

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another wonderful week in school this week: on Monday, Mrs Berry and Mrs Poole led our assembly where we focused on what excellence means. We shared our Towngate Pathway which reminds us how we behave and act in our school to make it the best place it can possibly be. We shared our new 'core compass', which helps us to navigate the right way to act in our school. At Towngate, we follow: excellent walking, excellent sitting, excellent attention and excellent manners.

A reminder that on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, our school is being used a polling station and this is an INSET day for all children. We look forward to opening our doors again on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## Trust Choir Recording

A small selection of pupils who shared their interests in joining other children from across the trust travelled this morning to one of our trust schools, Grove Lea Primary. Together with the other schools, our children performed a selection of beautiful songs which were recorded, ready to be played at the IPMAT Trust Staff Conference next week. As always, the children conducted themselves fantastically and were wonderful ambassadors for Towngate. We cannot wait to hear the final recording. Well done everybody, we are immensely proud of you!



## Thank you and good luck!

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Thackrah for her many years of hard work, dedication and true commitment to Towngate. Mrs Thackrah joined Towngate as a volunteer and has since worked across all of our classes in her role as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. Thank you, Mrs Thackrah for all you have done and we wish you all the luck in the world as you move on to pastures new.

We would also like to send our sincere thanks and heart-felt appreciation for Mrs Fothergill. Although Mrs Fothergill has only been with us for a short period of time, the impact that Mrs Fothergill has had across school has been significant. Mrs Fothergill – thank you for your unwavering care and commitment to school – we will really miss you and wish you well on your next adventure.



### 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.

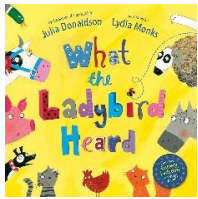
### Nut Free School

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

### 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.**

**What are we reading** – This week Mrs Bell is enjoying reading Julia Donaldson's What the lady bird heard, this story is about the animals on the farm are always noisy, all except for the ladybird who never says a word. But when burglars plot to steal the farmer's fine prize cow, it's the quiet ladybird who comes up with the perfect way to stop their dastardly plan!



### 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 96.94% 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
Nursery	Willow	Georgia	Olivia	Sebastian
F2 (adventurers)	Grace	Freya	Selina	Marlie
F2 (explorers)	Kimberley	Summer	Zac	Mason
Year 1	Darcy	Austin	William	Ashlee
Year 1/2	Jorgie	Lily	Lucas	Francesca
Year 2	Arlo	Chester	Freya	Cora



## What have we been getting up to this week?

### Nursery

This week marked the final week of exploring "The Enormous Turnip" with the children. They have grown quite attached to the story and have had a great time participating in the repetitive phrases like "Pull, pull don't you stop keep on pulling until the turnip goes POP!". In addition to this, we have delved into other stories related to plant life cycles. The children are still tending to their plants with anticipation, eagerly hoping to spot any changes each day. In math, we have been honing our counting abilities and singing various number rhymes, with "5 Current Buns" being a favourite. Please share a special memory photo of your child through Dojo as we are putting together a memory display for our new topic "What is a Memory?". Thank you for your ongoing support and have a fantastic weekend!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

### Reception

This week, in Reception we have been reading our class book called The Extraordinary Gardener. We have been trying really hard to 'hold our sentences'. In Maths, we have been using our problem-solving skills to solve addition and subtraction number sentences. We have been inspired by the famous artist – Paul Cezanne to create our own still life pictures of fruits using paints and mixing them. Earlier this week, we learnt about Earth Day and the importance of looking after our earth. We created our own earth pictures and discussed how to keep our planet safe.

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

### Year 1

We have had a wonderful week in Year 1 and have produced some excellent independent learning! In Maths, we have been learning how to count in 2s and 10s. We recognised patterns and talked about odd and even numbers. Next week we will be using this knowledge to help us count in 5s. In History, we wrote about why Amelia Earhart is significant and we all agreed she is important because she was the first woman to fly solo over the Atlantic! Did you know she was the 16<sup>th</sup> woman in the world to receive her pilot's licence?! In RE, we have been looking at places that people may find safe and sacred within our community. We discussed why churches, mosques and synagogues are sacred to people. Have a wonderful weekend Year 1!

**Miss Swain**

### Year 1/2

What another wonderful week in Class 1/2! This week, in English, we started our poetry unit and read a poem called 'The Sound Collector', we used this to build upon our inference skills in our comprehension lesson and we were able to use clues from the text to write some detailed answers! In Maths, Year 1 have been learning how to count in 2s and 10s. We've discussed patterns and how they all contain even numbers! We will be using this knowledge to help us next week when we count in 5s. Year 2 have started their statistics unit where we have looked at different methods of collecting and representing data. In Science, we've learnt what a microhabitat is and which animals would live in these types of habitats. In DT, we have designed a car that we will be making in the upcoming weeks for our nursery children. We have some creative designs, including; police cars, fire engines, tractors and buses! Well done everyone, I hope you have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Davies**



## Year 2

This week in English, we have started our new core text, which has brought a whole new focus to our lessons! We are now reading "Classic Poems" which is a book filled with lots of different poems, with different focuses. This week, our poem was called "The Sound Collector" - in this text, a burglar took all of the sounds from a family home! From this, we wrote our very own newspaper reports to explain what happened in this horrifying event. In maths, we have started our new unit on 'Statistics. We have been interpreting and creating our very own tally charts and block diagrams. In Science, we had a lovely lesson looking at what a microhabitat is and different examples of these around our environment. In Geography, we have compared Dubai and Tromsø, focusing on how different climates affect the lives of those who live there. On Monday we had a lovely afternoon celebrating Earth Day. A huge well done, and another great big well done, must go to our lovely class who joined in with the "Great Global Cleanup." They were incredible at ensuring our environment was left tidy and they reflected beautifully on the importance of this. In DT, we have developed our initial ideas of what push-pull toy we could make and have completed our 'design' step of the process. Well done for all of your hard work, as always, Year 2. I hope you enjoy your weekend.

**Miss Wilson**

## Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been extremely busy redrafting a setting description about Mole's house based on our core text 'Wind in the Willows', we used fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and some figurative language to describe both inside his house and the beautiful riverbank to the outside and in Maths, we have been learning equivalent fractions and how to measure in grams. In History, we have been learning how to make a fact file about one of the Greek Gods and in Geography, we have been learning about why we have seasons and how the Earth is on a tilt. In Computing, we have been learning about desktop publishing and what it means then we created our own invitation using a new desk top publishing app and in PE, we have been practicing our cricket skills. In DT this week, we have been creating a design brief to help us create a mechanical solution to the mess in our local canal and in guided reading, we have been using our independent reading, partner reading and choral reading skills to read our new book 'The Land of ROAR', we are absolutely loving this book and can't wait to read more. On Monday, it was Earth Day and we planted cress seeds so that we can 'watch them grow' and then eat them and in Forest School we collected daisies, dandelions and mint leaves to make our own tea! Well done, for a fantastic week Year 3.

**Mrs Schofield**

## Year 4

It has been another enjoyable week in our year 4 classroom this week. We have continued to develop our cricket skills, this week focusing on fielding and having our first game scenario which both the students and I loved. In Science, students are learning about pitch and the different ways we can change the pitch of a sound. In DT, we have been planning the ingredients of our healthy snacks, thinking carefully about the benefits of our ingredients on the target user. In Math's, we have now moved on to our new topic of decimals, students have been proactive in their approach to this new topic and has seen all students flourish in confidence.

## Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have continued to develop our knowledge of angles by estimating the size of angles and measuring them to see how accurate our estimations were. We discussed how we can use logic to check our answers and how we can use our prior knowledge of right angles and straight-line angles to influence our decisions. In English, we have analysed a biography which was written about The Highwayman from the poem we are currently studying. We discussed how we can use creative, fictional writing to create a biography which is actually a non-fiction piece. We created a backstory for The Highwayman and discussed how his childhood may have influenced his life as an adult. In geography, we have continued to learn about biomes around the world by identifying what affects a biome and how human activity is changing biomes. In PE, we developed our batting skills by improving our accuracy in order to score more runs.

**Mr Adlington**



### **Year 5/6**

This week on Year 5/6 we have celebrated Earth Day by creating planters from recycled pallets, filling these with flowers, strawberries and herbs! In science, we have planned an investigation into what conditions will allow strawberry plants to reproduce the quickest. In maths, year 5 have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes whilst year 6 have been further consolidating their reasoning skills. In History, we have explored the Bristol Bus Boycott of the 1960s - did you know this took place at the same time that Martin Luther King Jr gave his infamous speech in Washington?

As always, we are so incredibly proud of all the children's achievements this week. Well done everyone!

**Mrs Bateman**

### **Year 6**

In Year 6 this week, we have enjoyed improving our little part of Ossett for Earth Day: we worked across UKS2 to plan herbs and plants into our very own pallet planters! In Maths this week, we have prioritised improving our understanding of unpicking worded problems, with a particular focus on multi-step reasoning questions. We made jottings to extract the key information and used this to support us in recording our calculations. In History, we launched our topic on Changing Britain: we explored the similarities and differences between the Civil Rights Act and the Equality Act of today. We thought about how the events we learnt about last half term in America during the 1950s-1960s compared to how legislation is put into place today. We discussed the Houses of Parliament and how law breaking is illegal however those not following the Civil Rights Act in America during that time went unpunished as we recalled the Selma Marches and the Ferguson protests in Missouri. In Geography, we compared our knowledge on the sustainability of Curitiba (Brazil) to that of Freiburg (Germany) and considered the ways in which these cities paved the way for sustainable practices. Year 6, you continue to do me proud and I am so grateful to you all for all of your hard work - well done!

**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
<b>13.5.24</b>	<b>KS2 SATs Assessments this week</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
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.

