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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of June, it has been delightful for us to enjoy a spot of sunshine this week: we are gearing up for the end of the year celebrations, with sports days, transition days, leavers' assembly, residentials and summer fair still to come. Learning and standards still remain a core focus to ensure the children are ready for their next stage.

PTA Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to parents, carers and pupils for supporting our wonderful PTA again by donating items for our Towngate Summer Fair. A reminder that the fair is due to take place on Saturday 20th July – we can't wait to celebrate the end to another great year working in partnership and hope that you can all be there to join us!

Transition Days

As per the letter sent out earlier this week, transition mornings will take place on Wednesday 3rd July and Monday 8th July. During this time, children will spend the morning in their new classrooms with their new teachers, getting to know each other and preparing for the year ahead. Another reminder that as of next year, the following structure of classes will take place:

Nursery, two classes in Reception, Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 2, Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4, Year 5, Year 5/6 and Year 6.

Careers Week

Thank you to the parents and carers who have shared interest in joining us for our Towngate Careers Week, which is taking place week commencing 8th July. The theme is 'Raising Aspirations'. We believe it is important to continue to raise our children's aspirations by exposing them to a variety of different roles and professions that one day they too could enjoy - many of which are held by our parents and carers! We look forward to arranging a great week for the children and will be in contact with parents/carers who have shared their availability very soon with confirmation of times. Thank you for your support with this.

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.

High School Transition

Most of our eldest children have attended their secondary school transition days; we appreciate this is a very exciting – albeit nerve-wracking – time for the children. We will continue to enjoy our last few weeks of teaching and preparing the children as best we can to ensure their readiness for the next stage.

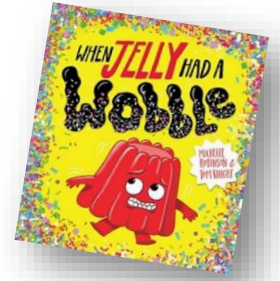
Litter on school field/playground

May we remind all parents/carers to ensure that where children are eating or drinking on the school grounds, that litter is placed in the bins in order to continue to maintain our environment. Thank you.



What are we reading

This week, Mrs Smith is enjoying reading Michelle Robinson- When Jelly had a wobble, When Jelly is entered into the 'Best Food Competition', it makes him wobble with worry. Everyone loves chicken nuggets and pizza – but does everyone love jelly?



Holiday Club

Please see the flyer attached to this week's newsletter with information about Towngate Holiday Club over the summer.

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 94.24% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 6 who achieved 97.41% attendance this week.

This week, we have had 13 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
Year 3	Alonso	Elsie	Robyn	Jayden
Year 4	Imogen	Eva	Darcey	Robbie
Year 5	Isabelle	Connor	Jasmine	Benji
Year 5/6	Lola	Oakley	Ethan S	Billy KB
Year 6	Isla	David	Jake	Georgina

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week, we explored the text 'The Selfish Crocodile' to guide our investigation on maintaining healthy teeth. We dove into non-fiction texts on visiting the dentist and discovered the best foods and drinks for our oral health. Our rhyme of the week, 'Brush Your Teeth,' added to the vast collection of nursery rhymes the children have learned since September. In phonics, we focused on the sounds 'g, o, c, k,' while also reinforcing previously learned sounds. In math, we tackled ordering numbers from 1-5 and 1-10, the children showed excellent detective skills in finding the numbers that were out of place. Great job everyone! Have a fantastic weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon



Reception

This week in Reception, we have started our class book - 'Clean Up.' It is about Rocket who goes on holiday to visit her grandparents, she's shocked by the pollution that's spoiling their island home and putting the local sea life at risk. The children have enjoyed learning about the beach and the amount of litter that affects creatures that live in the sea. In Art and D.T we have been observing the pictures of animals we saw on our trip last week, and trying to draw the shapes and lines we could see on their body. Lots of paintings of peacocks, lizards, tortoise and butterflies from the children using different types of media. We have been using iPads to create houses using lines and shapes. on the paint software. In Maths, we have continued our learning about Maps and revisited addition, to further consolidate writing addition number sentences.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji

Year 1

What a busy week we have had this week in Year 1! In English, we have been writing all about Lila and the secret of rain. We have produced a newspaper article about part of the story, thinking about all of the different things we need to include. In Maths, we have been looking at number lines to 100 and learning all about one more and one less. In science this week, we have been looking at the season summer and the changes that happen during it. We had some lovely discussions around this and it really got us thinking hard. In Art this week, we have created looms for our weaving topic, which is what we are going to use to create our woven pieces of work. In PE, the lesson was all about jumping, we played different jumping games and even had some races, which really let out our competitive sides. Well done for another fantastic week and keep up all of your hard work!

Miss Swain

Year 1/2

This week we have been enjoying the sunshine and we hope it is here to stay! We are wondering if we have inspired this lovely weather as we have been learning 'The Sunshine Song' in Music and the children have been practicing using a high and low pitch. This has linked extremely well with our Science this week, where we have been learning all about Summer! We have discussed the changes that happen from Spring to Summer, thinking about the temperature, the trees and plants and the clothing we may wear. In History, we are starting to compare the significant explorers we have learnt about and making our own decisions on who we think is the most significant and why. In English, the children have blown me away with a fantastic newspaper report! We may have some future reporters amongst us. They've used ambitious vocabulary to engage the reader and a range of sentences that we have been learning in class. Well done for another amazing week Class 1/2! Have a great weekend and enjoy this lovely weather.

Mrs Davies

Year 2

Well, the pride I feel this week for our team is immense. This week marked the end of our fourth and final Y2 SAT paper and it has been utterly wonderful to see the progress that the children have made from the start of the year until now. In English, we have been roving newspaper reporters, writing our own articles about Lila being stranded at the top of the highest mountain. In maths, we have revisited and reconsolidated our knowledge on shape, including the key vocabulary that this unit entails. In RE, we have looked at Synagogues and why these are special, sacred places for Jewish people. We had a thoroughly enjoyable History lesson in which we compared some of our significant explorers to analyse the ways that they are the same and different in their achievements. In Geography, we have continued to develop our knowledge of Brazil; this week we analysed a climate map of Brazil and compared this to the climate in the UK. In PSHE, we had a lovely lesson thinking about how we have all developed throughout of lives, right from being a baby! We realised how much we have changed, but also how we are still very much like our younger selves. Well done for another lovely week Year 2 - I hope you have a super weekend and I'll see you next week.

Miss Wilson



Year 3

Year 3 have had a really busy week. We have almost come to the end of our Guided Reading text "The Land of Roar". The children have fully engaged with reading this text and it has prompted lots of discussion whilst exposing the children to new, high-level vocabulary. The children really impressed me this week by demonstrating their musical talents playing and singing along with the Ukeleles! In Maths, the children have further cemented their understanding of money and have moved onto the trickier concept of subtracting amounts. Finally, in English this week the children have written their own instructional text on how to challenge a grumpy, old toad! It has been wonderful to see the children concentrate and carefully plan, write and redraft their work. Well done Year 3, have a super weekend!

Mrs Gillen

Year 4

What a brilliant week we have had in year 4. Considering the hot weather, all students have tackled this week head on. In Math's, we have now moved onto shape, currently focusing on triangles. In English, we have just finished our Non-chronological report and are about to redraft them based on our reflections. In Science, we have been building and drawing simple circuits, including bulbs, cells and switches. In Art, we have started our new topic of 3D media, this has seen our students confidently identify the differences between 3D and 2D media. Finally, in PE we are continuing to develop our Athletics knowledge and skills. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have completed our final drafts of our setting descriptions based on the home of Bilbo Baggins in The Shire. We have closely considered vocabulary and sentence structure in order to produce descriptions which replicate the work of Tolkien. We have used our Chromebooks to support us in up levelling our writing and engaged in peer assessment to make more impactful choices. In maths, we have moved on to learning about negative numbers. We recognised where we see negative numbers and have completed number sequences involving negative numbers. In science, we identified the different stages in a mammal's life cycle. We also discussed a strange kind of mammal called a monotreme. These mammals lay eggs, which is odd for a typical mammal. In computing, we have looked at selections in commands when coding in Scratch and are moving on to look at how we can code our own games.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

This week in Year 5/6 we have completed our final drafts of our setting descriptions, written in the style of JRR Tolkien. The children have used different skills to 'show' the reader their chosen setting and chosen particular language to engage and excite the reader. In History, we continued to explore the impact of Section 28 and the steps which eventually led to this law being revoked. In Science, we have explored the life cycles of amphibians which has allowed us to build on our existing knowledge. Year 5 enjoyed sharing an assembly with their parents and carers to reflect on what they had learnt this year and Year 6 have enjoyed a transition day at Ossett Academy! Well done everyone, we hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend with your families!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been working hard to complete and publish our setting descriptions in the style of JRR Tolkien. We carefully unpicked Tolkien's own work and description of the Hobbit Hole, using this as the foundation to innovate our own pieces based on what we believe Gandalf's home to be like. We chose language specifically to provide clear inferences into Gandalf as a character and have worked hard to publish our work, ready for our next showcase display. In Maths, we have perfected our skills looking at ratio and proportion: we have solved problems involving reading recipes to support our knowledge of calculating various proportions. In Geography, we continued our learning about biomes: we understood that biomes are areas of land with its own specific climate, plants and animals. This week, we learnt about the flora and fauna found within the tundra. In History, we looked at the significance of the Grunwick Strike of 1976, where female workers went on strike to send a message to managers that they would not allow the maltreatment of workers. Well done everyone for a great week, I look forward to seeing you all after the weekend!

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
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



Towngate Primary
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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.



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

