

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an excellent week in school, with lots of wonderful learning taking place both in school and during our extra-curricular clubs. Year 3 had a wonderful Parent assembly with Mr Whitley from Wakefield music services who has been teaching the children all about The Samba musical instruments. Take a look on our Twitter feed for photos of our hard work this week.

## **Wear Red Day - Children's Heart Foundation**

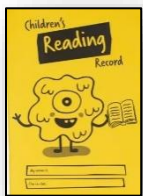
On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, children are invited to 'Wear Red' to raise awareness of the Children's Heart Foundation. We were asked by a child in school if we could please support 'Wear Red Day' because he has a baby brother who has recently undergone open heart surgery recently. The family were supported by the Foundation throughout and were given a place to stay so that they could be near their baby throughout this difficult time. Their child will soon need open heart surgery for a second time and we would love to help them 'give something back' for the amazing support that 'Children's Heart Foundation' gave to them and continue to help many families. We will wear non-uniform (red if possible) and collect donations on the day to forward on to this wonderful charity.

## **Future in minds session**

We will be holding a session on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February with Future in Minds (managing emotions). This is an opportunity for parents and carers to join a session with practitioners from CAHMS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) to support children's emotions. These sessions will need to be booked so please let the school office know by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January if you wish to attend. The session will run from 3.30-5pm

## **Thank you**

Thank you, Mrs Noonan & Mrs Reid, for donating some lovely books for school; we will ensure that these are put to great use.



## **Reading Records**

Please can we urge parents and carers of all classes to encourage your children to be reading at home, very regularly and logging this in the children's reading records. Reading forms an integral part of our homework expectations and developing a love for reading in both school and at home is proven to have considerable impact on pupils' life chances in the future. Reading records should be brought into school daily and class teachers check these throughout the week. Thank you for your commitment.

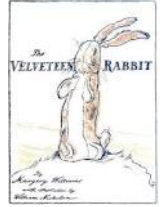
## **School Uniform**

Please can we remind parents and carers about children coming to school in correct school uniform. In school, we are pleased to maintain 'Towngate Pantry' where spare uniform can be taken if needed – please ask at the office if you would like to use this service.



### What are we reading?

Miss Wilson has shared her favourite book this week – *Velveteen Rabbit*. Miss Wilson read this book when she was younger and also cannot wait to share it within her classroom too. This is a story of the power of self-belief and family as the rabbit is desperate to become real through the love of his owner.



### 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.



### Pupil Achievements



	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Violet	Taylor	Oscar	Peyton
Year 4	Oliver	Lucas	Emma T	Eva A
Year 5	Isabelle	Alesha	Archie A	Harry
Year 5/6	Kiera	Rowan	Owen	Amber
Year 6	Flynn	Krystal	Jason	Jake G

### Attendance

Our attendance is 92.11% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to F2 Adventurers, who achieved 98.42% 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 looking at where the children think the Gingerbread Man story is set, we looked at the animals in the story and the children thought it was the farm. We have been learning about the different animals on the farm and the job of the farmer, the children then explored the new small world farm and the children were very good at identifying the sounds each animal made. In maths this week we have been looking at the patterns on dice to see if we could link them to numerals by sight. The children have enjoyed exploring the ice outside this week with the weather being so cold, they have come up with some amazing plans to try to melt it. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and thank you for all your continued support!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

#### Reception

What another lovely week we have had in F2 this week. In Literacy this week we have focused on the story *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We have thought about what the goats might say as they trip-trap across the bridge. In Maths we have worked on adding 1 more and taking away 1 and writing number sentences. In Science we have compared the Arctic to the Desert and thought about how the climates differ. We have thought about what we might need to pack in a suitcase if we were visiting the Arctic or the Desert. In PE we have continued our gymnastics learning focusing on balancing and stretching this week. We have even tried holding an arabesque pose! What a lovely week we have had, well done F2!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillip



## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have continued to zoom with our learning.

In History we have been discussing why the fire spread so quickly. We had two new words to think about this week - flammable and combustible. We know these words mean materials can catch fire quickly. We know that it was hard to put the fire out because it was so crowded by the River Thames with buildings which made it difficult to get to the water.

In Geography we have been learning about Europe and where the UK is in Europe. We learnt some facts about this region. Did you know there are about 800 million people who live in Europe? We also talked about the word's region and populous.

In computing we programmed different algorithms to move a robotic toy called a beebot. We had to think about clear directions to help the beebot move. In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes, thinking about recognizing and naming shapes, sorting using different criteria.

A super week Year 1. Well done.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Lockett**

## Year 1/2

We've had another lovely week in Class 1/2. The children are blowing me away with their writing skills. We are trying so hard to apply all our taught grammar, ensuring we still write coherent sentences. We've wrote all about mammals, focusing on polar bears and elephants. We're becoming super scientists whilst learning to write! We are looking at shape and money in Maths. We've identified different 3D shapes and sorted them in many ways. We know that you can stack cubes and cuboids because their faces are flat! When looking at money, we have identified the different coins and notes. We are now starting to add them up! In Science, we have been looking at the life cycles of different animals. We are hoping we can get some tadpoles again this year to put in our school pond. Well done for all your hard work this week Class 1/2. Have a lovely weekend!

**Mrs Davies**

## Year 2

This week in English, we have been learning how to use apostrophes to show possession. We have worked really hard to incorporate these into our non-fiction writing of a report about mammals! In Maths, we have started our new topic of 'Money.' We have started this week by making given amounts in pounds and pence! In Geography, we have deepened our understand of where Europe is, and the countries that are within it. In Science, we looked at life-cycles of different animals and compared the life-cycle of a frog and a sheep. In DT, we designed our animal shelters that we will be making over the next few weeks. We thought carefully about the job of the shelter and the materials that we could use. In PSHE, we looked at different scenarios that would be unsafe and unpicked how we could respond to make them safer. What a wonderful week we have had! I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I will see you all on Monday.

**Miss Wilson**

## Year 3

Another busy week in Year 3! We have been planning and writing an informal letter to 'Nana' in our new core text 'Storm in a Jar'. Unfortunately, Nana passed away and Arlo writes her a letter to explain how much he misses her and what his favourite memories are and in Maths, we have been working on our 3, 4- & 8-times tables, using our reasoning and problem-solving skills to show a deeper understanding. In French, we have been researching and identifying French landmarks and in DT, we have been evaluating existing structures such as the Eiffel Tower and the Burj Khalifa. In PE, we have been working on our street dance skills and in Geography, we have been looking at natural resources and what humans can use to survive. In History, we have been researching what life was like for the Egyptians and in PSHE, we have been discussing activities that may be safe or unsafe. On Thursday, we performed our Samba music to parents in our very first-class assembly - I'm sure you will agree that the children were fantastic! Thank you to Mr Whitely from Wakefield Music Services, for giving up his time to come and 'show us off' to our parents. A huge well-done Year 3!

**Mrs Schofield**



#### **Year 4**

Year 4 has shown great resilience this week despite a large number of our class being absent. Our class has been developing their English writing skills once more and have each produced an outstanding piece of work including many of the English writing skills that we have learned this year. On Thursday, we have had our first big build session, which has seen us focus on hazard perception and personal protective equipment. In Science, we have been developing our knowledge of how to keep our teeth healthy, in particular we have been investigating the effects of different drinks on the health of our teeth. Furthermore, we have started our new DT topic, which sees us design and create a flood rescue device. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday

**Mr Hitch**

#### **Year 5**

This week, in English we have been writing a short narrative based around the Windrush generation -we took time to carefully consider our vocabulary choices and sentence structures. In DT, we started our textiles project focusing on sustainability and where materials come from. In Maths, the children have worked extremely hard learning how to multiply 3- and 4-digit numbers by a 2-digit number, using a formal method. Towards the end of the week, they progressed onto reasoning and problem solving questions – well done everyone! We continued to enjoy our Forest Schools session this week and are absolutely loving the opportunity to learn outdoors! Well done everyone.

**Mr Adlington**

#### **Year 5/6**

This week in year 5/6 we have had an excellent week as always! In English, we have been learning about The Windrush Child. We have written a short narrative about starting a better life in England using our knowledge of this story. This week, we have been joined by Age UK, our class charity, who came to share with us the important work they do and receive our donation from the Christmas Fair fundraiser. In Maths, we have shown resilience and determination as we have been learning about how to convert fractions, decimals and percentages. In Science, we have been learning about the Earth is flat theory and why people thought this. In French, we have learnt how to say different types of food and how to order a meal in France. In Geography, we have continued our learning about 'The Slums' and how crime is an only option for some of these people. The children have been amazing again this week. Have a lovely well-earned rest over the weekend ready to start another fun-filled week on Monday.

**Mrs Bateman**

#### **Year 6**

What a wonderful week in Year 6! It has been an absolute pleasure to meet with your parents and share the successes of your mock SATs week! We have been incredibly busy exploring our guided reading text 'Flamingo Boy' which explored a young boy's experiences in France and World War Two, the book explores a range of unique characters and the experiences of civilians during the war. In Computing, we have enjoyed completing our work on Vector drawings – where we have developed our use of keyboard shortcuts to create images using shapes. Year 6, we continue to be proud of your behaviour during your swimming lessons and the fantastic progress you are all making! Finally, this week we enjoyed exploring the impact of Rosa Parks standing up on the bus and how that event has continued to influence America today.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone – well done for your hard work this week.

**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.**

### Spring Term

Date	Event	Class
24.1.24	F2 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Reception
26.1.24	CHF – wear Red 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	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
9.24.24	Hibernation Day for Shelley – Children can attend school in PJS	Whole school
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
15.7.23	Y6 residential to PGL @ Newby Wiske, Northallerton	Year 6
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 Pantry'



Pantry is now open for families to



We are here to offer a little extra help to families that may need it

We have food supplies, clothes, uniform, shoes, toys, books and toiletries

Please let us know if you need anything

This is a confidential service and can be accessed discreetly

We are here to help

