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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week for us here at Towngate: our extra-curricular clubs are in full swing and we are thrilled to see our Pupil Leadership Team hard at work in their roles as Heads and Prefects. The children across school are making positive steps in their learning and it is a privilege to see the children working so hard in their classes.

Scarecrow Festival

Last weekend we proudly presented our school scarecrows at the annual Ossett Scarecrow Festival. The theme this year was Royalty and we thought our creations of the Queen and Paddington Bear were splendid! Thank you to Mrs Longlands and Ms Lowell for organising this and to the children who participated!



Fundraising Achievements

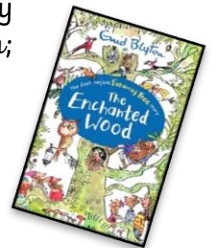
A big thank you to those parents and carers who supported our fundraising for Jeans for Genes Day. Because of your generosity, we raised £154.76! During our MacMillan Morning, we raised £213.78 – thank you, we really appreciate your support to help us make a difference to others.

Parents Evening

Just a reminder that parents evening will take place week commencing 23rd October. We will shortly be sending out appointment booking requests and look forward to seeing you then.

What are we reading?

Mrs Smith is pleased to share the book she is reading at the moment: The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton. Mrs Smith loves this book as it supports children in finding their own imagination; the book is a classic example of how magical and enchanting stories can be when they are shared with people you love.



Fruit Trees

Can we please offer a polite reminder to parents and carers to ensure that the children are not climbing onto the fruit trees. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Donations for playtime

Should any families have any spare toys or resources that could be used to further develop our playtimes, these would be most appreciated! We would love any donations such as board games / puzzle books / jigsaws / dolls / dressing up clothes. Thank you!

Excellence Exhibit

We will once again be opening our doors for our first Excellence Exhibit of the academic year. This will take place on Thursday 19.10.23, where parents and carers are invited into their child's classroom to see some of the work the children are particularly proud of.



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	Nora	Ellie – Mae	Theo	Rosie
Adventures	Teddy	Stephanie	Rory	Mahbeer
Explorers	Tristan	Amber	Zach	Kimberley
Year 1	Zavier	Thigazh	Eva	Austin
Year 1/2	Isla	Jack	Rueben	Ivy
Year 2	Lucia	Freddie	Charlie	Mia



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 96.47% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 1/2, who achieved 99.26% 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 we have been exploring our emotions and looking at the story 'Colour Monster' the children have been brilliant at identifying which emotion goes with each character. The children have used the colours to describe how they are feeling and have coloured in their own colour monsters. In maths this week, we have focused on lining up objects and counting them by touching each one as we count along. Our traditional tale focus for the rest of the term is 'The Three Little Pigs' the children have been amazing at joining in with the repeated refrains and retelling the story, we have had some super voices for the wolf! Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

This week in F2 we have continued our learning on 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' by looking at the story 'A Chair for Baby Bear'. We have worked on our DT skills using paper and cardboard to make a new chair for baby bear. In Art, we have focused on the details of a bear and have drawn and painted bears. In Maths, we have focused on size and compared the size of the chairs, beds and bowls that the 3 bears need. We have also looked at length and made tall and short towers in our outdoor area. In Music we have been working on a special song 'Big Red Combine Harvester' in readiness for our harvest festival. Well done F2 for another super week.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips



Year 1

This week we have continued to learn about Victorian times in History. We looked at child labour and how little boys and girls were sent out to work from being 5 years old! We learnt about working as a chimney sweep, working in the mines and the cotton mills or being a servant in a big house. The children showed an excellent understanding of the things we discussed. They also know a source in history can be a book, video, talking to people or looking at a picture. In maths, we have been learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. We know how to count on in tens from different numbers and know the tens will change but the ones will stay the same. Excellent understanding Year 1! We enjoyed our 'reading for pleasure' lesson, taking time to read the books on our Year 1 top ten trolley. In DT we looked at what a lever is and the type of movement a lever can do. We know it can do a curved motion or rotate round like the hands on a clock. In English, we wrote a character description of Sulwe, the little girl in our story. We used adjectives to describe what she looked like and how she behaved. Excellent writing Year 1.

Wow! I cannot believe how hard the Year 1 children have worked this week.

So proud of you all.

Miss Lockett

Year 1/2

Year 1/2 have had another busy week of learning! In Maths, we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We identified the patterns with each sequence and used chanting, number lines and our number squares to support our recall of the numbers. Keep practising at home, it is definitely a tricky objective to master! In English, we have learnt what an adjective is and applied these to write a detailed character description of Sulwe. We've had some ambitious words such as; unique, isolated, wonderful, passionate and beautiful! Well done Year 1/2! In Science, we learnt about the elastic limit and how some elastic objects can break once they pass this. We went on a hunt around our classroom to find objects that were elastic and not elastic. We know that something is elastic if it returns to its original state after being stretched. In History, we have been learning all about how children had to work in the Victorian period. We couldn't believe some children were as young as 5 and were going up chimneys! We are all pleased that laws came into place to protect children and keep them safe. A huge well done to everyone's efforts this week, I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we have focused on using adjectives to write noun phrases! We have then worked hard to incorporate these into our character descriptions which explained the beauty of our main character, Sulwe. In Maths, we have worked hard to count in 2's, 5's and 10's - firstly, we developed our fluency in this and then progressed to answer some very challenging reasoning and problem-solving questions. In Science, we have used our surroundings to explore the elasticity of different materials. In History, we looked at the life of Victorian children in more detail to understand why not all children attended school because of child labour. We listened to diaries of working children and everyone showed wonderful empathy during our discussions about this. In PE, we have continued to develop our functional skills and fitness, and of course, played some of our favourite games at the end. In PSHE, we looked at the different types of bullying that can occur and explored how we should respond, should we see or experience this. I am so proud of you this week Year 2, it is so lovely to see the astounding progress that you are already making in your work and learning behaviours. See you on Monday!

Miss Wilson

Year 3

We've had a super busy week in Year 3! In English, we have been writing a non-chronological report all about Mary Jackson, a pioneer in female engineering and a trail blazer in black female equality. On Thursday, it was National Poetry Day so we created Kenning poems all about Mary Jackson. In Maths, we have been representing numbers to 1000 using our reasoning and problem-solving skills and in RE, we looked at how Christians use different genres of music to show their faith and create a connection to God. In History, we are learning how the Bronze Age changed how humans lived and in French, we have been learning how to say a short greeting - Bonjour! In PE this week, we practiced our balance and movement skills and in Science, we have been learning how to identify rocks. In DT, this week we used the sketch-up programme on the chrome books to design our sunglasses case ready to start creating it next week. Well done for a super week Year 3!

Mrs Schofield



Year 4

Another brilliant week for Year 4. We are well underway with planning our persuasive letter and I look forward to reading the completed product from each member of our class. Our class has been working with numbers up to 10,000 in Maths, finishing the week by revisiting number lines. This Friday, will be our spelling test, focusing on the week 1 spellings (on the spelling sheet that was sent home). In French, we have been learning number 0-30 which has been quite exciting and many of our students are enjoying having the opportunity to speak French. Finally, on Friday we will be continuing with the designing of our animal camera traps in DT which should be a very exciting lesson. Have a wonderful weekend Year 4, I will look forward to welcoming you back next week.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in Y5, we have continued our work on place value by looking at representing numbers to one million using number lines. We also looked at rounding to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand with numbers to one hundred thousand. We completed practical activities with number lines to develop our initial understanding of rounding, gradually progressing our practice to become more abstract. In English, we have identified the features of a witness statement which focused on the escaped beast from Maldehyde's Menagerie, a setting central to our class book - 'Tyger'. We have started planning our own witness statement by generating ideas and looking at effective words, phrases and sentences to implement in our own work. In history, we have learned about Hitler's rise to power and the role he played in shaping the attitudes and thoughts of a desperate Germany, following world war one. In science, we have conducted a small-scale experiment to identify soluble and insoluble solids and those which form suspensions. For National Poetry Day - on Thursday - we analysed the poem 'Tyger' by William Blake and discussed the themes of creation and evolution. We rehearsed the poem before presenting it by reading aloud.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

We have worked incredibly hard in Class 5/6 this week! This week, we have celebrated the start of Black History Month by listening to and learning about black musicians, giving us a chance to enjoy their music and celebrate their impact. As part of world poetry day, we explored the poem 'Tyger' by William Blake; we enjoyed reading the poem aloud and unpicking each stanza to develop and understanding of its meaning. In addition to this, we researched significant, black, female athletes and used our research to write a poem to celebrate their achievements. In maths this week, we have worked hard to develop our resilience in solving problems related to addition and subtraction. In History, we learnt about the factors which helped Hitler rise to power following WW1. In Computing, we have started to design our own webpages, carefully considering each feature and how to ensure it would be highly ranked on a search engine.

A super week with lots of children working extremely hard - well done everyone!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

It has been another fantastic week for us in Year 6. We have published our newspaper reports based on our class text Tyger, ready to wow our peers with our upcoming showcase display! In Maths, we focused on embedding our understanding of addition and subtraction using formal methods to calculate. We used our skills to apply our knowledge to some tricky worded problems - well done for your resilience, everyone! We have been incredible historians yet again this week as we explored the events following the Treaty of Versailles that led to Hitler's rise to power: we carefully considered our vocabulary to help us articulate our understanding of the significance of the treaty. In science, we have been separating mixtures and recording our observations whilst in RE, we have been identifying the differences between those who are atheist, theist or agnostic. It has been a fantastic week and I can't wait for us to get busy in our learning next week!

Thank you for making me so proud, Year 6.

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
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



Towngate Primary Academy Nursery Open Evening

New Parents and children are invited to come and visit our wonderful Nursery setting and meet our fabulous Early Years Team. We are opening up our setting from **4.00- 5.00 pm on**

Thursday 12th October for any children looking for a Nursery place in January 2024, April 2024 and September 2024. We have breakfast and afterschool club also available to support with longer days.

We look forward to meeting you!
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