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Dear Parents and Carers,

Transition Meetings

In readiness for the next academic year, we have set the following dates for transition sessions: **Monday 10th July and Friday 14th July**. We recognise that transition into a new class can be difficult for children and to alleviate any worries for next year, the children will spend two mornings in their new classes with their new teachers completing transition activities, asking questions and getting to know their new surroundings. Children will be informed of their class teachers for next year on the first transition session.

Meet the Teacher

To ensure parents and carers also have the opportunity to meet the teachers who will be working in the classrooms next year, we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this year. We aim for parents and children to feel at ease about the change of classroom and teaching staff so that all children feel supported and ready for a raring start in September. Teachers will prepare a short presentation and be able to answer any questions for the following year, with the meetings arranged for the following dates: Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5, 5/6 and 6) on **Tuesday 25th July** and Key Stage One (Years 1, 1/2 and 2) on **Wednesday 26th July**. New parent meetings for Nursery and Reception have already taken place, however teachers will be available if there are any questions for these classes. Powerpoints will be made available for any parents who are unable to attend.

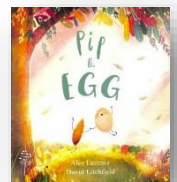
Book Donations

We would like to thank Mrs Midgley for her incredibly kind donation of books and toys to school. Once again, we feel very fortunate to have received books in pristine condition that our children will be able to continue to enjoy for years to come. Thank you for your generosity.

A special thank you also to Mrs Vickers in our school office for your kindness in donating even more books for school. Our love for reading is clear to see and we thank you for supporting us in continuing this hard work.

What are we reading?

Each week, our staff will be sharing their recommended reads to encourage all children to try new and exciting books that can be found within our school library, classrooms and corridors. This week, Mrs Poole wanted to share a book that she has been reading to her little girl at home, which she believes lots of children would love to read too. This book is about the how two seedlings started their friendship like two peas in a pod – the same size, shape and same interests. However, as they grew taller, their lives began to grow apart. This is a book about the power of friendship, no matter the distance.



Excellence Exhibit

We would like to invite parents and carers into school as an opportunity for pupils to share their favourite pieces of work; we are pleased to announce that our first 'excellence exhibit' will take place **on Thursday 13th July**. Teachers will open the classroom doors at 3pm and parents can come and see their child's chosen pieces of work and celebrate their hard work and dedication.



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.

Key Term Dates

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

Date	Event	Class
3 rd July 2023	Y4 Trip Murton Park	Year 4
6 th July 2023	Y3 Trip – Forest school experience	Year 3
6 th July 2023	Nursery Open Evening for new parents	New parents to nursery
7 th July 2023	Reception Outdoor Adventure Day	Reception classes
7 th July 2023	Break the Rules Day	All school (reception date tbc due to same day as visit).
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
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
26 th July 2023	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole school
26 th July 2023	Meet the Teacher	KS1 classes
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 92.64% this week – it is imperative we work hard to raise our attendance. A particular well done must go to Year F2/YR1, who achieved 97.92% 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
Year 3	Thea	Evie	Emma	Lexie
Year 4	Seth	Kenny	Archie	Will
Year 5	Ava	Amber	Nieve	Billie
Year 5/6	Daniel	Abigail	Will	Lydia
Year 6	Mason	Frank	George	Harry



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

As part of our maths and topic this week, we have been using our story 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside' to think about the route the ladybird flew in when whispering the plan to the sea creatures. The children then drew their own treasure map for a friend to follow, the children hid a treasure under 'X marks the spot' and used language such as closer, colder and far away to describe their treasures location. Some of our children have volunteered to take part in Towngate's got Talent, the children enjoyed singing their favourite nursery rhymes into a microphone in front of their friends, they were very brave and made us very proud. We will continue to practise then choose as a class who we are going to choose to represent Nursery next week! Our homework this week is to practice the formation of 'a' please ensure you children are forming these correctly as it is very important they get it right from the beginning. Many thanks for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have looked at the story of 'Billy's Bucket' which followed on nicely with our learning about under the sea! We pretended we had our own buckets and wrote descriptions and drew detailed pictures of all the sea life we would have in our buckets, such as purple mermaids, orange octopi, stripy fish etc. We used our fantastic imagination and creativity to make our own sea life puppets for moving pictures and used the small world to create our own underwater kingdoms. In Maths we have continued to consolidate our knowledge of length, capacity and weight. We have conducted our investigations within the classroom, using rulers and tape measures, to find who has the biggest hands in our class. We have also used what we know about capacity to estimate how many cups it would take to fill the different containers in the water area. To finish off our super week we had a fantastic PRIDE day! We read the stories 'My Shadow is Pink' and 'My Shadow is Purple' and wrote words and drew pictures to show our support, acceptance and love for all those who feel they are different!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been busy bees. In English we have been writing recounts - one about our class trip to Askham Bryan and one about our visit to Kingsway Church. In maths we have been learning about turns and position of objects. In science we are continuing to learn about the weather. In history we started to learn about the changes in trains over the decades. We talked about what a decade and century mean in terms of time. Some of us knew this already! In art, we have started looking at shading and textures using a pencil and enjoyed copying different textures. Year 1 have worked very hard all week. Well done!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

Another week has flown by! In Maths we have looked at how we measure temperature, comparing different thermometers. In English we have focused on our writing and written a recount of our trip to Kingsway church, trying really hard with our handwriting. On Tuesday we really enjoyed our walk up to Kingsway Church for Thinking Time where we were able to spend time thinking about ourselves through different activities. It was lovely to see all the children taking time for themselves and thinking about their own emotions and feelings. In PSHE, we looked at how much we have grown, physically and in our capabilities. We looked at photos of a little boy from being a baby to the same age as us and discussed the different things we could do at that age. In RE we looked at Mother Theresa and Thomas Barnardo, discussing how they chose to help so many people and encourage others to do the same. We have started designing push/pull toys in DT, making sure they are fun and safe for our nursery children. In computing we have been comparing different programmes that produce the same outcome and deciding which is more efficient. We loved coming into school today wearing bright colours and celebrating everything that makes us unique. We wrote a letter to our future self to remind ourselves how special we are and to always be ourselves.

Well done Year 2, have a lovely weekend!

Mrs



Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have had another fantastic session of Forest School, we had to make nests suitable for hedgehogs. In Science, we have learnt the difference between a producer and consumer. We have also learnt about Photosynthesis and why plants are so important to the world. Did you know that if there were no plants we would not survive? In English, we have read the second chapter of Pirates of Poseidon and have started to plan a set of instructions to follow in order to recreate Master Aritson's play. In Maths, we have looked at the difference between horizontal and vertical, then extended our learning to parallel and perpendicular. In Computing we have learnt how to create lines on Scratch, we can now use a pencil sprite to draw across the page. In PSHE we have looked at healthy and unhealthy relationships. We had a lovely visit to Kingsway Church on Thursday to complete activities based around mindfulness and well-being. We behaved exceptionally well during our walk and visit, outstanding behaviour Year 3! Finally, we have ended our week with a lovely day today to celebrate the end of Pride. We have looked at the book 'Uncle Bobby's Wedding' and written a diary entry imagining that we attended the wedding. What a lovely, very busy week! We are very excited for our school trip on Thursday next week. Well done Year 3!

Miss Riley

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been planning a newspaper report about a fire in a Viking village and in Maths we have been learning about turns and angles. In Science, we have continued our topic on anatomy, comparing how human anatomy and the anatomy of animals has similarities and differences and in RE, we have been learning about miracles and how in Christianity Jesus fed the 5,000. In French, we have been learning how to write a sentence containing a noun, verb and adjective about clothing and in PE, we have been perfecting our dance routine. On Thursday, it was RSE Day and we talked about how an act of kindness can colour your world and we discussed the kindness shown to Lewis Capaldi during Glastonbury when he was struggling with his mental health. We had a visit to Kingsway Church to take part in mindful activities and take some 'time to think' and we also dressed in bright colours today to represent our individuality and uniqueness. Well done Year 4 for a fantastic week!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week in Year 5, in English, we have mastered using progressive tense and have applied this to different reasoning questions. We then planned the narrative that we will be writing next week about an adventure to Neverland with Peter Pan! In Maths, we have looked at how to convert kilograms to grams, kilometres and metres and millilitres and litres! We will continue this unit of conversion next week when we will begin to look at imperial lines. In Science, we had an incredibly interesting lesson about the effect of exercise on our body, both our muscles and circulatory system; we carried out an experiment to understand the feeling of these effects. In PE, we have continued to progress our athletic skills so that we are prepared for sports day! In RE, we investigated how different religions beliefs in God differ, we were very surprised to see the vast range of ideas. Well done for another lovely week Year 5 - have a lovely weekend.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have celebrated 'pride month' by completing some activities to help better educate ourselves in relation to world events. We have completed some artwork to evidence our knowledge and paired this with writing to explain our thoughts. In science, we have looked at the how diets can impact the environment, linking to our geography unit - globalisation. In maths, Y5 children have been learning how to convert between units of measure. We began with metric units, converting centimetres to metres and metres to kilometres. Then, we practised converting imperial units of measure, including pints, pounds and feet. We have solved problems including these measures and developed our ability to reason through using the appropriate mathematical vocabulary. In PE, we practised some of our sports day events and competed in various games as a team.

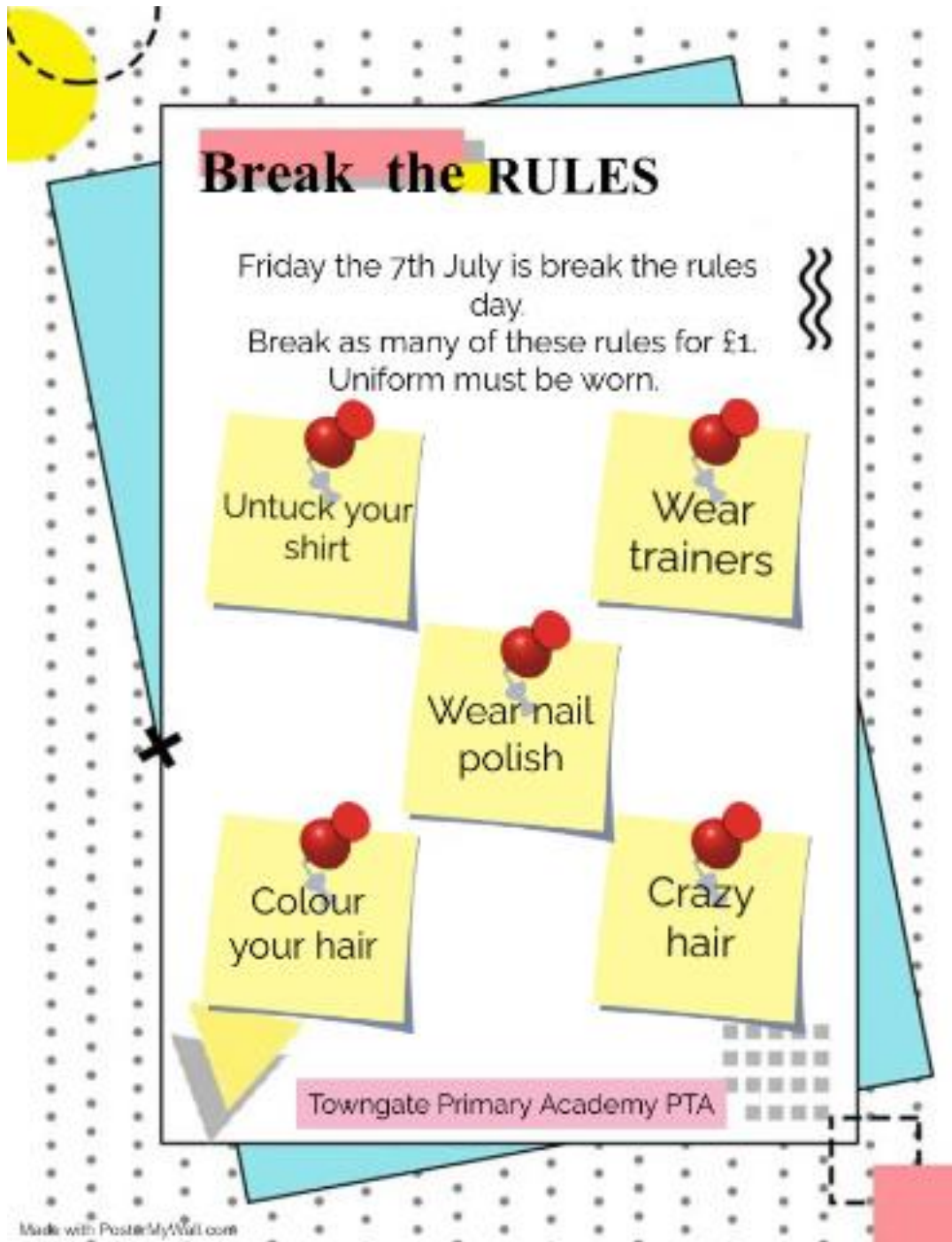
Mr Adlington



Year 6

This week, in Year 6, the children have been busy preparing for their Leavers' Assembly: it has been lovely reminiscing on the wonderful memories they have here at Towngate. In PSHE, the children have explored 'Media Manipulation', discussing how the media changes images to alter the views of others. In science, we have explored what happens to our body when we exercise: we looked at how our muscles move and what happens to our circulatory system. In PE, we have continued with athletics, preparing for sports day as we learn different techniques and practise different sports. To celebrate Pride Month, we discussed the importance of acceptance. We created speeches in the style of Martin Luther Kings 'I have a dream', where we wrote about our own dreams for the world in the future.

Miss Richardson



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SCHOOL GALA

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10am - 3pm

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