

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our first half of summer term and what a half term it has been! We have opened our doors for INSPIRE afternoons and Excellence Exhibits, there has been a school visit for our youngest children in Nursery, our eldest children conquered their SATs tests and all classes have continued to shine in their pursuit to strive for excellence in their learning.

We wish you a restful half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 10th June.

Governor vacancies

We have some vacancies for individuals to join our Local Governing Board. Any parents/carers or members of the community are welcome to apply. Any expressions of interest should be made in writing to TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk by Friday 14th June.

Safeguarding update

Please may we make all parents and carers aware of the importance of reminding your children about keeping themselves safe when walking to and from school and when out in the local area. We will continue to remind children of the importance of being aware of 'stranger danger' as part of our work to safeguard the children.

Year 6 Bikeability 10th June

During our first week back in school, we will be having Y6 Bikeability. Detail to follow today from the school office.

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!

Den making materials

Should any families be clearing out any old sheets, den-making materials, tarpaulin or other likewise materials, we would love to use these as part of our den making plans for playtime.

What are we reading



This week, Mrs Poole was keen to share the latest book in her collection. This book is called 'The Final Year' and is about a character called Nate who is about to start his final year in primary school. His world is turned upside down when his best friend makes new friends and their friendship is placed into question. This book is about the trials and tribulations of growing up, making friends and taking new risks. A must read for children in Upper Key Stage Two!

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 93.52% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Nursery who achieved 97.92% attendance this week.

This week, we have had 10 number of children late to school. Please can we all work together to ensure children are able to attend school on time each day!

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	Vivian	Jax	Hollie	Talisha
Reception (adventurer's)	Jenson	Joseph	Rory	Mahbeer
Reception (explores)	Freddie	Savannah	Jessie	Sebastian
Year 1	Isabelle	Scarlett	Ellie	Israel
Year 1/2	Rashid	Emily	Bradley	Isla
Year 2	Scarlet	Henry	Lucia	Joseph

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

Our trip has been the highlight of the year so far. The children were outstanding in following instructions and represented both their parents and our school very well. The first activity was a giant mini-beast experience, where the children had the chance to hold a giant snail, cockroach, and millipede. They showed great bravery in facing their fears, as did some of the teachers. We then explored the park and enjoyed observing various animals, with the meerkats being a particular favourite. In the butterfly house, the children got to see different species and even held a lizard. Mrs. Gordon and I are incredibly proud of our children. Well done, everyone!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been reading our class book - 'Tad'. The story is about a tiny tadpole, growing up, branching out, and taking a leap into life. The children have used this book to write their own sentences drawing upon how Tad felt. We also compared a frog lifecycle to a butterfly lifecycle. The children have enjoyed looking for all the different minibeasts in our outdoor area and identifying where they found them. They also tried to compare the similarities and differences between minibeasts based on how many legs? whether it has wings or not? In Maths, we have been learning about odds, even and doubling. Children have been inspired by Claude Monet to create their own water-lilies. This term lots of learning has taken place and the children have increased their confidence in writing and holding a sentence. Children have brought their plants home this week, I hope the children will continue to look after them and watch them grow. Thank you to parents and carers for taking their time out to come to the 'Excellence Exhibit' pupils really enjoyed showcasing their own work. Thank you for your continued support this term. We hope you all have a well-deserved break and hope to see you fully recharged after the holidays.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji

Year 1

This week in year 1, we have had a lovely week. In maths, we have been looking at the positional language left, right, forwards and backwards. We have been very practical this week using lots of different ways of practicing our positional language to help us remember the different directions. In English, we have written our very own acrostic poems all about summer. We have thought hard about what summer means to us and how we could fit that in our poems. We have also performed our poems to the rest of our class. In D.T, we have made our own cars in groups talking about the axel and wheels and what enables the car to move. Keep up the hard work year 1. Have a lovely break and stay safe!

Miss Swain



Year 1/2

Well, I can't believe another half term has come to an end! It has flown by! This week, we've enjoyed learning all about Brazil's cities; San Paulo and Rio De Janeiro. We compared them to Wakefield and couldn't believe the difference in populations! We looked at what physical and human features are similar and what Rio De Janeiro has that Wakefield doesn't and vice versa. We're definitely looking forward to learning more about Brazil next half term! In Science, we have learnt all about food chains. We know that predators are at the top of the food chain and that some food chains can have up to 5 animals in it! We've used our knowledge of the season Summer to write acrostic poems, we used some ambitious vocabulary and read them out to our peers. Well done Class 1/2 on another fantastic half term, where you have all continued to blow me away with your resilience! Have a wonderful two week break and I look forward to seeing you all in our last half term together!

Mrs Davies

Year 2

Wow, I cannot believe we have finished another term, with only one left to go in Year 2! This week in English we have focused on identifying different sentence types and understanding what makes an exclamation, question, statement or command. We have also written some truly wonderful acrostic poems and performed these to our peers. In Maths, we have focused on our reasoning skills from objectives across the curriculum to enhance our skills. In Science, we had a lovely lesson looking at food chains. We played a game with our peers to see how many food chains we could make out of the pictures that we were given! In Geography, we have learnt what life in Brazilian cities is like and how this compares to life in the UK. We wonder if our grown-ups know what favelas are? We do! In PSHE, we focused on a key life skill of basic first aid; we looked at how we should respond if we find ourselves in a range of situations. We also had a super DT lesson in which we created our push-pull toys after creating and analysing our prototypes. In Music, we had a wonderful lesson getting creative, creating our own pieces of music with our chosen bandmates! I hope you all have a fabulous half-term, filled with lots of fun but also some rest after all of your incredible work. I can't wait to see you all in 2 weeks for our final term together.

Miss Wilson

Year 3

What another incredible week we have had in Year 3: in maths, we have been learning how to work out fractions using division. In English, we have planned and written the middle and end of a short story about an adventure between Owl, Ratty and Mole from our core text 'The Wind in the Willows.' In forest school, the children were very excited and extremely sensible using flint and steel to make a fire. We were then able to eat yummy marshmallows with biscuits! What a treat! Due to the terrible rain, in PE we designed our own sports day activities: we had to work as a team and communicate effectively in order to make this work. We would like to thank all parents who attended our 'INSPIRE' afternoon, I'm sure you will agree all children enjoyed creating the Greek vases.

Thank you, Year, 3 and have a lovely holiday.

Mrs Perkins & Mrs Longlands

Year 4

What a fantastic half term. Year 4 have been working extremely hard throughout the half term in all subjects. In Maths we have seen some excellent progress from all students, most recently converting pounds and pence whilst focusing on money. In English, year 4 have produced some amazing short stories where we have created our own endings, utilising different sentence structures and showcasing each of the English skills they have learned this year. In Science, we have just successfully completed an investigation into the noise levels around school. In DT, we have made the packaging and detailed our marketing knowledge to try and sell our healthy snack to our user. I hope you all have a fantastic break and I look forward to welcoming you back after the holidays.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have spent time consolidating our knowledge of effective arithmetic strategies. We have practised questions which we still find tricky and developed a revision guide to use over half term! In English, we have written a tragic narrative inspired by the events of the poem 'The Highwayman' and 'Annabel Lee'. We discussed key themes of love, loss and betrayal in order to effectively draft our own writing. In geography, we learned about a savanna biome. We identified the plants and animals that live there and discussed how they are specially adapted to suit their environment. Our science lesson focused on the life cycle of insects. We highlighted the main stages of an insect's life and discussed how this was different from birds and mammals.

Mr Adlington



Year 5/6

This week in year 5/6 we have had a lovely week. In English, we have been writing a tragic narrative including themes of love, romance and betrayal using inspiration from poems such as Annabel Lee and The Highwayman. In Maths, we have been dividing and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. In History, we have learning about the Grunwick strike during the 1970s and in DT we have been busy making our final products: sea machines that can collect litter. This week we added axels ready to add the pulleys! Well done everyone, I hope you have a wonderful holiday and we can't wait to see you back for the final half term!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

We have had a lovely week together in Year 6: in English, we unpicked various models to inspire our own writing: we looked at the narrative poem, 'The Highwayman' and 'Annabel Lee', comparing the narratives in both to Romeo and Juliet. We discussed the key themes we could identify from the models, focusing on the themes of love, envy, betrayal and loss. The children used these models as a basis for their own writing – I can't wait to see how these pieces continue to be edited and improve after half term! In History, we unpicked the events that led to the Bristol Bus Boycott: we thought carefully about the similarities and differences to the Montgomery Bus Boycott. We thought hard about what life was like in post-war Britain and used our knowledge to understand what it would feel like to live during this time. In Geography, we concluded our learning on sustainability: we compared the impact that both Curitiba in Brazil and Freiburg in Germany had in their quest to secure a sustainable future for the people.

You have all worked so hard and are absolutely ready for a rest – you deserve it! Well done, enjoy your holiday and I can't wait to welcome you all back to school on Monday 10th June!

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
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 Bikeability 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
23.7.24	Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic (am)	Nursery children
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



