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Dear Parents and Carers,



We have rounded off another brilliant week in school with our 'Wear Red Day' for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. This is a charity close to the heart of one of our pupils here at Towngate so we would like to thank you for all of the donations and for raising the profile of this wonderful charity!

Police visit

This week, Years 5, 5/6 and 6 were visited by PC Lovidge and PCSO Monkman. They led a very informative assembly which shared the consequences and affects that anti-social behaviour and knife crime can have – not only for ourselves, but also the impact that is felt for the local community. As always, the children listened intently and asked questions to further develop their understanding.



Future in minds session

We will be holding a session on Thursday 8th February 2024 3.30pm-5pm with Future in Minds (managing emotions). This is an opportunity for parents and carers to join a session with practitioners from CAHMS. The session covers topics such as: ways to support our children to cope with big emotions, take away practical tips to help your child to understand their emotions and know how to manage strong feelings.

We already have a number of parents/carers interested so please feel free to join, let the staff in the office know if you are interested.

Baby News

Today is Miss Riley's last day before leaves to have her baby. I am sure you will all join us in wishing Miss Riley and her family well as they prepare for their exciting new arrival. Thank you for your ongoing hard work and commitment Miss Riley - we will miss you!

Wear Red Day - Children's Heart Surgery Fund

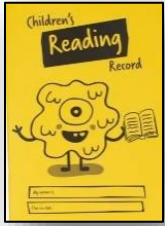
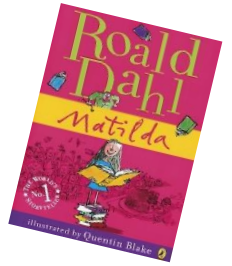
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our 'Wear Red Day' for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. We are delighted to announce that we have raised a fantastic £241.40. All your donations will be forwarded to Children's Heart Surgery Fund who have supported one of our Towngate families when their baby son had open heart surgery recently. Thank you again for all your kindness.

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What are we reading?

Mrs Vickers has shared her favourite book this week – Roald Dahl’s Matilda. Mrs Vickers read this book when she was younger and also loved to share the book with her own children –. This is a story of a brilliant nine-year-old girl with extraordinary powers.



Reading Records

We are beginning to see a steady increase in the number of reading records being brought into school to show the children’s hard work reading at home. Please can we ask all parents and carers to remind children to bring them to school each day. Thank you for your commitment with this.

School Uniform

Please can we remind parents and carers about children coming to school in correct full 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.

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
Nursery	Molly	Sebastian	Mollie	George
Reception (adventurers)	Freya-Rose	Freya	Mahbeer	Rory
Reception (explorers)	Jesse	Kimberley	Nora	Amber
Year 1	Ellie	William	Cora	Scarlett
Year 1/2	India	Hannah	George	Holly
Year 2	Freddie	Emma	Ellie	Lucia

Attendance

Our attendance is 94.87% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to F2 explorers, who achieved 98.33% 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

Nursery have had an exciting week this week, we have been looking at a story called 'Poles Apart'. The story is about a Walrus and a Penguin who are friends and travel to different countries to meet each other. The first countries we explored were the North and South Pole, we looked at the different animals that live there and discussed the weather, the children then explored the tuff tray small world and played with the animals. We then looked at Australia where Penguin went jumping with the Kangaroo's, again looking at the different animals and making comparisons between different climates, the children have thoroughly enjoyed this! In maths we have been making patterns with the natural materials and played many games of number bingo. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and thank you for your continued support!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

We have been super Historians this week in Class 1/2! The children have excellent knowledge of the events that took place during The Great Fire of London and the key individuals at this period in time. We used different sources to understand better how the fire spread so quickly! We couldn't believe how crowded it was down by the River Thames and couldn't imagine living in houses made of wood! In Geography, we have been looking at the different countries within Europe and learnt there's 4 different regions. Some of have families that live across Europe so we identified those different countries and compared their size to the size of the UK. We have written a fantastic description about a tiger this week, using a range of adjectives. I am seeing some huge improvements with our handwriting, well done! Have a fantastic weekend Class 1/2 and well done for all your hard work this week.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning to do repeating patterns using 2D and 3D shapes. We explored this by moving the shapes practically into symmetrical and repeating patterns. We have also revisited place value activities focusing on making numbers with tens and ones. We have also revisited doubles and addition and subtraction. In English we have been writing facts about tigers. We used new ambitious words like camouflage and carnivores. We are trying really hard to remember to use capital letters and full stops. We are also trying hard to apply our kinetic handwriting skills into our daily writing.

In history we have been recording how the Great Fire of London spread due to not being able to get to the water in the River Thames. In geography we have been learning about the currency, trade and food in Europe. We have been using the atlas to locate different countries in the north, east, west and southern Europe.

In DT we have been exploring the materials we are going to use to make an animal shelter. We know we will make a cube or cuboid structure and then decide how to add a base, a roof and think about how to make the roof waterproof.

Well done Year 1. You have all worked very hard.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 1/2

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Mrs Davies



Year 2

This week in English, we have been learning how to use apostrophes to show contraction. We have worked really hard to use these in our descriptions of Tigers! I have been blown away by the pieces of writing that our class have produced, it is truly heart-warming to see the development in everyone's writing since September, including their handwriting. In Maths, we have worked extremely hard to master comparing amounts of money, including finding the same amount. We started with developing our fluency skills, but then applied this to some very tricky reasoning and problem-solving questions! In Geography, we had a wonderful lesson looking at what Europe is like, in terms of currency, trade and even the food specialities across the continent. We used our learning to role play what happens in different countries and compared how these differed across the continent. In Science, we looked at human life-cycles and how we change throughout our lives. We looked at the different skills we have at each age, and how these develop throughout our lives. In PSHE, we looked at how we can keep ourselves safe by understanding which scenarios we would say "Yes", "No", or "I'll ask a grown up for permission" for. I was extremely impressed by the mature and thoughtful responses that the children offered. Another super week Year 2 - a huge well done! You continue to make me so proud.

Miss Wilson

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been working really hard planning a character description of Arlo, the main character in our picture book 'Storm in a jar'. We used expanded noun phrases and prepositions to add interest to our writing and in maths, we have been multiplying 2 digits by 1 digit with and without an exchange. In History, we have been learning why the Egyptians built the pyramids and in Science, we have been carrying out an investigation into how friction affects the speed of an object by repelling a toy car on the playground, the carpet and the school corridor- it was great fun and very interesting. In RE, we discussed why God is the light, the father, the creator and the prayer listener - 'God helps people if they make a mistake and gives them what they need.' said Rosie. Today, we dressed in red to raise money and show support 'The Children's Heart Surgery Fund', we discussed how the heart works and how children may have a heart defect. Well done for another busy week Year 3.

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

Year 4 have had another fantastic week of learning, including beginning to design our flood rescue devices in Design Technology on Sketchup. In Maths, we have been finding and using factor pairs. In English, we are beginning our next extended write based on a Diary entry. Finally, I am very grateful for the number of new students coming to Maths club. It will be extremely beneficial for those children coming to Maths club so thank you to those who have confirmed they can attend. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in English we have continued our writing based around the Windrush generation -we started to look at a piece of persuasive writing. In DT, we completed our pencil case designs for our textiles project. In Maths, we have worked extremely hard learning how to complete short division problems, using a formal method. Finally, in science we started looking at our space topic, learning about the planets and why the Earth spins on an axis. Well done everyone.

Mr Adlington



Year 5/6

Another busy week in Year 5/6. This week we have progressed in our maths lessons onto perimeter and area of shapes; the children blew us away with their existing knowledge from previous years and how they were able to apply this to new challenges! In DT, we have been designing a sustainable pencil case based on a design brief for a target audience; our plan is to use old and recycled clothes to create our very own pencil case! This week we had a visit from a local PCSO who spoke to us about anti-social behaviour - the staff were really impressed with the way in which children asked questions and responded so maturely to the topic. We have continued to enjoy reading Holes as part of our guided reading and we have been working really hard to read at home - well done everyone! Have a super weekend.

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

After another busy week, Year 6 continue to impress us with their commitment and resilience in learning. This week, we have explored the concept of perimeter in maths - looking at compound shapes and using the basic principles of algebra to find missing lengths. In English, we have been editing and publishing our extended writes based on our core text, Windrush Child, where we retell the steps Leonard and his mum took boarding the Empire Windrush in the hope of a new life in England. We thought carefully about our language choices to capture the emotions felt by the characters during this time. In History, we have been comparing the significance of Rosa Parks, Oliver Brown and Martin Luther King Jr in their fight for Civil Rights in 1950s America. The children unpicked and analysed key parts of the iconic speech from Martin Luther King: 'I have a dream'. In Science, we have been exploring the concept of Earth and Space, whilst in Geography we looked at evidencing our understanding of whether Governments can take action to tackle poor living conditions in slums.

Thank you for - once again - being an absolute delight to teach, Year 6! Have a fantastic 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.

Spring Term

Date	Event	Class
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
9.2.24	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	Rocksteady Concert 10.00am	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

