

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great week in school this week: we had lots of excited children dressed in their comfiest clothes or finest character costumes for World Book Day. We had a great day doing lots of activities such as designing their own book covers, recreating stories with their friends, using augmented reality to bring book reviews to life and KS2 even had the amazing opportunity to watch a Webinar with the infamous Michael Morpurgo! We had a brilliant day and it was a really wonderful experience to see the school looking so vibrant with

## **Attendance reporting**

May we offer a reminder that if your child is unwell or is not in school for any other reason, that a phone call is made to school by 8.15am, where a voicemail can be left. We ask that this is done in place of sending Dojo messages or speaking to teachers to ensure that all messages are picked up at the start of the school day and do not then disturb learning time. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Fire Engine Visit**

As part of their learning about 'people who help us' in Early Years and The Great Fire of London in KS1, we have had a Fire Engine Visit in school to visit the children. It was magical to see so many children building an understanding of the role of the fire service and how they can help us.

## **Rock steady concert**

Parents and carers of pupils who are taking part in the Rock Steady music concert are invited into school from 10.00am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to enjoy the pupils performing in a musical extravaganza!

## **Snacks at breaktimes**

May we also offer a gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school and therefore can we request that snacks – such as cereal bars - brought into school for over a break time are nut-free.

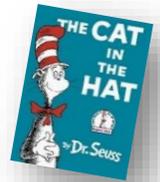
## **Rescheduled Future in Minds session**

We will be holding a session on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April @3.30pm - 5.00pm 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 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 if you wish to attend.

Thank you

**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?

This week Mrs Perkins is enjoying reading Dr Seuss The Cat in the Hat; this book is about a miserable rainy day, and two kids are stuck in indoors with nothing to do... until the Cat in the Hat shows up! He very quickly turns their dull day into a mad adventure packed full of excitement and mayhem.

### 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	Finley	Joshua	Alesha	Peyton
Year 4	Robbie	Nathan	Oliver A	Finley
Year 5	Bradley	Seth	Layla	Alesha
Year 5/6	Maya	Daniel	Maisie	Kiera
Year 6	Krystal	Neve	Joshua	Eva

### Attendance

Our attendance is 94.23% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to F2 Adventurers, who achieved 97.89% 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 been extremely luck this week we have had two visitors to help us learn about different occupations. The first visit was on Tuesday from the fire service, the Fire Fighters showed the children around the fire engine and showed them the different compartments there were around the engine. After the children were able to sit inside the fire engine which was extremely popular, when we went back into Nursery after the visit the children were so inspired so we decided to create our own fire engine and fire station, the children were brilliant Fire Fighters! We also had a visit from a Carer, it was so inspirational to hear about how Carers care for people who need help, the children enjoyed finding out about their role and had lots of questions to ask about how they help them keep healthy and get out of bed. Thank you to the parents who have been into school and signed up to come in the next few weeks we really appreciate this!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

#### Reception

We have had a very busy week in Reception this week. We have been reading the story, The Train Ride, by June Crebbin and thinking about all the features which the girl sees through the window. We have been creating our own story maps and we are working very hard to write our own sentences about the story. We have enjoyed exploring the composition of ten, finding lots of ways to make ten using Numicon. We all had a wonderful day dressed as our favourite story characters and sharing our favourite books with one another during World Book Day. We have all shown wonderful pencil control as we created our very special cards for this weekend. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji

#### Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning about measuring length and height for our maths activities. We have been comparing length and then measuring using non-standard units. We will be moving onto to measuring in cm next week. In English we celebrated World Book Day and enjoyed looking at books and sharing stories. In art we created a collage using parts of a face. The skill was to overlap the pictures. In geography we talked about the word temperature and used a thermometer to measure the temperature in our classroom, in the corridor and outside. We know in the UK we measure in centigrade. We are continuing to work extremely hard in our Read, Write Inc groups and are showing amazing progress with the sounds we now know. Well done Year 1. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett



## Year 1/2

This week we were fortunate to have Ossett Firefighters come in to school to talk to us all about fire safety and explain what it is like to be a firefighter! The children got to sit inside the fire engine, listen to the siren and learn all about the different equipment they use. We impressed them with our fantastic knowledge of The Great Fire of London! In Geography, we have looked at how the temperature around school is different depending on the area the thermometer is located. This provided us with the opportunity to learn to read a thermometer and understand why they are useful. In Science, we have learnt all about nutrition and what foods we should and shouldn't be eating. We organised different food types into healthy and unhealthy. Have lovely weekend!

**Mrs Davies**

## Year 2

What an exciting week we have had! This week brought us a visit from the Ossett Fire Service, a special reading guest and World Book Day! We had a wonderful, informative talk from the firefighters who told us all about their job and fire safety, then they took us on a tour of their fire engine. We got to see all the equipment that they have on the fire engine and even got to sit in it! Don't forget to watch our wonderful video on Twitter of this, if you haven't already! On Thursday, we had a beautiful day celebrating our admiration of reading. We all enjoyed seeing each other's choice of outfit, sharing our favourite books and completing book reviews. In English this week, we have mastered how to accurately write verbs in the past progressive tense. In Maths, we have really enjoyed starting our 'measurement' unit - we started the week by measuring in centimetres, then we moved onto measuring in metres, and finally comparing and ordering different lengths. In Science, we had lots of fun looking at foods that are protein, carbohydrates, fats and sugars, dairy and fruit and veg; we discussed the recommendations for the amounts of different types of food. In Geography, we did some incredible fieldwork to see which parts of our school are hot and cold; we then explored the impacts of the temperature in different places. We have also worked incredibly hard practicing for our Year 2 class assembly next Thursday - we can't wait to show this to you. Well done for another super week Year 2 - I am so proud of each and every one of you.

**Miss Wilson**

## Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have been retrieving and inferring from a poem about raindrops and then we have been finding the features of an acrostic poem. In maths, we have been comparing, adding and subtracting length and in PE, we have been practising our dribbling skills with Mr. Hitch and doing gymnastics with the Elite sports coach. In Geography, we were learning where the world's water is for our new topic 'Water, Weather & Climate' and in History, we have been creating a timeline including the 'Ancient Greeks' to enhance our chronological understanding. In Art, we were learning about warm and cold colours then using this knowledge to create a background for our version of Monet's 'Impression Sunrise'. We had our final visit from Ruth at My bank who was teaching us all about saving for our future. We have really enjoyed working with My bank and learning all about how to look after our money and make it go further. On Thursday, it was World Book Day and we dressed as our favourite book character and shared our favourite book with our friends. We were also lucky enough to take part in a webinar with author Michael Morpurgo OBE who read us an extract from his book 'The Butterfly Lion'. Well done Year 3!

**Mrs Schofield & Miss Leveridge**

## Year 4

Year 4 has had another fantastic week. In Geography we have been continuing our topic of natural resources, specifically looking at what makes different materials valuable. In History, we were looking at how the Anglo-Saxons changed Britain. In PE, we have been developing our invasion games skills, such as control, attacking and defending. In English, we are writing a free poem and have learned the different skills included in different types of poetry. We have also had another visit from my bank, who taught year 4 about their future and using a piggy bank.

**Mr Hitch**

## Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have continued to work hard on converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. We have discussed how - sometimes - we can represent fractions in more than one way and have found tricks to help when converting unfamiliar fractions to decimals or percentages. In English, we have planned our own flashback as part of our work on building a narrative. We identified the key features of a flashback and spent some time considering how sentence models can be utilised to up level our work: looking to really impact our audience. In PE, we looked at passing skills in netball by developing our bounce pass and chest pass. We practise these in isolation before combining them in a game situation. In art, we have discussed what makes an effective composition and how artists implement the 8 principles of composition to create impactful pieces.

**Mr Adlington**



## Year 5/6

This week in Year 5/6 we have had a great week, especially during world book day where we wrote to our favourite authors. In art, we began the composition of our space scene. We will be continuing to develop our drawing skills by using oil pastels to create detail and colour on our masterpieces. As part of Careers Week, we have accessed the virtual careers fair to explore different roles and responsibilities. The children enjoyed exploring career progression, different wages and researching the qualifications needed for different jobs. During English, we have worked hard this week to develop our understanding of sentence structure to carefully construct our setting descriptions. Well done everyone for your attitudes towards your working this week - we continue to be so proud of you.

**Mrs Bateman**

## Year 6

We have had a great week in school – we have worked hard to perfect our reading comprehension skills and have enjoyed working in collaboration in the classroom again this week. In Science, we have been exploring the concept of eclipses and the reason that these happen. In RE, we continued our learning, where we are looking at places of worship; this week, we explored Synagogues. We discussed the similarities and differences between the places of worships and the religions themselves. In Maths, we have worked hard to improve the accuracy of our fraction calculations, taking part in a team game of 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' where we checked how successful our revision had been this week. We loved having time during World Book Day to write to our chosen authors – we are going to send our letters and we hope to receive some replies!

Well done everyone – keep trying hard and I know we will achieve great things!

**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**

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

