

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Bikeability**

This week our Year 1 children took part in Bikeability: the children spent their week developing their skills in cycling and we were thrilled to see so many of our children now riding bikes independently around the playground. This is one of our Year 1 Life Skills – well done everyone, we are so proud to have watched you on this journey!

## **Inspire Events**

This week we invited parents in Year 5 and Year 6 into school to participate in our Inspire event. We held a clay workshop, where the children and their parents made a clay tile to represent themselves; we will be painting our tiles and varnishing them, before creating a mural as a legacy for when we move onto high school. Thank you all for joining us and for spending the time to provide feedback.



## **World Book Day**

On Thursday 7th March, Towngate will be participating in World Book Day, where we will come together as a school to celebrate our love of reading. On this day, we would like your child to dress up as one of their favourite book characters – or comfortable clothing – for the day and to bring in a favourite book from home, to share with their peers during the day. We will be spending our day celebrating all things books and look forward to sharing reading with you on social media.

## **National Careers Week**

Next week is National Careers Week. We will be taking part in a virtual event this week, gaining an understanding of the different jobs that may be available to us to explore in the future. We will be conducting some pupil voice following this event, ready for organising our own in-house careers fair to take place in summer term.

## **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?**

This week Mrs Thackrah is enjoying reading Harry Potter & the philosopher's stone by JK Rowling, In the non-magical human world--the world of "Muggles"--Harry is a nobody, treated like dirt by the aunt and uncle who begrudgingly inherited him when his parents were killed by the evil Voldemort. But in the world of wizards, small, skinny Harry is renowned as a survivor of the wizard who tried to kill him.



## **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	Rosanna	Jacob	Harper	Hughie
Reception (adventurer's)	Freya	Mahbir	Joseph	Rory
Reception (explorers)	Oscar	Harry	Louie	Freddie
Year 1	Holly	Maizy	Eva	Hudson
Year 1/2	Imaya	Eliza	Harry	Rueben
Year 2	Scarlet	Fabian	Zachary	Henry

### Attendance

Our attendance is 96.7% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go Nursery, 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 been learning about a new enquiry about 'What people do all day and the people who help me'. We have been looking at a book called 'Clothes Line Clues and the People Do' each day we have explored a new occupation and watched a short video so the children can develop a deeper understanding of each job. During speaking and listening time some of the children talked about the jobs their parents do and then thought about what they would like to do. In math we have been learning about the different attributes of 2D shapes, the children have been amazing at sorting the shapes! Have a wonderful weekend everyone and thank you for your continued support!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

#### **Reception**

This week in Reception, our new class book called All Aboard on the London Bus has sparked lots of discussions in the classroom. This book had a variety of poems about the landmarks in London. We have enjoyed building landmarks of London in our indoor provision area such as – Big Ben, London Eye and Tower Bridge. In our outdoor provision area where we created our own red bus taking all our friends on the tour of London. We have been learning about William Morris and using his work to recreate our own. We experimented with paint and made our own beautiful prints. In Maths, we have been making compositions of 9 and 10 using our tens frame. It's almost that time of year again to celebrate World Book day next week. We are looking forward to seeing which character the children will come dressed as. Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji**

#### **Year 1**

We have had the most fantastic week in Year 1! The children have taken part in an activity called 'Bikeability'. At the beginning of the week, they started riding on balance bikes and now at the end of the week they can ride a pedal bike with no stabilizers!!! What an achievement Year 1, I am so very proud of you all.

As part of our science learning to keep healthy we made some fruit kebabs with Mrs. Longlands. They were so yummy and delicious!! We had mango, strawberries, banana, apples and pineapple.

In History we found out about an explorer called Ibn Battuta. He was one of the first people to travel to many countries in the 1300. He rode on a camel and decided to never take the same path twice so he would see lots of new things and places. In art we are continuing to learn about the composition of collage. This week we had a go at tearing, scrunching and overlapping different materials. Well done Year 1, you have been so amazing this week!

Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Lockett**



## Year 1/2

We've had another great week in Class 1/2. We started our new History topic this week, where we have been learning about the significant explorer, Ibn Battuta. He explored in the early 1300s so we have been discussing the reliability of the information we have from then. We couldn't believe he had been travelling for over 50 years! In English, we have been focussing on writing in the correct tense and applied this to writing a diary entry, in the role of The Velveteen Rabbit. The standard of writing we are producing is fantastic and really making us proud! Year 1 have taken part in bikeability this week and thoroughly enjoyed this experience! Many of us have learnt new, valuable skills. A huge well-done Year 1! Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

**Mrs Davies**

## Year 2

This week in English, we have learnt how to accurately write verbs in the past and present tense. This was extremely useful when we wrote a diary from the perspective of the Velveteen Rabbit to explain our feelings after being left and abandoned. In Maths, we have continued to progress with our Fractions unit - we have looked how to find the whole from a given amount, find and recognise three quarters and non-unit fractions. In Science, we had a wonderful lesson carrying out an experiment to investigate the effects of exercise. We completed different exercise stations to explore which raised our heart rates the most and least. In History, we started our new unit looking at significant explorers, starting with Ibn Battuta. I wonder if we could tell our grown-ups why this explorer is so significant? In Music, we have continued to enjoy our Samba lessons with the Wakefield Music Service! In PE, we had lots of fun developing our fundamental movement skills. We talked about how we can control our bodies to improve our movements and then linked this to our Science learning through a discussion of how our bodies felt afterwards. In DT, we evaluated our wonderful animal shelters that we made last term. We demonstrated super knowledge of what we believed went well and what could be improved further. Well done for another wonderful week team - I hope you have a lovely, restful weekend with your loved ones.

**Miss Wilson**

## Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been planning and writing a non-chronological report all about the Ancient Egyptians using knowledge from our History learning and in Maths, we have been measuring length in millimetres, centimetres and metres. In History, we completed our Ancient Egyptians topic, learning all about Howard Carter discovering Tutankhamun's tomb and why it was such an important discovery and in Geography, we completed our topic on Villages, Towns and Cities by looking at Megacities and comparing life in a village to life in a city. In Science, we learned about the healthy eating plate as part of a balanced diet and in Art, we learned how to mix paints to create warm and cold colours. On Wednesday, we were joined by Ruth from 'My Bank' to teach us all about looking after our money. Well done Year 3, for another busy, busy week!

**Mrs Schofield & Miss Leveridge**

## Year 4

Thank you for attending our class assembly this week to watch our samba performance. We are extremely proud of the hard work our students have put in and the resilience they have shown to perform in front of an audience. This week, we also thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Garforth Methodist church where the students were engaged in activities throughout the day and learned about the life of John Westly. In science, we have concluded our experiment on the effects that different liquids have on the health of our teeth. On Wednesday, we were fortunate enough to be visited by My bank who have educated our students on finances and banks. I look forward to next week and to welcoming you all back to school on Monday.

**Mr Hitch**

## Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have made excellent progress in our maths learning. We have learned how to round decimals to the nearest whole number - which can be tricky - and have also looked at rounding to the nearest tenth. We completed work on ordering and comparing decimals prior to this which really helped develop our understanding of key concepts. In English, we have completed some superb setting descriptions as part of our creative writing. We have discussed how we can best impact the reader through effective use of vocabulary and grammar and have practised using some new sentence models. The outcomes are absolutely excellent: we will share some examples of our writing with parents through ClassDojo. In geography, we have discussed what makes an energy sources renewable or non-renewable. We have thought about how our energy consumption has altered throughout history and which key historic events impacted this. In art, we have continued to use oil pastel techniques to create a realistic image which depicts a space scene to complement our science learning: Earth and Space. This week we have seen some children make massive improvements in their handwriting and presentation - again we will share this with parents on ClassDojo!

**Mr Adlington**



## **Year 5/6**

We have had a great week in class 5/6!

Our week started with our inspire events where we welcomed our parents and carers into school to help us make clay tiles to form a mural for our outdoor space. This was such a wonderful event and a great opportunity to spend time with our adults - thank you again to everyone who was able to join us. In History this week, we have been furthering our learning about the civil rights movement by focussing on the Selma marches which led to the Voting Rights Act. In French, the children have been working hard to build their vocabulary knowledge and are now confidently translating sections of text describing food and drink. In English, we have been absolutely blown away by the children's writing this week. They have worked incredibly hard to write a setting description based on a winter wonderland - well done everyone! Boys and girls, thank you again for a super week. We are very lucky!

**Mrs Bateman**

## **Year 6**

We have had a lovely week in school this week, carefully crafting our written work as we drafted our setting descriptions in English. We looked carefully at various sentence models to use as we extended our sentences with a vast range of figurative language devices - so far our outcomes are fantastic - well done! We are also working hard on our handwriting as part of our Kinetic Letters work - seeing the impact of the children working so hard has been really special. Well done everyone! In Maths, we have continued to work hard on our revision whilst trying to improve our arithmetic accuracy. In History, we continue our learning on Civil Rights in America during the 1950s; we considered the changes in legislation and the impact of the changes of law during this time. Our peak of the week really was our Inspire Event, where we shared the afternoon with many parents and carers in creating our clay tiles, which will form part of a mural and our legacy as we leave Towngate in the summer. Well done everyone - as always, you continue to make me proud!

**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
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
20.3.24	Spring fair – throughout the day	Whole school
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
20.7.24	Summer Gala	All welcome
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	Year 6 leavers fest	All Year 6
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'



The Pantry is now open for families to access

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



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24.03.24



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# WIN £1000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL

PLUS A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR ONE LUCKY CHILD!

Thanks to the generous support of our event sponsors The Card Factory Foundation, we are giving one lucky school the chance to receive £1000 towards new PE Equipment!

## How it works:

Taking place on the same day as the Wakefield 10K (Sunday 24th March 2024), the Wakefield Fun-Run is a family friendly event which sees runners of all ages take on the 1KM course around Thornes Park.

We are asking schools to support this year's event by promoting participation to their pupils. Any school whose pupils cumulatively raise £250+ will be entered into the draw to win £1000 towards new PE equipment!

We will also have a special prize up for grabs for one lucky child to win, this will be drawn on the day of the event with every child who enters the Fun Run in with the chance of winning!



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## REGISTER TODAY

To register please visit [wakefieldhospice.org/funrun](http://wakefieldhospice.org/funrun) or scan the QR code on the reverse of this flyer.

**Registration:**  
Children: £5  
Adults: £2.50

All children will receive a finisher's medal upon completion of the race.

The event starts at 9:30am

Location: Thornes Park, Wakefield, WF2 8QZ

