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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school, with the welcome addition of a sprinkle of sunshine to brighten our days. The children have enjoyed spending time both indoors and outdoors as they continue to develop their key skills across the curriculum.

Year 6 SATs

Next week our Y6 children undertake their SATS assessments; the children have gone above and beyond in their preparation and a huge thanks must go to all children, their families at home and the staff in school who have supported the children with such commitment.

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 in Y6. We require all children to arrive from 8.00-8.10 latest each morning via the main entrance from Monday – Thursday. We will provide breakfast to all pupils at this time. This will support the children in settling into school and easing any nerves prior to the tests taking place.

Mrs Fothergill

Today brings Mrs Fothergill's last day with us at Towngate: Mrs Fothergill has worked with many different children during her time here and she has shown unwavering compassion and care to every child she has worked alongside. Mrs Fothergill – thank you for everything you have done for the school during your time here. We wish you all the best as you embark on your new role.

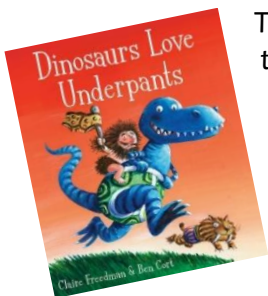
Nursery and Reception places

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!

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.

What are we reading



This week Miss Dixon is enjoying reading *Dinosaurs love underpants* by Claire Freedman, this story is about It is the story of how the dinosaurs became extinct, when the caveman decided to start wearing underpants the mean T-Rex wanted a pair too. Soon all the dinosaurs were fighting over their pants - in fact the fighting got so bad that the dinosaurs were all wiped out.



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 93.99% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to YR 5/6 who achieved 98.28% 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	Rosie	Harper	Bella	Jawdan
Reception (adventure)	Stephanie	George	Keegan	Olivia
Reception (explorers)	Nora	Eliza	Archie	Louie
Year 1	Oscar	Isla	Cora	Emily T
Year 1/2	Oliver	Eden	Freddie	Ellie
Year 2	Jackson	Kennedy	Charlie	Theo

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week, we received some caterpillars to observe and care for. The children were thrilled to watch them eat and grow, our songs we have been learning are "There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf" and we have also introduced "Wiggley Woo". The children expressed interest in hunting for mini-beasts, so we went on a Mini Beast hunt around the school grounds and found a wide variety of insects, it was very exciting! In the past few weeks, some of our children have started participating in Read, Write Inc. phonics sessions. We have been focusing on the sound's 'm', 'a', and 's', and the children have done a fantastic job remembering the pictures and sounds. Well done everyone! Have a great weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been reading 'Nature Trail' - a book about minibeasts at the bottom of the garden. We have made our own minibeasts books writing sentences using alliteration and adjectives. In Science, we have been learning about the butterfly life cycle. We have learnt key words such as: egg, larva, chrysalis, metamorphosis and butterfly. We have tried to make our own butterfly lifecycles to showcase our learning. In Art, we have been exploring the artwork of Lucy Arnold – she uses minibeasts and creates paintings of them. We tried to make our own symmetrical butterflies mixing and using various colours. Lastly, we have been making bug hotels for the minibeasts we saw on our minibeast hunt. In Maths, we have continued our learning in shape. We have been composing and decomposing shapes, it has been interesting to see the children consider different shapes to make a new shape. Mrs Dixon and Mrs Foggergill will be leaving our class. We wish them good luck for the future and all the best.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji



Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have had the pleasure of looking after Shelley, the school's tortoise and we have all really enjoyed it. In Maths, we have been looking at equal groups. We first looked at recognising equal groups and then we looked at adding them. In PSHE, we have looked at the human body and what different parts of our body do, such as our brain which controls our body and our stomach that breaks down our food. We have been continuing our Genie dance in P.E this week and have added in some new moves. Hopefully by the end of the term we will be uploading our dance to Dojo for all our grown-ups to see. Well done for another fantastic week! Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Swain

Year 1/2

This week in Class $\frac{1}{2}$ we've seen some super mathematicians! The year 1 children have been looking at multiplication and division, where we have identified equal groups, answered repeated addition questions and made arrays! We have looked at the multiplication symbol and talked about what this means and when we will see it. In Year 2, we have been describing movement and turns. We've learnt the vocabulary; anti-clockwise and clockwise. We've been outside using the different positional language to direct our partners from A to B! In Geography, we have continued our learning about Brazil and identified the different reasons why people travel to Brazil. We've looked closely at the Amazon Rainforest and located Brazil in South America on Google Earth! As always, well done Class $\frac{1}{2}$ for a super week of learning!

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we have studied a new poem called, "Two little kittens" and have answered some retrieval and inference questions. Our grammar focus for this week was to add the suffix '-ly'; we looked at the rules for applying this suffix to root words and worked through some tricky reasoning questions! In Maths we have looked at movement and turns and we have applied key mathematical vocabulary to describe the way in which different objects have rotated. In Science, we had a wonderful lesson looking at desert habitats, understanding what the conditions of these places are and which animals and plants we may find there. In Computing, we have been using the chromebooks from KS2, practicing logging on efficiently and using Google Slides to make presentations! In PSHE, we have thoroughly enjoyed linking our learning to Science, to understand the roles that our body parts play in keeping us alive! I wonder how many of these we can remember to share with our grown-ups? A huge well done for your hard work again Year 2, you continue to make me so proud with your commitment to learning and showing excellence in the classroom! I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Wilson

Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have worked hard in English to edit paragraphs reading them accurately, to correct spellings and punctuation, then to find missing words to make the sentences make sense. In Math's we have continued reading scales in kilograms and grams using our knowledge to compare the mass of different objects. We have taken advantage of the beautiful sunshine and planted wild seeds in science (keep a look out in the flower beds for the stems as they appear out of the soil).

We showed fantastic team work and enthusiasm in PE playing cricket, each week we can see the confidence growing with each skill needed.

Well done year 3 for working extremely hard, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

This week in English, we have been writing a short story attempting to include each of the skills we have learnt this year. In Math's, we have been looking at decimals, specifically dividing numbers by 100. In Geography we have been learning about circular economies and developing our understanding of the world around us. In PE we are still showcasing our excellent cricket skills. In Computing, we have been designing, making and evaluating our own podcasts, developing our skills on audio production. Have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mr Hitch



Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have continued to learn about geometry by specifically looking at calculating angles and side lengths in 2D shapes. This utilised all our learning and brought it together in order to solve problems and explain our reasoning for our answers. In English, we have completed our biography for the character of The Highwayman. We looked at creating discrete sections which focussed on his background, his rise to fame, the infamous murder and his legacy. We have redrafted our writing through a process of self and peer assessment. In geography, Mr Beck - our new student teacher - taught the next lesson in the unit of learning on biomes. This lesson looked at the features of the taiga which is a biome located south of the tundra. We looked at the animals and plants which live there and discussed how they are adapted to grow in this biome. In Dt, we have begun to develop our ideas through using CAD. We have transferred our initial sketches onto the computer through the use of 'Sketchup' - a 3D design software - to allow us to view our designs from different angles and make design changes quickly.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

We could not be prouder of the hard work that all our Year 6 children have put in during their last week of revision - we have been extremely busy working collaboratively to further develop our knowledge and skills. Well done everyone! Year 5 have produced some beautiful writing this week as they wrote a biography based around The Highwayman, carefully considering audience and purpose. In Maths, Year 5 have been further exploring their position and direction unit, thinking about how shapes are reflected and using mirrors to help. In History, we have summarised our learning about the Bristol Bus Boycott and started to explore the Grunwick Strike.

Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine - you all absolutely deserve it!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have made our final preparations for our Y6 SATs which take place next week. The children have been incredible: showing wonderful teamwork and collaboration and support for one another in the lead up to the SATs. We have spent time playing games and creating knowledge organisers to document our newly-acquired knowledge. Year 6, I could not be prouder of you: you have worked so hard and I am sure your hard work will pay off. I am sure the children will join me in sharing a huge thank you to Mrs Drury, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Bateman - along with other members of staff who have supported with additional boosters and revision clubs. We really appreciate all of your help.

I look forward to welcoming you into Breakfast Club daily next week from 8 o'clock so we can tackle our next challenge together - as a team. Have a wonderful weekend - relax, spend time with friends and family and don't stress. I will see you on Monday.

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
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
15.7.23	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



GIRLS GOLF ROCKS

FREE GIRLS TASTER SESSION

BOOK NOW!

TASTER SESSION: 19th May

6 WEEK SESSIONS START : 2ND JUNE

2-DAY CAMP : 6TH & 7TH AUGUST

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