

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week here at Towngate Primary: we have been working hard as always in our classrooms as we have delved further into our learning, starting some of our new units of work. We were thrilled to be joined this week by The Dog's Trust who came into school to share some very important messages about how we can keep ourselves safe around dogs.

Contact number

Our Breakfast, After School Club & Holiday Club contact number is 07917024280; this number will only be answered within the club hours. We ask that parents and carers follow the normal procedure for phoning any children in absent and booking any additional places. Thank you.

Nut Free School

Just a gentle reminder that we are a nut free school and children should not bring anything to school containing nuts due to allergies.

Dogs in the playground

It has been brought to our attention that dogs are being brought into the playground. We must inform all parents and carers that dogs are not permitted on site and therefore we respectfully ask that dogs are not brought onto the premises. Thank you for your cooperation.

Plant donation

We are currently extending the garden planters in the grounds of the school, if any parents have any spare plants/herbs they would like to donate can you please bring them to the school office.

Parent Parking

It has been brought to our attention that a number of cars have been parking near and on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. We would like to send a polite reminder that it is illegal to park on this area of the road as it poses a huge risk to the safety of our children. **We are requesting that this area is kept clear when families are collecting children from school.**

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 Miss Swain is enjoying reading Julia Donaldson's the stick man, the story is about Stickman lives in the family tree with his stick lady love and their stick children three."." But it's dangerous being a Stick Man. A dog wants to play with him, a swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire! Will he ever get back to the family tree?

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



Attendance

Our attendance is 96.28% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to F2 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!

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Kyrena	Robyn	Alonso	Ayanda
Year 4	Piper	Lucas B	Thea	Poppy
Year 5	Evan	Mellon	Layla	Connor
Year 5/6	Lexi	Daniel	Evalyn	Ethan V
Year 6	Georgie	Abbie	Maisee	Thomas

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we focused on the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. The children engaged in roleplay and explored the various characters and collaborated as a team to extract the turnip from the ground. Our featured rhyme for this week is 'Peter Rabbit'. Learning rhymes is vital for developing the children's language skills and fostering a love for rhyme. In maths, we have been enhancing our subitising skills and utilising outdoor weighing scales to measure natural resources. We particularly concentrated on understanding the concepts of 'heavy' and 'light' and how the balancing scales work. Some children have observed their seeds sprouting into seedlings this week. We discussed the requirements for seed growth and each child has been tending to their individual plant. Well done to everyone! We appreciate your ongoing support and hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

This Week in Reception, we have started our new class book. A traditional tale called 'The Enormous Turnip.' The children have really enjoyed retelling the story from each character's perspective. Children have been busy in the mud kitchen making mud soup, using ideas from the story. In Maths, we have been learning numbers and patterns to 20. We have been intrigued in planting our own seeds in the outdoor area and are very excited to see how they grow.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we were thrilled to have the Dogs Trust in, delivering a workshop all about how to keep safe around dogs and all the wonderful work they do as a charity.

In Maths, we have started learning the time. We began by looking at the days of the week, months of the year and hours, minutes, and seconds. This helped with our understanding of reading the time to the hour and half past the hour. We will keep practicing this throughout the year! In English, we learnt how adding the suffix -ed turns verbs into the past tense! We have been using them in our own sentences. In RE, we have thought all about places that are safe and special to us. We realised that it is often the people at our special places that make us feel safe. Well done for another wonderful week! Have a great weekend.

Miss Swain



Year 1/2

We've been non-stop this week and completed some wonderful independent work! The children have shown extreme resilience during Maths, whilst learning how to read the time! It is wonderful to see them master this skill and we will be reinforcing this daily to master this! Do keep testing them at home! Year 1 have learnt o'clock and half past, year two have extended this by learning quarter past, quarter to and the time to 5 minutes! In History, we have learnt about Amelia Earhart and developed our own research questions, as we decided we were intrigued to know more about her disappearance! We wrote interview questions that we'd have liked to ask her if she was still alive. This week in DT we have explored different toy cars, learning about wheels and axles. In the next few weeks, we will be designing and creating our own push/pull toys for the Nursery children. It was a wonderful treat to have a visitor from the Dogs Trust that helped us understand how to keep safe around dogs and appreciate all the work that goes into their charity. Well done Class 1/2! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davies

Year 2

We've had another busy, enjoyable week in Year 2. In English, we have finished our core text 'Velveteen Rabbit' and have written our own versions of this story, in which we chose our own characters! The imagination that was expressed in these pieces was simply divine. In Maths, we have been learning the very important skill of telling the time! We progressed from consolidating our knowledge of o'clock and half-past, to telling the time to 5 minutes. In History, we looked at Amelia Earhart and considered why she is a significant, historical figure; to learn about her life, we enjoyed reading the Little People, Big Dreams book all about her. In DT, we have started our unit of 'Wheels and Axels'. This week we have looked at toys and products containing wheels and axels to see the purpose that they serve. In Science, we have looked at what a habitat is and matched different animals and plants to their habitat, justifying why they are suited to this place. On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have Rachel from the Dog's Trust come in to deliver us a wonderful workshop; we were told all about the important work this charity does and how we can stay safe around dogs. I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend Year 2 and I'll see you next week!

Miss Wilson

Year 3

We've had a very busy week in Year 3. In English, we have been writing a setting description based on 'Mole's House' in our new core text 'Wind in the Willows', using fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and figurative language and in Maths, we have been comparing and ordering fractions and learning about fractions and scales. In Science, we have been learning about the different parts of a flowering plant as part of our new topic 'Plants' and in RE, we have been learning about Hindu Gods. In History, we have been learning about Ancient Greek Gods and in Geography, we have been learning about the Northern and southern hemisphere and why we have seasons. In PE, we practised our bowling and batting skills for cricket and in Computing, we looked at words and pictures to begin our new topic of 'Creating Media - desktop publishing'. On Tuesday, we had a visit from Rachel at Dogs Trust, who taught us how to stay safe around dogs. She visited all classes and gave us the tools to stay safe. Well done Year 3 for a super week!

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

Another fantastic week at Towngate Primary Academy. This week we have had Dog's trust into school to educate us on how to be safe around dogs which we thoroughly enjoyed. Year 4 have been confidently adding and subtracting fractions including mixed numbers in Math's. In English, we have completed some amazing character descriptions about the character Grendel using all of the skills we have used so far this year. In Design Technology we have started our new topic of Healthy and varied diet, this has seen our class analyse products on the current market and we look forward to following our design, make, evaluate process that has seen us already make some fantastic products. I hope you have a fantastic weekend and will see you on Monday.

Mr Hitch



Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have continued our work on area and perimeter. We have calculated the perimeter of rectilinear shapes including finding the length of missing sides. We have discussed how to determine whether a question has sufficient information in order to calculate the perimeter and that - sometimes - we need more information before attempting our working out. We have also calculated the area of rectangles and compound shapes by splitting these shapes into more easily recognisable rectilinear shapes. We have completed reasoning and problem-solving questions in order to consolidate our knowledge. In English, we have planned our own monologue based on the poem we have been studying - The Highwayman. We have written from the perspective of Bess, the landlord's daughter, by presenting her thoughts and feelings as they might be performed to the camera or audience. In science, we have studied asexual reproduction in plants looking specifically at how plants can use runner, bulbs and tubers to reproduce without the need for two organisms to be involved. In geography, we have introduced our new unit of learning for this half term which is biomes. We have learned what biomes are and where specific biomes are located on earth. Our PE learning is cricket for this half term and this week we have practised developing our accuracy when throwing, catching and bowling.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

This week, our Year 5 children have continued to develop their learning on angles, exploring angles on a straight line, around a point and drawing angles using a protractor. In Year 6, we have been deepening our knowledge of revised topics and applying these to reasoning problems; the children's arithmetic scores are improving each day and we couldn't be prouder! In RE, we have been learning about Islamic places of worship and the magnificent artwork in these. In History, we have started our new topic about 'Changing Britain' - we are linking our previous learning about Civil Rights in the USA to changes in Civil Rights in Great Britain, with a particular focus on protected characteristics. In English, Year 5 have planned and written their own monologue based on the poem 'The Highwayman'. We have written from the perspective of Bess the landlord's daughter or Tim the Ostler. This week, Year 6 have focussed on the active and passive voice, identifying this and using it in their own writing. Well done everyone, we are incredibly proud!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have come together as a cohort to develop our mathematical facts as part of our work on reasoning. We thought about how we could develop our revision skills to remember key content such as lines, parts of a circle and angles in both triangles and quadrilaterals. We have created short, memorable actions to support us in the lead up to our assessments. In Grammar, we have been perfecting our knowledge of the active and passive voice - we will be using this knowledge as part of our weekly pop quiz - where we will be collaborating to play our SATs version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire. Our History unit has been incredibly powerful over the last term and we concluded our learning on Civil Rights this week: the children had a brilliant discussion, where we understood how the Black Lives Matter movement came to begin and we discussed the similarities and differences between the protests that took place in in Ferguson, Missouri and the Selma Marches we had learnt about during the 1960s. Well done Year 6 for a brilliant and thought-provoking week. Keep working hard and you will absolutely reap the rewards.

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!

Summer Term

Date	Event	Class
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 2:30pm	All Year 6
20.6.24	Reception trip to Butterfly Garden Sheffield	Reception
24.6.24	Year 5 Class Assembly 2:30pm	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





Holiday Club

CONTACT - 07917024280
BOOKING FORM TO FOLLOW.

Around the Euros in 9 days.

Join us for 9 fun filled days in the build up to the Euros, exploring different foods, crafts and cultures.

SPRING BANK

WEEK 1 - TUES 28TH - FRI 31ST
MAY

WEEK 2 - MON 3RD - FRI 7TH

£15 FOR HALF A DAY.
(7.30AM - 12.30PM OR 1PM - 6PM)

£30 FULL DAY.(7.30AM - 6PM)

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH IF STAYING ALL DAY.

BREAKFAST AND TEA PROVIDED.

