

# Towngate Primary Academy

Headteacher:  
Mrs Annabel Berry



Chair of Governors:  
Mr Philip Emms

Safeguarding Officers:  
Mrs A Berry; Mrs L Poole; Mrs A Bateman;  
Miss S Lockett; Miss C Lowell; Mrs R Johnson

Whitley Spring Road  
Ossett  
West Yorkshire  
WF5 0QA  
Tel. 01924 302865

Website: [www.towngate.ipmat.co.uk](http://www.towngate.ipmat.co.uk)  
Email : [TGA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:TGA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk)

21.06.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had at Towngate! It has been a week full of learning, laughter and curriculum enrichments!

## **Murton Park Year 4**

Our Year 4 children brought their history learning to life as they visited Murton Park! Last term, the children studied the Vikings and this educational visit was the perfect way to revisit and embed the children's knowledge! The children dressed up in traditional Viking attire and lived a day in the life of a Viking! The children conducted themselves wonderfully and we are really proud of each and every one of them!

## **Butterfly Gardens F2**

Our Reception children were thrilled to board the coach and travel to Sheffield to the Butterfly House. As part of the children's wider understanding of the world and their knowledge of life cycles, the children were able to experience – first hand- handling minibeasts! The children made new friends with giant millipedes and giant cockroaches – and even stroked a lizard! The children were exceptionally behaved and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

## **Kingsway Church Visit**

Once again, this year, we have received a warm welcome from Kingsway Church, Ossett as part of our 'Time to Think' workshops. These sessions are perfect for the children to reflect on their accomplishments and their future goals and aspirations. Thank you to the Lindsay and her team for arranging these sessions for us this week.

## **Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Meeting**

The Year 6 residential meeting for parents took place after school today: Kit lists and the PowerPoint will be made available to any parents unable to attend.

The Year 5 camping meeting is taking place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm, again if parents are unable to attend, all detail will be made available to parents.

## **Governor vacancies**

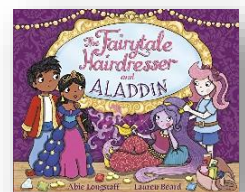
We have some vacancies for individuals to join our Local Governing Board. Any parents/carers or members of the community are welcome to apply. Any expressions of interest should be made in writing to [TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Parking and Road Safety Attendance**

We had the Road Safety Support team visit school this week: they observed the pick up of pupils from the school and were pleased to report a minimum number of parking offences. It was noted that there were some examples of inconsiderate parking which could impact our neighbours and local residents. Thank you for your support with this.

## **What are we reading**

This week, Mrs Gordon is enjoying reading Kitty Lacy, The Fairy-tale hairdresser and Aladdin... Kittie Lacey is the best hairdresser in all of Fairyland. But it's not long before Kittie needs to come to the rescue! Fairy-tale Hairdresser and the Sugar Plum Fairy-tale Hairdresser and Father Christmas Fairy-tale Hairdresser and Snow-White Fairy-tale Hairdresser and Cinderella....



## 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 94.26% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Nursery who achieved 98.96% attendance this week.

This week, we have had 9 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	George	Lola	Rory	Zion
Reception (adventurer's)	Oliver	Freya	Eissa	Henry
Reception (explores)	Oliver	Ava	Freya	Oscar
Year 1	Seth	Edie	Morris	Harper
Year 1/2	Daisy	George	Harry	Lucas
Year 2	Cora	Isabelle	Freya	Chester

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

#### **Nursery**

Throughout this week, our children have been exploring the concept of memory by comparing the past and the present. We have been reading the text 'The Old Toy Room', sparking an interest in the children for old toys. We compared similarities and differences between old and modern toys. Our other focus text has been the traditional tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', with the children enthusiastically engaging in using their giant voices when joining in with the repeated refrains. In phonics, we have been learning the sounds 'p' and 'g', as well as a rhyme from the past, 'Daisy, Daisy'. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

#### **Reception**

This week we have continued to explore our class book-The Can Caravan. We have been fully immersed in reading this book and writing our own sentences. We have been discussing about recycling and tried to use recycling materials to create different shelters that can be waterproof. In Maths, we loved looking at our trip map to navigate around the butterfly house- this made us super excited for our trip. We made our own maps ready for when we go. We had a super day on our trip and it was a wonderful experience for all the children.

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

#### **Year 1**

Year 1 have had a fabulous week this week. In English, we have been writing a diary entry. Looking at all the things you need to put in a diary and why they are important. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers using part whole models and base 10 to partition into tens and ones. In PSHE, we have been looking at then and now. This includes looking at our baby photos and thinking about all the things we did as babies and all the things we can do now. On Thursday, we visited Church. Whilst we were in Church, we looked at 'thinking space' and how we can be reflective and creative, which all the children enjoyed. Have a lovely weekend Year 1 and keep up all your hard work!

**Miss Swain**



### **Year 1/2**

We had a wonderful time at Kingsway Church this week for our 'time to think' sessions. The children took part in a range of lovely activities that enabled them to celebrate and recognise what they're good at and what makes them special. It was also a great opportunity for us to write down any negative thoughts we are feeling and throw these away. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Church and we want to say a huge thank you to Lyndsey and all the team for inviting us! We started our new class text in English this week, Lila and the Secret of Rain, where we have written a diary entry as Lila describing what has been happening in her Kenyan village. Well done Class 1/2, have a fantastic weekend!

**Mrs Davies**

### **Year 2**

This week in English, we have started looking at our next text 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. To begin our unit of learning based on this book, we have written a diary about the experience that Lila has at the beginning of the book. We can't wait to see what else happens in this book, as well as seeing more of the beautiful illustrations in the book! In Maths, we have revisited and consolidated our knowledge of fractions and shape. We applied our incredible knowledge to some challenge reasoning and problem-solving questions. In PE, we have continued to work hard to develop our Athletic skills with a focus this week on jumping in different ways, over different distances, whilst maintaining our balance. We progressed to maximising our jumping distance through the use of different body parts. In Science, we have started our unit on 'Seasons' beginning with looking at the changes that take place in our environment during Spring. This week we were also lucky enough to visit Kingsway church to take part in a time to think session; there were lots of lovely well-being activities for us to take part in. Well done for all your hard work again Year 2, I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

**Miss Wilson**

### **Year 3**

This week the children have explored their core text further by writing a setting description of the snowy village in "The Wind in the Willows". In Maths they have continued to develop their understanding of money and can convert pence to pounds and vice versa. The children enjoyed learning about city states and their features in our Ancient Greece history topic and loved telling their new teacher how they would feel if they were made Queen/King at such a young age, like Alexander the Great! Have a brilliant weekend everyone, well done!

**Mrs Gillen Mrs Perkins & Mrs Longlands**

### **Year 4**

This week, year 4 has been lucky enough to visit Murton Park and dress as Vikings. This was an excellent opportunity to showcase the knowledge we have learned this year. The children and staff had an excellent time completing different tasks relating to Viking activities they would complete. In Geography, we have continued our topic of migration and all students are finding this knowledge interesting and valuable. In music, we have been learning to play the ukuleles again, with all students performing a short piece already. In English, we have been planning our non-chronological reports, including our English skills and our History knowledge.

**Mr Hitch**

### **Year 5**

This week, in year 5, we have enjoyed our final week having Mr Beck as our student teacher. We have learned how to not only read coordinates, but how to translate shapes on a grid. We discussed some reasoning and problem-solving questions which required us to think logically about the information we had and what we could calculate from this. In English, we completed our setting descriptions based on the Hobbit. We tried to mirror the authorial tone of J. R. R. Tolkien by analysing his sentence structure. In history, we looked at how another group of people fought for their rights during the 1990s with the wheelchair warriors.

**Mr Adlington**



## Year 5/6

What a busy week in Year 5/6! This week, we have really enjoyed visiting Kingsway Church for our time to think workshops. The children had the opportunities to reflect on their wellbeing strategies: considering how they would address worries and an opportunity to reflect on their strengths. Year 6 have enjoyed a PSHE visit about growing and changing - we are incredibly proud of how mature they were during this session. In Maths this week, Year 5 have developed their confidence and accuracy in calculating with the four operations and solving multi-step problems. Year 6 have been exploring ratio and proportion using this to scale recipes. In English, we have been planning and starting to write a setting description in the style of Tolkien. In science this week, we have explored the life cycles of insects and compared this to what we know about the life cycles of birds. Enjoy the sunshine this weekend everyone, and well done for your hard work!

**Mrs Bateman**

## Year 6

We have had a lovely week in school this week: the children had a visit from our SCARF ambassador, Lucy, who supported us in delivering a talk to the children about what to expect when we grow up, puberty and breaking boundaries. The children have been working hard in English as we begin our first drafts of a setting description in the style of Tolkien. Our core text is *The Hobbit* and this unit we have spent time exploring extracts of various examples of Classic Fiction. We look forward to continuing our work on this as we are working hard to use character inferences to support our language choice as we describe the home of Gandalf. In Maths, we are exploring ratio and proportion - we are spending time using jottings and annotations to unpick multi-step problems, which we will continue to do next week. We welcomed our parents and carers to join us in school yesterday for our Year 6 class assembly where we took a journey back to September to retell the story of our curriculum.

**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
24.6.24	Year 5 Class Assembly 2:30pm	All Year 5
25.6.24	Year 5 camping meeting	All year 5 parents
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
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





# 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

Contact 07917 024 280

Booking form to follow

