

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final half term at Towngate Primary: this week has been full of exciting events which continue to enrich our school curriculum: our Year 6 children completed one of their core life skills of learning to ride a bike, 'My Bnk' came to visit UKS2 to share the importance of knowing how to handle money correctly as we grow older and our 'Towngate Titans' football team soared to victory in a 3-2 win against Flushtyke! We can't wait to see what next week has in store!

## 4<sup>th</sup> July Polling Day

As per the communications from the school office, the Local Authority are using Towngate as a polling station. With this in mind, school **will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. We welcome children back to school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## Scholastic book fair

On Monday we are hosting another Scholastic Book Fair. We are fortunate enough to have secured a card reader therefore we would recommend cashless payments if this is possible. There will be a wide range of books for your children to choose from – please see the advertisements at the end of the newsletter for detail on some of the titles you can expect to be at the fair!

We will open Book Fair from Monday to Thursday from 8.30am – 8.50am and again at 3.15pm – 4.00pm.

**The book fair will be situated on the main corridor. We look forward to seeing you there!**

## 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](mailto:TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## A message from our wonderful PTA

We are getting closer to our annual summer gala on **Saturday the 20th of July**. As we continue with our organisation, we are hoping that you can help us out to make the event as successful as we can!

We are on the look-out for:

- donations for our general tombola
- external stall holders
- raffle prize donations
- local groups to come along and do demonstrations such as Zumba, martial arts.

Please do get in touch if you can help with any of the above. Family and friends are welcome to join us on the day – please feel free to bring your picnic blankets and chairs and spend a couple of hours with us, celebrating together as a community. We hope to see lots of you there!

Our next PTA meeting is after school on **Tuesday the 18th June**. We are on the look out for new members to join us. Can we also request any parents/carers of our Y6 children send photos of their children for the end of the year! Thank you.



### **PTA Non-Uniform Day**

We are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** in exchange for items for our summer fair. We kindly ask that Early Years and KS1 bring sweets & chocolate and KS2 bring in bottles (bottles of pop/ shampoo/ sauces etc). Thank you as always for your support.

### **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!

### **Transition parent meeting**

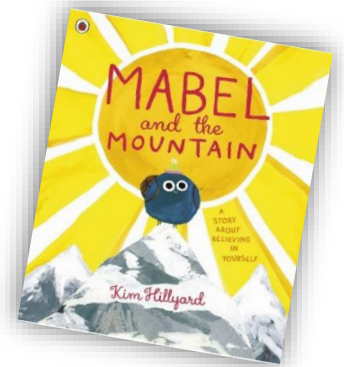
Future in minds Becky Alder & team will be running a Parent workshop for any Year 6 parents, this is to discuss feelings, anxiety, worries or concerns you may have about the move to High School. If you could let the school office know by 19<sup>th</sup> June if you would like to attend so we can inform the team.

### **Towngate Talks-coffee morning**

We are making some slight changes to coffee morning. These will now be held on the last Wednesday of every month. The next coffee morning is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone welcome.

### **What are we reading**

This week, Mrs Allen is enjoying reading Mabel and the Mountain by Kim Hillyard. This story is about a small fly who has big plans... and even bigger ambitions! Mabel shares her plans with her friends who aren't the most supportive, but Mabel is resilient and is not prepared to give up! This is a fantastic book which reminds us all – big or small – that we should all reach for the stars and set our aspirations high.



### **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 93.42% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Nursery who achieved 98.95% attendance this week.

This week, we have had 6 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!

	<b>Compassion</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Excellence</b>
Year 3	Finley	Taylor	Verity	Alesha
Year 4	Samuel	Ruby	Poppy	Macey
Year 5	Bradley	Seb	Umaimah	Esma
Year 5/6				
Year 6	Cora	Reuben	Joshua	Paris



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

### Nursery

It was delightful to have the children back from the holidays, as they were thrilled to reunite with their friends on Monday. We have enjoyed reminiscing about our school trip and watching our butterflies fly away on video. This week, we have introduced the classic tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and are learning a new rhyme of the week called 'The Animal Fair'. In math, we have been practicing our counting skills by physically counting out objects and touching each one carefully as we count. We are also exploring the concept of memories, with a focus on how different people have varying amounts of memories. We hope you have a fantastic weekend and thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

### Reception

This week in Reception it has been wonderful seeing all the children come back to school. The children were super excited to share what they have been doing over the holidays. We have had some super learning taking place in the classroom. Our topic this term is 'Around the world'. This week we have been focusing on 'Everyday Materials' and their properties. Our class book was based around a girl who helps to transform her grandma's caravan into a home for ease of access. We tried to use cardboard and transform them into tiny houses, just like the book! The artist we explored is Howard Arkley - he created paintings using pop art. We were inspired by him and created our own pictures and painted them. In Maths, we have been learning about patterns and making our own patterns.

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

### Year 1

What a busy first week we have had in year 1 this week. In Maths, we have been learning all about ordinal numbers. We have been looking at our numbers 50-100 and putting the numbers in order. In English, we have been looking at what we did over the school holidays and writing a recount about our favourite memory over the holidays. In PSHE, we have been looking at our bodies and how we keep them healthy. We worked in teams to think of things that we needed for our bodies to help keep us healthy. In computing, we have been looking at Scratch Jr on our iPads and looking at the different features. We have had a fabulous first week back and everyone has tried super hard. Keep up the good work year 1 and have an amazing weekend.

**Miss Swain**

### Year 1/2

First of all, a huge welcome back to all our children, I can't believe we are in our last half term of the academic year! The children have all come back with a wonderful attitude and I've thoroughly enjoyed hearing and reading all about their 2-week break. They've worked incredibly hard to write a recount all about something they did during their holidays. We remembered to write in the past tense and add lots of detail before reading them out loud to our friends. This week, our Year 1 children took part in their phonics screening checks and they have approached these with huge confidence and should be immensely proud of themselves. Well done! We've started our new unit in Art looking at weaving and I am excited for the children to practice the needed skills in these upcoming weeks ready to create a final piece. Have a wonderful weekend Class 1/2, well done!

**Mrs Davies**



## Year 2

This week in English, we have looked at identifying different sentence types and analysed the features of a command, exclamation, statement and question. In Maths, we have revisited and consolidated our knowledge of multiplication and division and money, as well as refining our reasoning skills. In Geography, we had a wonderful lesson looking at the reasons that populations in Brazil are moving. We had some very thought-provoking discussions about why some people may not be able to move to urban Brazil. In PSHE, we have started our new unit by looking at how we can give positive feedback to others in a compassionate, but constructive way. We then applied this to an obstacle course that we had to guide our partner around through the use of feedback and communication. In RE, we have looked at Churches in detail, including what makes them holy for Christians and what holy items we may find in them. In Computing, we have been developing our knowledge of programming on Scratch! What a wonderful first week back we've had Year 2 - I hope you have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Wilson**

## Year 3

What a fantastic first week back! Everyone has come back to school for our final half term of the school year with an incredible attitude, ready to learn and showing all round excellence. This week we have been planning and writing a setting description based on our core text, the Wind in the Willows in English. We focused heavily on prepositions to add clarity and precision to our writing. In maths, we have continued to embed our learning of fractions. We have been extremely lucky to be taught by a specialist music teacher (Mr Whitely) this week who is teaching us how to play the ukulele. We are able to copy simple rhythm patterns and name all the parts of the instrument.

In PE we worked with the PE coach Alex who taught us lots of skills for sports day including sponge javelin, long jump and shot put. Have a fantastic weekend and if you celebrate Father's Day have a wonderful day.

**Mrs Perkins & Mrs Longlands**

## Year 4

This week, year 4 has had a fantastic start to the half term. They have finished another unit of Maths, this time confidently completing our money topic. In English, we have started our new book - The Viking Boy. In Science, we have started our new unit of Electricity, this week looking at appliances. In Re, we are looking at inspiring people. I look forward to watching year 4 flourish in this last half term.

**Mr Hitch**

## Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have settled extremely quickly back into school life. We have enjoyed seeing our friends again and continued to show excellence in our learning. In maths, we have learned about a tricky concept - coordinates! We have plotted points on a grid using an x and y coordinate and have practised solving problems with coordinates. We have discussed how we can use the information presented in order to identify various points on a grid without always needing a numbered axis. In English, we have studied a setting description from our new class book - The Hobbit. Although this is a challenging text to read in year 5, we have really understood how the author - J. R. R. Tolkien - uses his authorial style to create rich images in his writing. We have identified the features of a setting description and will use this to plan and create our own description, next week. In science, we have learned about the life cycle of an amphibian and compared this to the life cycles we already know about - insects and birds. Our geography learning has focused on the dangers biomes face as we enter a period of continued global warming and habitat destruction on an epic scale.

**Mr Adlington**



## Year 5/6

Welcome back everyone! This week in Year5/6 our Year 6 children have been very busy engaging in their Bikability sessions! We are so proud of the progress you have made this week – well done! In Maths, we have all been revisiting 4 operations, with a particular focus on using bar models to represent problems. The children have worked hard to build on prior learning and further develop their skills in multi-step problems. In English, we have started to read our new book – The Hobbit. We have explored the new characters and fantasy creatures introduced and are excited to keep reading and using this text as a writing stimulus. In Science, we have learnt about the life cycles of birds and next week will compare this to other types of animals. Finally, in Music we have been learning a song called 'Blackbird' and learning to play the glockenspiels. Well done everyone! Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Bateman**

## Year 6

We have had a lovely week back in school for our final half term as primary school pupils! We undertook one of our Life Skills – to learn how to ride a bike by the end of our time at Towngate. It was a privilege to see so many children riding with confidence, and a smile on their face. Well done everyone -you showed excellent manners to our visitors. In English, we began our new core text, The Hobbit. This is a classic fictional text written by JRR Tolkien. This week we developed our comprehension skills as we unpicked chapter 1, The Unexpected Party. In Maths, we have been unpicking multi-step problems as we prepare to use our knowledge to solve problems involving ratio and proportion next week. We have been busy planning our class assembly for next week to showcase our learning journey throughout year 6.

It has been a pleasure, as always, and we can't wait to see you all again 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
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



# Holiday Club



Join us over the summer holidays for our Olympics-themed Holiday Club where we will be exploring crafts, games and cultures from around the World!

Breakfast and tea provided - please bring a packed lunch if you are staying all day.

Monday to Friday

29th July until 30th August

Half day: 7.30am until 12.30pm - £15

1.00pm until 6.00pm - £15

Full day: 7.30am until 6.00pm - £30

9.00am until 3.00pm - £18

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Booking form to follow



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# Summer Gala

## 20th July 2024

10am - 3pm

Tombolas  
Raffle  
Refreshments  
Bottle hoopla  
Hook a duck  
External stall holders  
Performances  
& much more.

