

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Towngate PTA

Our wonderful and dedicated team of parents, staff and volunteers who make up our PTA are launching their very own 'X' (formally known as Twitter) account. This will be an open account, used to advertise and celebrate the array of events our PTA organise throughout the year. We hold photograph permissions for children in school and will continue to use these permissions when posting photographs on the account.

Please can any parents / carers who would not like their child to feature on the PTA account, email into the school office where this will be recorded. If your child already does not have permission for photographs, they will not appear on this account.

Nursery and Reception places

We are excited to share that we have some spaces in Nursery and Reception available. We ask that you share the attached poster with your families and friends who may be in search of places from September. Thank you!

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.

Year 6 Breakfast Club

Our Year 6 SATs are taking place from Monday 13th May, 2024. During this week, we are offering free breakfast for the children from 8am each morning Monday – Thursday, which we require all children to attend. Children are invited in via the main entrance, where Mrs Poole and Mrs Bateman will welcome them with an array of breakfast items. This will support the children in settling into school and easing any nerves prior to the tests taking place.

May we again take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers for their care and commitment in supporting the children during this time.

After school club TV & games console – older toys

Should any families be clearing out any games consoles / old television or electronics / board games, we would be most appreciative as we continue to develop our provision for Breakfast / After School / Holiday club. Thank you in advance.

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.

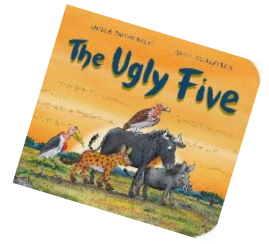


Parent Parking

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 Smith is enjoying reading Julian Donaldson 'The ugly five' this story is inspired by the real-life Ugly Five safari animals, THE UGLY FIVE is a jubilant celebration of creatures that are often rather unloved. The animals proudly rejoice in their ugliness, while their babies tell them they're perfect just the way they are.



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 94.57% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to 5/6 who achieved 99.57% 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	Evie	Oliver	Oscar	Mia
Year 4	Ben	Isaac	Lucas B	Jake
Year 5	Max	Noah	Lily	Dexter
Year 5/6	Jacob	Ethan S	Daniel	Ava
Year 6	Clay	Harrison	Phoebe	Flynn

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week, we have introduced the children to the new traditional tale of the Ugly Duckling. Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring the story in depth, discussing the similarities and differences between the ducklings, and delving into the emotions of the Ugly Duckling. In math, we have been focusing on the composition of numbers, particularly how to make 5 in various ways. Our rhyme of the week is "There's a tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf", which ties into our learning about the Very Hungry Caterpillar and the life cycle of a butterfly. The children are continuing to observe their seedlings growing and continue to be exceptional at caring for them, well done everyone! We hope you enjoy your long weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

In Reception, this week we have been reading 'Jaspers's Beanstalk' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have enjoyed reading and retelling the story from each character's perspectives, especially the giant. We have made our own beanstalks and painted them. In Art, we learnt about Mark Quinn and his sculptures he has created. We tried to make our own flowers using clay, we made our own flower garden just like he did! In Maths, we have been manipulating and rotating shapes. We used shapes to create our own pictures.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji



Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been working hard to develop our understanding of counting in 5s! We've identified the pattern and use our knowledge to answer problem solving questions. We will keep practicing counting in 2s, 10s and 5s ready for Year 2! In Geography, we started our new unit looking at Brazil. We were identifying the different reasons why so many people visit Brazil every year. We are looking forward to learning more about this country! In Science, we explored our school grounds on a hunt for mini beasts! We found a spot in the car park where they love to live as it included rocks, logs and lots of soil! Well done Year 1 for all your hard work this week. Enjoy your long weekend.

Miss Swain

Year 1/2

This week, we've read a classic poem by William Blake called 'The Tiger'. We discussed what a verse is and rhyming couplets. We've developed our knowledge of rhyming words and identified these across different poems. We used this text to write a setting description about a Tiger in the wild. We've used some wonderful adjectives to describe the different creatures and wildlife in the image. In Science, we went on a hunt around school to find what different microhabitats we have around school. Under logs and in the soil, we found worms, woodlice, millipedes and ants! We're ever so sad to say bye to Mrs Thackrah but we're extremely thankful for everything she has done for us! Mrs Thackrah - thank you for helping us grow - good luck with your new job and please come back to see us! We will miss you so much. Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we have read a new, incredibly powerful poem called 'Tiger'. This poem told a story all about how cruel humans can be to tigers and how precious they really are. From reading this, we have planned and began writing a setting description of an exotic jungle in which you would find these wonderful creatures. In Maths we have thoroughly enjoyed interpreting and analysing pictograms with a range of keys - we developed our fluency knowledge of this skill and then applied this to some tricky reasoning and problem-solving! In Science, we had a super lesson exploring the microhabitats around our school and investigating which insects, animals and plants live within them. In Geography, we have started our new unit comparing Brazil to the UK. To begin this unit, we looked at where Brazil is in the world, and the human and physical features that attract so many tourists each year. In PSHE, we looked at ways in which we can keep our teeth clean and healthy; we created some super posters describing 6 key ways that we can do this. In PE, we have continued to enjoy our dance lessons, developing our movements and our routine! We also said a very sad farewell to a very special member of our staff today - Mrs Thackrah has had an incredible impact on our learning for the past 2 years and we will miss her so much. We wish Mrs Thackrah all the luck in the world on her new adventure and we will certainly feel your loss in Key Stage 1. As always to finish, a huge well done to each and every one of you Year 2 for your hard work this week, I hope you all have a lovely long weekend.

Miss Wilson

Year 3

What another incredible week it's been in Year 3, all the staff have been very impressed with how hard each child has worked. In English we have discussed & written a character description of Mr Toad from the classic 'Wind in the willows' in maths we have been thinking about how to measure mass in kilograms and grams. In science we are growing cress in different conditions, we have made a prediction to see which plant will grow and what it will need. In history we have talked about 'who the ancient philosophers were' and why they were significant individuals. Have a great weekend and enjoy the bank holiday - well done everyone for working so hard!

Mrs Schofield



Year 4

This week year 4 have been showcasing their cricketing skills once again. Showing their development of the fundamental skills used within cricket as well as demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. In DT we have been designing our packaging for our healthy snack, once again, year 4 have been demonstrating their creativity and independence. In Math's, we have been gaining confidence in dividing single- and double-digit numbers by 10. In Science, the students have been learning how to measure the noise levels in an environment. The skills the children have learned will be extremely useful in an upcoming investigation where we intend to investigate the noise levels around the school. In English we are looking at the skills featured in a short story, as we look to create our own ending to our current fiction book 'Beowulf'. Have a fantastic weekend and I will see you on Monday.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have continued our learning around angles. We have consolidated our knowledge of acute, obtuse and reflex angles and have practised using a protractor to measure these angles. We have taken time to have a go at drawing various angles using a protractor and discussed some of the major mistakes people make when doing this. We have also calculated angles around a point and included some simple algebra in the process. In English, we have written our own biography based on the fictional character of The Highwayman. We have had to think creatively to develop a backstory for the lead character from the poem and use the appropriate writing conventions to develop an effective biography. In geography, we have learned about a new biome - the tundra! We have discussed the flora and fauna that thrive in the tundra and thought carefully about how plants and animals have had to adapt in order to survive in a harsh environment. In history, we used our knowledge of the civil rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s as a basis for our new unit of learning which focuses on changes in Britain. We identified what a law is, how they are made and how people have tried to influence change through strikes, boycotts, marches and demonstrations!

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

In Year 5/6 we have been incredibly busy! Year 5 have been working hard to write a biography about The Highwayman, based upon our class poem; they have been thinking carefully about sentence structure, vocabulary and formality. Year 6, have been focussing on grammar and refining their understanding of key terminology and the elements which makeup various sentences. In Maths, Year 5 have been exploring coordinates and translation whilst Year 6 have developed their approaches to multi-step worded problems. In History, the children continued to understand the events which led to and followed the Bristol Bus Boycott in the 1960s. Finally, in Computing, we have explored filming techniques and different filming frames. Well done everyone, enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have been working incredibly hard to perfect our mathematics fluency and accuracy in readiness for our assessments which begin Monday 13th May. We have seen lots of the class making extraordinary gains in their learning and I am very proud of each and every one of the children! In History, we began to unpick the Bristol Bus Boycott: we thought about what was happening in other parts of the world after the Second World War and were amazed to know that when the Bristol Bus Boycott was taking place, Martin Luther King was sharing his 'I have a Dream speech' in America. We look forward to learning more about this next week. In Geography, we have been learning about Freiburg in Germany, as we compared and contrasted this city to Curitiba in Brazil in their quest to become the most sustainable city back in the 1970s. It has been wonderful to understand how things have progressed since this time with renewable energy sources forming part of our future.

Year 6, I am so proud of you and all you do. See you next week.

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
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.



GIRLS GOLF ROCKS

FREE GIRLS TASTER SESSION

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TASTER SESSION: 19th May

6 WEEK SESSIONS START : 2ND JUNE

2-DAY CAMP : 6TH & 7TH AUGUST

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