

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been yet another wonderful week in school this week. We have been busy with our learning and the adults in school are incredibly proud of the children for settling into school so well and making positive gains in their learning. This week, our whole school assembly was focused on our 'core four' values and school rules – we explored how important it is to work together to create a positive culture in our school where all can learn and play together.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Children are invited to bring donations of cakes, buns or biscuits to sell to raise vital fund for Macmillan. All donations must be in a packet so that we can ensure the safety of all our children due to allergies. Unfortunately, no home baked goods can be accepted at this time. All donations can be passed to the Academy Councillor in your child's class from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Our coffee morning will take place from 9.15am to 10am in the Music room - please use the main reception door. We are looking forward to seeing you all and sharing a coffee and cake. During the coffee morning a representative from the children's hub will be available to discuss the services they offer.



## Black History Month

October is Black History Month and here at Towngate, we are excited to explore the lives of significant individuals who have made invaluable contributions to the world as we know it. This year, the theme of Black History Month is 'Before Windrush'. The children will explore the lives and stories of Black Britons who lived in the UK before the Windrush. This will be an opportunity for celebration, recognition and reflection using age appropriate texts and resources to support their learning. Keep an eye on Twitter for our exciting learning.

## What are we reading?

This week, Mrs Drury has been busy reading 'Rumble Star' – an adventure book written by Abi Elphinstone. This is a tale of an 11-year-old boy who hates taking risks and avoids adventures... all until he comes across an unmapped kingdom of magical beasts! This unlikely hero turned adventure-seeker is ready to save the world, one magical beast at a time!



## Bereavement Support

As mentioned previously on the newsletter, we will be starting our bereavement group for pupils in school. Sessions will be led by Miss Lowell and will be an opportunity for children to be supported and to discuss feelings and emotions. Should you feel you would like your child to be part of this, please speak to your Child's class teacher. Please see separate email for a breakdown of the session.



### Miss Riley Baby news

Miss Riley would like to share the fantastic news that she is expecting her second baby! Miss Riley and her family are set to welcome their new arrival in February and we couldn't be happier for them. We are sure you will join us in sharing your congratulations to Miss Riley, as we prepare to welcome another new baby into our Towngate family!

### Sleep workshop - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

On this day we are having a whole school approach to talking about the importance of sleep with the children. The children will work in their classrooms with Becky Alder from Future in Mind and will be looking at how sleep can help us and impact on how we are feeling on a daily basis.

This will involve classes F2 to Year 6. The children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas to get into the spirit of thinking about sleep. Slippers can be worn inside school but they will also need outdoor footwear for breaktimes. **Please note, slippers are optional on this day.**

After school we will host a parents' workshop (informal) for any parents who would like to talk about sleep in more detail. The aim of the workshop will be to look at the importance and benefits of getting a good night's sleep. To understand the connection between better sleep, resilience and mental health. If you would like to come along to the workshop after school, we will be sending a Microsoft form out to gather numbers of how many adults will be attending. There will be a child care cover in school if needed so you can attend.

**The workshop time is from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.**

We hope the children will enjoy taking part in these two workshops and gain strategies to help them.

### Music Lessons

A reminder that year we are again offering group music tuition, facilitated by Wakefield Music Services. The cost for these lessons are £73 per term and children can specialise in a range of instruments. Please contact the school office for further information.

### Key Term Dates

Please find attached event dates for each term on our newsletter. We have endeavoured to plan events for the whole academic year and we ask for your understanding if any dates need changing. For the Year 6 residential this year, we will provide parents and carers with some different options and costings for consultation due to increasing prices for residential trips. Thank you for your understanding.

## Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Nursery	Hollie	Harper	Jawdan	Vivian`
Adventures	Keegan	Marlie	Jenson	Freya E
Explorer	Archie	Oscar	Avah	Mason
Year 1	Maisy	Eva	Ethan	Oscar
Year 1/2	Francesca	India	Pippa	Milan
Year 2	Isabelle	Benjamin	Theo	Millie



## Pupil Achievements



### Attendance

Our attendance is 96.46% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 2, 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!



# What have we been getting up to this week?

## Nursery

This week the children have continued to find out about themselves and others, we have been looking at a book called 'All Kinds of People'. At circle time we passed around a box (with a mirror inside) and told the children that inside the box was the most special thing, we then looked to see what colour our eyes and hair was. Thank you for the photos you have sent for our family display; the children have loved telling us all about their family and past events, this is extremely helpful to extend language and their understanding how families are the same and different. In maths this week, we have been looking at shapes in the environment and exploring the corners and how many sides they have. Have an amazing weekend and thank you for your continued support!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

## Reception

This week in F2 we have enjoyed another super week! In Maths, we have been looking at groups and sets, sorting objects into the correct groups. In English, we have been looking at the book 'In Every House On Every Street' thinking about our own homes and how they are different from our friends. In provision we have used the construction area to build our own houses and structures. In the modelling area we have also looked at houses and tiles and how we can use playdough and tools to replicate the patterns. We have also been thinking about our families and ourselves, how we have changed over time and how each family is different. What a super week F2, well done!

**Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips**

## Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been writing about the story we are reading called Sulwe. We have been learning how to write statement sentences using a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces after each word. We have been thinking about Sulwe's emotions and feelings in the story and how she tells her Mama everything. In maths, we have continued to think about place value looking at 1 more and 1 less, looking at groups comparing by matching and using the vocabulary fewer, more and same. In science, we have been learning about materials that are magnetic. We know how to use the words repel and attract to understand magnetism. In history we compared toys from the Victorian era to the toys we play with now. We enjoyed handling artefacts (toys from the past) and found the cup and ball game very frustrating! In DT we used our sliders we made last week for a purpose and made them into a moving picture.

Well done Year 1, you have worked so hard this week. Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Lockett**

## Year 1/2

Another busy week in Class 1/2! We are continuing to use our class book Sulwe to develop our writing skills. The children are checking their sentences make sense, have capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. In PE this week, we applied our dodging skills to a variety of team games! In computing, we have looked at the different uses of technology, including communication, playing, researching and how we can use it to help us. We've continued to compare our lives with Victorian children, this week we have looked at the different toys and games they played. We even had a go at playing with the toys ourselves. Many of us preferred the toys we have today and could see how much they've adapted through time. Well done everyone for all your hard work this week! Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Davies**

## Year 2

What a lovely week we have had in Year 2! In English, we have continued reading our new core text 'Sulwe'. We have written a letter from Sulwe to her mum with a focus of using statement sentences. In Maths, we have been working hard to partition two-digit numbers in different ways. We have used part-whole models and Base 10 to support our understanding in doing this. In Science we had lots of fun exploring whether different materials are magnetic or not, we used objects in our surroundings to draw conclusions about this. In History, we have compared Victorian and Modern toys and discussed whether or not we feel these have changed, or even improved. In DT, we have created a moving picture through the use of a slider - these were simply wonderful! Well done for a superb week Year 2 - have a lovely weekend!

**Miss Wilson**



### **Year 3**

We've had a wonderful week in Year 3, working really hard on our diary writing as Dorothy Vaughn our character from the book stimulus 'Hidden Figures' and we have been using synonyms to make our writing more ambitious. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers to 100 and in History, we have been learning about the 3 periods of the Stone Age; Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. In Science, we are learning about sedimentary rock and how it is formed and in French, we have been learning numbers to 10. In PSHE, we have been learning about school rules and in RE, we looked at how Christians show their faith in Church. On Thursday, we had a 'Worry Warriors' workshop where we learned to understand our worries and what we could do to help ourselves. Well done this week Year 3!

**Mrs Schofield**

### **Year 4**

It has been another exciting week for Year 4. This week, we have been completing our setting description in English and will be redrafting them in the coming days. We have been using number lines in Maths and the class has been successful at solving fluency and reasoning problems involving number lines – well done for some super mathematics! This week, we also revisited our greetings in French and each of us held a basic conversation with a partner. At the close of the week, we will be continuing to design our animal trap camera in DT, carefully considering the properties needed. Thank you, Year 4 for another fantastic week.

**Mr Hitch**

### **Year 5**

This week, in Y5, we have continued our excellent learning focusing on numbers to 1,000,000. We have learned how to say larger numbers and also how to write them in words and numerals. To embed our learning, we have completed some reasoning and problem-solving activities which included group and paired discussions to ensure our answers were as precise as possible. In English, we have written our own setting descriptions of a dystopian city inspired by the book 'TYGER'. We have worked hard on developing our figurative language to provide the reader with a clear picture of the setting. We have practised creating some similes and metaphors as a group before we applied these to our work independently. In DT, we have developed our design brief and generated some initial ideas for our Anderson shelter, ready to use computer aided design to finalise our ideas. In history, we have discussed how trenches and weapons contributed to the number of lives lost during the Battle of the Somme.

**Mr Adlington**

### **Year 5/6**

In Science this week, we have been learning how to separate mixtures of solids, liquids and gases using different techniques. In History, we learnt about why so many lives were lost during the war. We explored how weaponry in the war developed over time and the conditions within the trenches. In DT, we are continuing to evaluate the design of air raid shelters and their suitability for use. In maths, we have been exploring negative numbers solving a range of reasoning and problem-solving questions. In our worry warriors' workshop, we spoke about who we could speak to about our worries and different breathing techniques to help us to calm down.

A super week everyone and a big well done!

**Mrs Bateman**

### **Year 6**

In Year 6 this week, we have been working hard to re-draft our setting descriptions based on our core text Tyger: we considered aspects of our writing to focus on in our improvements and used our class visualiser to work on editing and improvement aspects of our work collaboratively, before doing so independently.

In Maths, we have worked hard on developing our fluency to calculate using negative numbers in context - well done for your excellent effort. In History, we have worked hard to understand the contributory factors as to how WW1 ended before we explore the Treaty of Versailles next week. I have been very impressed with the class' super science skills as we understood how to separate states of matter. We have been busy practising our 'animal positions' for a flying start with our handwriting lessons and I am beginning to see an improved effort from everyone with your presentation.

You have all worked so hard this week - I am so proud of you! Have a brilliant weekend.

**Mrs Poole**



Please see below dates for the next academic year, dates highlighted in yellow are open to parents and carers. **If any dates change, we endeavour to give as much notice as possible.**

### Autumn Term

Date	Event	Class
27.9.23	Sleep Workshop	Whole School
27.9.23	Sleep Workshop for Parents 3:20pm – 4:30pm	Whole School
29.9.23	Macmillan Coffee Morning 10:00am	Whole School
2.10.23	Black History Month	Whole School
5.10.23	World Poetry Day	Whole School
12.10.23	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
16.10.23	Trip to Eden Camp	All Year 6
17.10.23	Trip to Eden Camp	All Year 5
18.10.23	Y4 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 4
19.10.23	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
20.10.23	Harvest Festival	Whole School
20.10.23	Show Racism the Red Card Day (wear red)	Whole School
23.10.23	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Whole School
24.10.23	Cannon Hall House Trip	Year 1
25.10.23	PTA Halloween Disco	Whole School
26.10.23	Cannon Hall House Trip	All Year 2
26.10.23	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Whole School
27.10.23	Break Up Today	Whole School
6.11.23	Back to School	Whole School
6.11.23	Parliament Week	Whole School
10.11.23	World Science Day	Whole School
13.11.23	Remembrance Day Assembly	Whole School
13.11.23	Anti-bullying Week	Whole School
15.11.23	Managing Big Worries – Parent Workshop – 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Whole School
16.11.23	Trip to Stump Cross	Year 3
17.11.23	Children in Need	Whole School
21.11.23	F2 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Reception
22.11.23	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
23.11.23	School Photo Day	Whole School



23.11.23	Safeguarding Parent Meeting 4:00pm	Whole School
29.11.23	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
01.12.23	PTA Non-Uniform Day	Whole School
6.12.23	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day and Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run	Whole School
11.12.23	Christmas Fair	Whole School
12.12.23	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
13.12.23	Early Years Christmas Show 2:00pm	EYFS
14.12.23	LKS2 Christmas Show 10:00am	Year 3 Year 4
19.12.23	KS1 Christmas Show 10:00am	Year 1 Year 2
20.12.23	UKS2 Christmas Show 5:00pm	Year 5 Year 6
22.12.23	Break Up Today	Whole School

### Spring Term

Date	Event	Class
8.1.24	Back to School	Whole School
11.1.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
16.1.24	Y3 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Year 3
17.1.24	Multiplication Check Parent Meeting 3:30pm	Year 4
24.1.24	F2 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Reception
2.2.24	NSPCC Number Day	Whole School
5.2.24	Safer Internet Week	Whole School
5.2.24	Nursery Class Assembly	Nursery Parents
7.2.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
8.2.24	Chinese New Year	Whole School
8.2.24	Young Voices	TBC
8.2.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
9.2.24	Break Up Today	Whole School
19.2.24	INSET Day	Whole School
20.2.24	Back To School	Whole School
26.2.24	Year 5 Inspire 2:00pm	All Year 5
27.2.24	Year 6 Inspire 2:00pm	All Year 6
28.2.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
29.2.24	Y4 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Whole School
1.3.24	Zero Discrimination Day	Whole School
4.3.24	Careers Week	Whole School
6.3.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents



6.3.24	Safeguarding Meeting for Parents 4:00pm	Whole School
7.3.24	World Book Day	Whole School
7.3.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
12.3.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
13.3.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
14.3.24	Y2 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 2 Parents
15.3.24	Red Nose Day	Whole School
18.3.24	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Whole School
19.3.24	Y1 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 1 Parents
21.3.24	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Whole School
22.3.24	Easter Egg Competition	Whole School
22.3.24	Break Up Today	Whole School

### Summer Term

Date	Event	Class
8.4.24	Back to School	Whole School
11.4.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
2.5.24	INSET Day	Whole School
9.5.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
13.5.24	KS2 SATs Assessments this week	Year 6
21.5.24	Y3 INSPIRE Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 3
22.5.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
23.5.24	Trip to Butterfly Garden Sheffield	Nursery
24.5.24	Break Up Today	Whole School
3.6.24	Pride Month	Whole School
10.6.24	Back To School Today	Whole School
10.6.24	Year 6 Bikability this week	Year 6
13.6.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
14.6.24	Scholastic Book Fair all week	Whole School
17.6.24	Refugee Week	Whole School
19.6.24	Y4 Trip to Murton Park	Year 4
20.6.24	Year 6 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 6
24.6.24	Year 5 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 5
01.07.24	Year 5 Camping Trip	All Year 5
3.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
3.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
8.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
10.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
11.7.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
11.7.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents



11.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
12.7.24	French Day	Whole School
15.7.24	EY Trip to the Watering Hole	F2
17.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
18.7.24	KS1 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 1 Year 2
22.7.24	Sports Day EY: 9:00am KS1: 10:30am LKS2: 1:00pm UKS2: 2:00pm	Whole School
23.7.24	Y2 Graduation 2:00pm	Year 2
24.7.24	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole School
24.7.24	EY Graduation 2:00pm	Foundation
25.7.24	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 2:00pm	Year 6
25.7.24	Break Up Today	Whole School

