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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week of learning, experiences and collaboration at Towngate. We have been really overwhelmed with the support from our parents and carers for our annual MacMillan morning – thank you to those of you who brought in donations and also to those who were able to join us for our coffee morning. We look forward to counting the donations and seeing how we have made a difference to others.

Thank you for everything

We are incredibly sad that today is Sharon's last day as our Breakfast and After School Club Leader. Sharon has been an integral part of the development of the extended provision on offer here at Towngate and we know that parents and carers will be equally as sad as us here in school to see her leave. Sharon, thank you for all you have done for the children, families and for being a fantastic member of staff. We will miss you very much!

Holiday Club

We are exploring the possibility of running a holiday club to support parents and carers with childcare during the school holidays. In order to assess whether this will be viable, we ask that any parents or carers who would be interested in this provision complete the following Microsoft Form to register your interest. Please note, at this time, we are simply exploring the interest and by completing the Forms you will **not** be booking a space.



Thank you

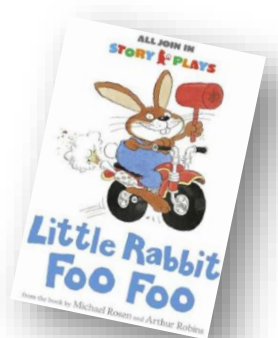
We wish to thank Mrs Stead for your kindness and donation of toys for the children to enjoy. We really appreciate this. Thank you also to Mrs Dunstan who has donated lots of greetings cards – your kindness is most appreciated!

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?

Mrs Whitaker is delighted to share her favourite book this week – Little Rabbit Foo Foo. Mrs Whitaker shares fond memories of reading this book to her two children when they were younger. This book is a tale of a naughty bunny rabbit who enjoys causing havoc and mischief in all he does! Little does he know that the Good Fairy is always watching, ready to turn him into a goolie for his cheeky behaviour!



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.

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. Thank you for your understanding.

Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Robyn	Elwood	Peyton	Kody
Year 4	Darcey	Harrison	Nathan	Leland
Year 5	Evan	Archie	Bradley	Joshua
Year 5/6	Ava	Lexi - Rose	Amelia	Will
Year 6	Neve	Darcy - May	Clay	Maisee



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 97.92% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year Reception (Adventures), 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 in Nursery the children have been learning to identify emotions, we have been exploring various images and discussing facial expressions. The children were brilliant at taking turns during circle time to talk about what makes them feel happy and what makes them feel sad. It has been wonderful this week to see friendships blossoming and all the children playing together, the children have really settled into our routines. In maths this week, the children have been learning some new songs relating to numerals and in phonics this week we have been looking at a story 'Marmalade Jam' where the children were able to join in with the rhyming words and identify the sounds of vehicles. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and thank you for your support.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon



Reception

This week Reception have been reading the story, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been exploring the language in the text and using our observational skills to draw and paint bears. We have also been using our cutting skills to make a bear in our DT area. During the week we enjoyed wearing our sleep wear to school and we discussed how important sleep was. We have also enjoyed participating in different activities and games during our PE lessons and practising our singing.

A super week everyone.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

This week in history we have been finding out about Victorian schools. We have found out that children had to stand up when a teacher enters the room. They also did lots of work involving chanting. In science we have been learning how the shape of solid objects can be changed. We had to squash, bend, twist, squeeze and stretch different objects. In maths we have been thinking about using the words greater, fewer, equal when comparing and ordering numbers. We have also started to learn how to count in 2's. We enjoyed using the game 'Paint the Squares' on Top marks. In English we pretended to be Sulwe's Mamma and write a letter to Sulwe. We practiced the sentences on Wednesday in our busy books then independently wrote them in our English books on Thursday. We know that question sentences need a question mark. We enjoyed the song that helped us all to remember this. In DT we evaluated our sliders and moving pictures, deciding what we liked and what we would change next time.

What a fantastic week of amazing learning Year 1.

I am so proud of you all.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 1/2

What a lovely week we've had in Class 1/2! The children have produced some lovely independent writing, applying our newly taught skill, to use question marks and include question sentences in our writing. In Science, we completed another investigation. We investigated if we could change the shape of solid objects. We twisted, bent, squashed and stretched a variety of different objects and learnt that certain solid objects cannot be changed! In History, we have been learning what life was like for Victorian children at school. We were shocked to find out that children used to have to stand up every time a teacher walked in the room and that if you weren't following the school rules you would be made to stand in the corner wearing a dunce's hat! In DT, we have been creating our own slider, decorating our creations and evaluating what we have created. Well done Class 1/2!

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we have focused on the skill of writing questions accurately with the correct punctuation. We have then used these in our letter response that we have written from Sulwe's mum, to Sulwe which explained what a beautiful character she is. In Maths, we have been working hard to estimate given numbers on a number line - everyone has shown incredible effort and resilience with this. In Science we investigated whether the shape of a range of solid objects could be changed. In History, we had a wonderful lesson understanding what school was like for Victorian children. We used a range of sources to understand how their days were structured, what their lessons were like and how the children felt about their education. In DT, we evaluated our sliders to see what went well and what we would like to improve next time. We thoroughly enjoyed using our visualiser to provide peer feedback to each other! Well done for all of your hard work this week Year 2, enjoy your weekend.

Miss Wilson



Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have been redrafting our diary entry and identifying the features of a non-chronological report about Mary Jackson, the first African-American female engineer and in Maths, we have been learning numbers on a number line to 100 and representing numbers to 1000. In Computing, we have been learning about what makes up a digital device and in French, we have been learning classroom instructions. In Science this week, we have been learning what metamorphic rock is made up of and in PSHE, we have been learning how to look after our special people. In PE this week, we have been practicing our movement skills and our throwing and catching skills. On Wednesday, we had a sleep workshop where we learned how much sleep we should be getting every night and what benefits this has for our bodies and our health. Well done for a super week Year 3! Sleep well this weekend!

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

Another week completed year 4! This week, our class has finished redrafting our setting description and are beginning to focus our attention on persuasive writing. In Maths, students are gaining confidence working with numbers up to 10,000 and will move on to finding more or less than a number. In French we are looking at facial features, in History we are looking at the impact the Romans had on Britain. I am looking forward to continuing our hard work next week, well done again year 4!

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have continued our work on place value by using Gattegno charts to partition large numbers. We have discussed how numbers can be partitioned in many different ways but still represent the same total value. In English, we have continued to read our class book 'Tyger' which forms the basis for our writing. We have identified the features of a newspaper report and created our own example through class discussion and shared planning. In history, we have learned about the 'Treaty of Versailles' and what the repercussions were for Germany's role in world war one.

In DT, we have used computer aided design to develop our initial design ideas for our Anderson shelter. We have worked in 3 dimensions and discussed the benefits of using computers to support the design process.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

This week in year 5/6, we have been extremely busy developing our planning and writing skills whilst writing a newspaper report based on our core text 'Tyger'. The children have been working hard to develop and build their vocabulary, showcasing their understanding of language and formality. This week, we enjoyed our sleep workshop and coming into school in our pyjamas to learn about the importance of sleep and its impact on our mental health and wellbeing. In History, we learnt about the significance of the Treaty of Versailles formed following the end of WW1. In Computing, we have been busy looking at systems and networks and understanding how search engines work. We are so proud of everything we have accomplished this week, well done everyone!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

It has been another wonderful week for us in Year 6: in English, we have identified the features of newspaper reports before planning our own based on our class text Tyger. We explored the structural and grammatical devices of newspapers as we prepare to draft our own pieces based on a mysterious beast escaping Maldehyde's Menagerie! In Maths, we have started calculating using addition and subtraction strategies – we looked at bar models to support our conceptual understanding before calculating using formal methods. In History, we looked at the Treaty of Versailles and evaluated the fairness of the treaty for all involved in the first world war and in PSHE, we looked at collaboration and considered how with effective communication and give or take, we can achieve successful collaboration.

You have been an absolute delight again Year 6 – thank you. Have a wonderful 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
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

