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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been really special in school; as we approach the end of the academic year, we look back at the fantastic memories the children have made together and look ahead to our final week in school. Next week, we look forward to plans including sports day, Towngate's Got Talent, our Reception and Year 2 graduations and Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to look forward to.

Residential Trips

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic experience this week as they took a trip to Ingleborough Hall. This residential allowed the children to work collaboratively as a team, take risks and try new challenges and developed their communication and support for one another – even the rain didn't stop the fun! The children's behaviour was excellent and a huge thank you must go to our fantastic staff team, who gave up their time to attend this residential and ensured the children were able to make



memories together before they set off on their next adventures to high school.



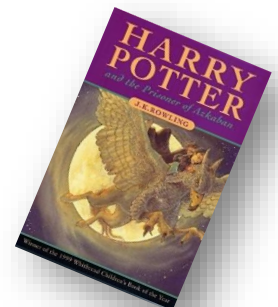
Year 5 took on the great outdoors during their camping experience this week – the children pitched their own tents, played Kinball, participated in den building exercises, made campfires and sang campfire songs and even ate bugs – a true camping delicacy! The children's behaviour has been exemplary – well done everyone! Thank you – once again – to our wonderful adults who too braved the outdoors to give the children memories to last a lifetime!

School Gala

Thank you to all of the children, parents, carers and staff who joined us for our annual summer school gala. With your support, we raised £1064.88 – despite the rain it was a fantastic turn out! A huge thank you must go to our PTA who have spent a lot of time preparing and organising this event, all to raise funds for to benefit our children in school. This year alone, the PTA have raised almost £3000 – thank you so much – the school are so lucky to have you all!

What are we reading?

This week, Mrs Johnson shared her love for all things Harry Potter! Her favourite book is the third in the series – The Prisoner of Azkaban! Mrs Johnson loves the books for their fantasy plot lines – with her favourite character being Sirius Black – the dark and mysterious character. Although a world-famous series of films, Mrs Johnson highly recommends the high-quality literature as a fantastic opportunity to get lost in a new world!



Celebration assembly

Just to inform parents and carers that we will **not** be holding a celebration assembly on Friday 28th July 2023 due to us moving Towngate's Got Talent to Friday from the scheduled day of Wednesday. Towngate's Got Talent is held in school for the children to perform to their friends. We feel this will end the school year in true Towngate style!

Life Skills Curriculum

You may have noticed on our school twitter feed that the children have been undertaking Life Skills. Each year, we plan a selection of activities which teach the children core skills they will need to carry them through childhood and beyond. The following life skills sessions have taken place: Y6 prepared an afternoon tea for parents and carers, Year 5 learn to tie a tie – which wasn't as simple as it sounded! Year 4 learnt how to use a washing machine, Year 3 have been thinking about the importance of healthy eating (even at snack time) and made delicious yogurt bark with fruit, yogurt and granola., Year 2 will be learning to tie their shoelaces next week, Year 1 have been working hard on their table manners to use a knife and fork correctly. In Early Years all the children have working hard on learning to brush their teeth.

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!

Uniform Shop

To make parents and carers aware, we continue to be holding our Uniform Shop. This is located under the veranda by the main reception, where lost property and donated uniform can be taken for free. Thank you, Mrs Gordon, for organising this!

ARTventurers Club

ARTventurers Ossett have kindly offered to run an after-school club on Wednesdays starting from 20th September for children from Reception to Year 6. Sessions will be priced at £6 per week and will run for 5 weeks. If your child would be interested in a place, please inform the school office by **Friday 28th July**. Dependant on take-up, places will be confirmed directly.

Attendance reporting procedures

A polite reminder that any absence from school should be promptly reported to the school office rather than using other means of communication such as Dojo. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Bereavement Support

As mentioned previously on the newsletter, we will be starting our bereavement group for pupils in school. The first session will be led by Miss Lowell on **Friday 15th September 2023** and will be an opportunity for children to talk and begin to create a memory box. Should you feel you would like your child to be part of this, please email the school office.

Wraparound Fees

As you will know, we have not increased our Nursery wraparound fees for quite some time now because we try to keep costs as low as possible for parents and carers however, due to increased costs for staffing and resources we will need to implement a slight increase from September.

As of 1st September 2023, our wraparound fees will be:

Nursery Half Day Afternoon - £15

Nursery Additional 45 Minute Session - £4

These fees have been kept as low as we can possibly make them and knowing what is charged both within Wakefield and nationally, these fees are considerably cheaper. We want to continue to offer the wraparound support, all whilst supporting the cost of living increases too.

Thank you



Key Term Dates

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

Date	Event	Class
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	Meet the Teacher – Miss Riley	Reception class from 3.15pm
25 th July 2023	YR2 Graduation Assembly	Year 2 parents and carers from 2.30pm
26 th July 2023	Meet the Teacher	KS1 classes from 3.15pm
26 th July 2023	Reception Graduation Assembly	All Reception class @ 2.15pm
26 th July 2023	Nursery Graduation Assembly	Nursery @ 2.15pm
28 th July 2023	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole school – pupils only
27 th July 2023	1.45pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Parents and carers of YR6 pupils
28 th July 2023	Teddy Bear's Picnic	Nursery (AM)
28 th July 2023	Break up today	All pupils



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 95.13% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 5/6, who achieved 98.66% 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	Mahbeer	Bradley	Kimberley	Av
Reception	Edie	Jack	Izrael	Darcy
Reception/Year 1	Harper	India	Esmee	Freddie
Year 1	Pippa	Isla	Mahdi	Emma
Year 2	Violet	Esme	Verity	Jayden

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

We have had another fun and exciting week learning about pirates, the children have been learning about life as a pirate and about their swashbuckling ways. The children have enjoyed dressing up and hiding treasure for their friends to find, we have had some brilliant directional language such as- under, forward, sideways and on top. Even though the weather has not been great this week this has not dampened nursery's spirit, we all got our wet suits on and had a fabulous time splashing in the puddles and rolling down the hills in the rain! Our Fire Station has now become a Police Station this week, it has been wonderful to see the children learning about the different occupations and they have spent a lot of time putting Miss Haigh in jail! We are looking forward to a busy week next week with lots of fun activities and games for our last week together.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon



Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception/Year 1 we have been learning all about ...pirates!! In English, we have been reading a story called 'The Night Pirates', about a little boy Tom who goes on an adventure! The children have been using descriptive writing to talk about different pictures from the story and thinking about what Tom might say during different parts of the story.

In Maths, we have been thinking about positional language and used this to help each other follow a treasure map! We have been learning all about pirate ships and the different features such as; sails, rigging and masts. The children have been using this knowledge in the provision and drawing detailed pictures of pirates and their pirates' ships. Then creating their own pirate ships with the construction. We have been practising ready for Sports Day on Monday and we can't wait! Well done for a fantastic week everyone!

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Davies & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been continuing to work with numbers to 100 thinking about place value. We have been ordering 2-digit numbers thinking about how many tens and how many ones. We have really enjoyed taking ownership with our maths booklets and working through them in our own time. In English, we wrote a letter to Adam the main character in our story 'The Seeds of Friendship'. We wanted to tell Adam how proud we were of him being brave because he had to move from one country to another. We can't wait to find out the ending of the story next week. In art we have continued to look at drawing skills thinking about lines and tones. We have really enjoyed exploring the different drawing techniques in our sketch books. In history, we have looked at how transport through time has changed the way we can travel today. We have really enjoyed all the history this year and have learnt lots of skills when reading timelines to understand chronology.

Well done Year 1. You have worked very hard all week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

This week Year 2 have been working very hard to write a newspaper report about our book the killer cat! We have produced some fantastic writing and we can't believe how beautiful they look, year 2 have been trying so hard with their presentation everyone who has seen the beautiful writing has been so impressed and couldn't believe it was year 2 work! In science this week we have been learning how to separate mixtures using magnets or sieves and experimenting with rice and flour. In computing this week, we were able to design an algorithm and make our characters answer the questions do you live here? We are looking forward to making our own quizzes! In history we have learnt all about Wangari Maathai and why she won a Nobel Prize we were shocked to find out she had been arrested for her protests just like Emmeline Pankhurst. Year 2 have had a super week this week and are working so hard, it is amazing to see progress they have made myself and Mrs Thackrah are so impressed well done Year 2!

Mrs Wolstenholme

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have worked hard on writing a newspaper report based on our story, Pirates of Poseidon. In Maths, we have completed our learning on shape and have explored statistics and interpreting pictograms. In Geography, we have looked at a case study about a real earthquake and the catastrophic consequences it caused. In Science, we have learnt what can cause disruptions to food webs and in PSHE we have learnt about safe and unsafe secrets. In RE we explored a chosen religious event and created a factual poster about it. We also enjoyed our last forest school session before our sports day on Monday! We are very excited for a jam-packed, fun-filled week next week. Well done Year 3 on continuing to work so hard!

Miss Riley



Year 4

Well, I can't believe this is our penultimate week together in Year 4! We have had a busy week again this week. In English, we have been writing a non-chronological report about The Vikings and in Maths, we have been learning about quadrilaterals and statistics. In Geography, we have been learning all about the UK's natural resources such as coal and gas and we had a visit from Maisie in Year 5 who explained all about her dads' job on the oil rigs extracting gas and oil. We also learned about how the UK might exploit natural resources from other countries and what affects it has on those countries. In PSHE, we have been learning about safe or unsafe secrets and in RE, we have been creating our own image of how we think Jesus would look to Christians today. Well done Year 4!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

What a lovely week we have had in Year 5 this week! In English, we have written a recount of our camping trip or another past experience that we have had. We ensured that we included all of the features that we have developed throughout the past year! In maths, we have finished our unit of 'Conversion' working hard to estimate capacity and volume. On Wednesday, we had a wonderful morning learning of life skill of tying a tie, when we mastered this skill, we had competitions to see who could do this the fastest and raced against our teachers. In Science, we concluded our unit of 'Diet and Lifestyle' by looking at how scientific knowledge has developed over time, we researched some key scientists such as Dr John Snow and concluded who we believed has had the largest impact on public health. In DT, we made prototypes of our 3D CAD models that we designed on SketchUp of gym equipment. We used a range of materials such as cardboard, sticks and plastic - they looked absolutely incredible. I hope you have a lovely weekend team and I can't believe we will be entering our last week together so let's make it a super one!

Miss Wilson & Mr Adlington

Year 6

Year 6 have had a lovely time on their residential at Ingleborough Hall this week. They have shown fantastic teamwork, dedication, tenacity and resilience with all the activities - spurring each other on to achieve fantastic experiences whilst on residential. We are also ready to enjoy our wonderful leavers fest this evening! We are very proud of you all for your excellent behaviour throughout the trip, well done Year 6!

Miss Richardson & Mr Adlington

