the children used books to explore these themes and created some beautiful work which now adorn our school corridor. We used texts including 'Rainbow Revolution', 'and Tango makes Three', 'Uncle Bobby's Wedding' and 'Incredible You!' to stimulate our conversations and ideas. We wore bright colours to celebrate our individuality and identity!



Transition

A reminder that Monday is the first of our school transition mornings. Children should come into their normal classes and they will be collected from the classroom by their new class teachers. We will communicate the arrangements for classes on Monday.

Ossett Rotary Club

On Friday 21st July, the Ossett Rotary club will be joining us in Celebration assembly to present the year two children with their very own 'Dictionaries 4 Life' as they transition into Key Stage Two.

What are we reading?

This week, Mrs Bateman wanted to share one of her favourite books, aimed at children in Years 5 and 6: 'Journey to the River Sea'. This book centres around an orphaned girl, sent from England to live with her relatives in Manaus, The Amazon. The book is filled with mysterious and memorable characters, exposing children to an exotic world and an exciting adventure – a must read! This book can be found in our KS2 reading areas for our children to enjoy.



Safeguarding Update

As a school we work really hard to understand areas within our local community which may pose challenges for children when they are out and about. As parents and carers, we recognise that you will have a good understanding of the local issues that may present challenges for your children within the wider community. We would encourage you to share this information with school, so we can discuss and support the children in how to manage potential risks as part of our safeguarding within the curriculum offer.

School Gala

A reminder that our annual school gala is taking place here on our school field on Saturday 15th July – we hope you can join us for this community event, organised by our dedicated PTA.

Coffee & Cake session

Miss Lowell's next coffee and cake session will take place on **Monday 11th September 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!

NSPCC

Thank you for your kind donations for the NSPCC Daily Mile – we are please to share that with your generosity, we raised £116.70. As always, any money for charity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Key Term Dates

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

Date	Event	Class
10 th July 2023	Transition Morning	All classes
13 th July 2023	Excellence Exhibit begins	All classes
14 th July 2023	Transition Morning	All classes
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 (after school)	Year 5
21 st July 2023	Y6 Leavers' Party – organised by the PTA	Year 6
21 st July 2023	Written reports go home today	All classes
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
25 th July 2023	Meet the Teacher	KS2 classes from 3.15pm
25 th July 2023	Year 2 Graduation Assembly	Year 2 parents and carers from 2.30pm
26 th July 2023	Reception Graduation Assembly	Reception parents and carers from 2.30pm
26 th July 2023	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole school
26 th July 2023	Meet the Teacher	KS1 classes from 3.15pm
27 th July 2023	1.45pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Parents and carers of Y6 pupils
28 th July 2023	Break up today	All pupils



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 94.03% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 1, 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!

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Nursery	Oliver	Tristian	Summer	Joseph
F2 (reception)	Eliza	Darcy	Archie	Izrael
F2//Year 1	Ashlee	Francesca	Zachary	Emily
Year 1	Scarlet Laud	Kennedy	Ellie B	Harry
Year 2	Oscar	Alonso	Isabel	Mark



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

The children have been learning about our new story this week 'The Snail and the Whale' we have been thinking about the journey they took and exploring the different climates. The children were so enthralled with the story that they asked for "A Fire station" so they could save the whale, so this is what we did and the children have been amazing at acting out various roleplay scenarios! In phonics the children have been exploring rhyming words and making up some silly sentences and clapping out the syllables in the words. They have been really excited to visit F2 this week, meeting some new friends and showing confidence in new situations. Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have looked at non-fiction texts and found out lots of interesting information about animals that live under the sea. We found out about whales, dolphins and octopi – creating our own detailed fact files and pictures to match. We have loved talking about these animals and painting detailed under the sea pictures to show all we have learnt. In maths we have deepened our understanding of addition and subtraction problems and applied this in our weekly maths quiz! We ended the week with our Outdoor Adventure Day! We loved exploring the outdoor and learning new forest school skills – what amazing fun we had.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we had an amazing 2 days doing bike ability. We started on the balance bikes and progressed to the pedal bikes. The children who learnt to ride a bike were so proud of themselves. The children who could already ride a bike learnt new skills too. Thank you to Phil for leading this activity - we have written our thank you letters with beautiful detailed pictures. We hope you like them Phil. In maths, we have revisited learning place value but this time with numbers to 100. We have been making 2-digit numbers using base ten to understand which digit is tens and which is ones. In History, we found out about the history of cars and why Henry Ford is a significant figure in the development of the assembly line and mass production making it cheaper for more people to buy cars. For our homework the children were asked to find out about the railway station in Ossett which was located on Station Road. We now know when it was built, when it closed and why it closed. Super history detectives Year 1!

Well done Year 1 you have all worked super hard this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

This week in Maths we have been looking at tally charts and pictograms, drawing our own and interpreting the data. In English we wrote a letter as Tuffy from our class text, Diary of a Killer Cat. Tuffy is a very cheeky cat who keeps getting himself into mischief! In PE we enjoyed a cosmic yoga adventure to the story Encanto. We stood in all the different yoga poses to tell the story. We used SketchUp during Computing to design our push and pull toys that we will be making in DT. We conducted an experiment in Science to see which items were more soluble, ensuring we made it a fair test. In PSHE we looked at how male and female bodies are different, labelling the different parts, and discussed how our body belongs to us. We made thank you cards in RE to show kindness and discussed how if everyone followed the golden rule - Do unto others how you would have them do unto you - the world would be a much nicer place. Following on from Emeline Pankhurst in History, we looked at Emily Davidson who was another suffragette fighting for votes for women. She tragically died after throwing herself in front of the King's horse while she was protesting.

We were very lucky to have our first parent reader, Mr Fisher, share the story of The Runaway Pea with us and are looking forward to next week's reader already! Another busy week Year 2, well done! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wolstenholme



Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been very busy working on our knowledge of shapes this week. We have learnt what a quadrilateral is and have practised drawing polygons using rulers. In English, we have written instructions on how to deliver Master Aritson's play. In Geography, we have looked at how earthquakes occur and the catastrophic consequences they can have. In DT, we have looked at different type of levers and made our own example. In PSHE, we have learnt about the PANTS rule. Finally, we finished our week with a lovely forest school experience on Thursday. We had lots of fun working through our 'greatest hits' of Year 3. We made volcanoes using natural resources, we used Roald Dahl books that we had read to recreate stories using natural resources and we made our own photo frames using nature. We also enjoyed having our tea together and watching a film to celebrate the end of our day!

Miss Riley

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been busy writing a newspaper report in English about a vicious attack at the Viking village that caused a horrendous fire and in Maths, we have been learning how to recognise triangles. In Geography, we have been learning about the natural resources in Chile and in Science, we have been learning if all teeth are the same and their function. In PE, we have been practising our fabulous dance routine and practising for sports day. On Monday, we had the most amazing trip to Murton Park where we dressed as Vikings for the day, complete with spear and shield. We defended our village, made oil lamps, ground flour to make our own bread, played Viking games and even learned some Viking words. Well done Year 4 for a fantastic week!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week in English, we have produced some absolutely incredible narratives about an adventure to Neverland with Peter Pan and Tinkerbell. These pieces were a real stepping stone as the progression in everyone's writing really shone through - they were a real pleasure to read! In Maths, we have continued our unit of conversion. We have looked at how to convert different lengths and time - a very helpful life skill! We have also been some super scientists this week and have looked at the meaning of 'medicines' and the impact these have on our bodies. In Computing, we have continued to master programming by implementing movement into our coding. We used our knowledge of degrees and compasses to control our programmes. Finally, in PE, we have continued to develop our athletic skills for Sports Day, as well as adding more counts onto our dance routine. This week we created our own section of a dance to express our own identities through movement. Another fun-filled week, with lots of incredible learning taking place. Well done Year 5 - you continue to make me so proud.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, our DT lesson developed our ability to effectively communicate design ideas, using computer aided design (CAD). We used Sketchup software to begin converting our initial sketches into 3D computer generated designs. This allowed us to make changes to our ideas efficiently and gave us the opportunity to view our product from many different angles. In maths, our Y5 children have calculated the volume of 3D shapes; firstly, by counting cubic centimetres, then by using the calculation $L \times W \times H$. We solved problems by breaking down questions into more easily manageable steps and worked logically, ensuring we demonstrated our thoughts in our working out. In English, we have written our own narratives based on our class book - Peter Pan - we have edited and improved our work by peer assessing. In science, we have learned about what happens to the body during exercise and the impact of exercise on the circulatory system.

Mr Adlington



Year 6

We've had another busy and fun-filled week in Year 6 this week. In PE, we have continued to progress our athletic skills so that we are prepared for sports day! In History, we have learnt about why the Middle East is important to different religions by exploring the events that happened to these countries. This linked closely to our RE learning about the origin of religions. We have also been very busy with our enterprise projects: we have completed a staff car wash, raising money to put towards an end of year treat and created and designed our menus, ready for next week's Afternoon Tea. Have a lovely weekend, Year 6!

Miss Richardson



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SCHOOL GALA

FREE ENTRY
10am - 3pm

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023

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