

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week we have had: our Year 5 children fostered Bear Grylls as they overcame the elements during their wild camping experience on the field, the children met their new class teachers during our first transition session and plans have been put in motion ready for careers week next week. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to another week of learning and laughter ahead!

Rocksteady concert

Parents of pupils who are taking part in our Rock Steady concert are welcome to join us on Tuesday 9th July from 10.00am to enjoy the musical extravaganza!

Year 5 camping

Year 5 had a fantastic experience with The Outdoors People this week. The adventure started with the children learning how to erect their own bell tents – they showed incredible team work and communication skills. Our activities across the two days involved bug eating, pancake making, water purification, camp fire stories and songs and pendant making. As always, the children set a fantastic example for the school and they had a brilliant time, despite the lack of sleep!

Class transition

Our second transition session for Reception - Year 6 next year will take place on Monday morning: the children will spend a further morning in their new classrooms with their new class teacher, ready to prepare for the year ahead.

Careers Week

We are holding a Careers Week next week which is based around the theme, 'Raising Aspirations'. We are excited to have secured lots of exciting visitors – many of whom are parents and carers and members of the local community – to give the children in insight into the world of work and the opportunities that may lay ahead. We look forward to sharing some snapshots of our week on our social media next week.

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.

Future in minds

On the 11th and 18th July the Year 5 children will have a session with FIM. The session is friendship and self-esteem covering what self-esteem is what can affect self-esteem and how to make positive friendships looking at healthy and unhealthy relationships. The children will do one session as the group will be separated.



Parent Portal and App

We are now using the Parent Portal and Parent App on our new MIS system Arbor.

The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go! The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

Access to this has already been set up and you should have received an e mail. To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address we sent the email to.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account.

Please note this app will not be used for school dinners.

If you have any queries or have not received the email please contact the School Office.

What are we reading?

This week, Mrs Gillen is enjoying reading *When cheetah makes good choices* Sometimes, Cheetah gets a bit carried away and forgets to make good choices. With the help of some kind classmates, Cheetah discovers that making the right choices can reap special rewards.



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 92.74% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to F2 Explorers who achieved 99.32% attendance this week.

This week, we have had 7 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	Rosanna	Willow	Gage	Nora
Reception (explorers)	Zoe	Arabella	Harry H	Zach
Reception (adventures)	Joseph	Teddy	George	Keegan
Year 1	Maizy	Ethan	Eva C	Eva W
Year 1/2	Harry C	Milan	Paisley	Pippa
Year 2	Bethany	Logan	Grace	Freddie



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week has been filled with excitement for our children as they had the opportunity to explore their new classrooms, meet their new teachers, and make new friends. We have been focusing on learning how to maintain a healthy body, including delving into a new non-fiction book about keeping our brains healthy. Through discussions, we discovered the importance of getting enough sleep, eating well, and exercising regularly to maintain a healthy brain. In phonics, we have been learning the sounds 'c, k, u' and our rhyme of the week is 'I can sing a Rainbow'. Our children are continuously building resilience as they develop their counting skills in math, showing improvement each day. We thank you for your continued support, have a great weekend!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

In Reception, this week we have started our new class book- Jehvon goes to Jamaica. We have been learning all about the country Jamaica. Their culture, food and music. It has been wonderful to see children immersed into a different culture and the new learning it has brought in our classroom. In Maths, we have been continuing to write number sentences and deepen our understanding by using mental methods and problem solving. In Art, we have been drawing flags of Jamaica and making origami aeroplanes. We would like to say goodbye and good luck for the future to Mrs Karolia who has completed her student placement in our class. We have really appreciated what she has done for us!

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji

Year 1

What a busy week we have enjoyed again this week in Year 1. In Maths this week, we have been busy looking at all things money. We have been recognising the values of each coins and even adding values of coins together. In computing, we have been using the iPad using the software Scratch Jr learning how to use all the different features. In Science this week, we have been looking at the season Autumn and all of the changes that happen during that season. You have all also met your new teachers ready for Year 2 this week! What an exciting time, I am sure you all had lots of fun! Thank you for another lovely week Year 1.

Miss Swain

Year 1/2

This week in Class 1/2, we have been learning all about Autumn. We compared Autumnal changes to the changes that happen in Spring and Summer. We discussed the different events that take place during the Autumn months and how much the hours of daylight decreases compared to Summer. We were torn on our favourite season and can highlight the pros and cons of them all! In English, we are continuing to develop our understanding of the different sentence types and how we can use these in our writing. Of course, we had our first transition sessions this week, which I know can be a anxious time for all but it was so wonderful to hear such wonderful comments from the children's new teachers. I am so proud of them all! Have a great weekend.

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we have continued reading our new, beloved text 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. We have delved deeper into the text and have answered a range of comprehension questions about it. Our grammar focus this week was recognising different sentence types to ensure we have refined this skill. In Maths, we have been counting in fractions, seeing how many parts make the whole. In Science, we have looked at the season of 'Summer' to understand the changes that happen in this season and what we might experience! In Geography this week, we looked at the similarities and differences in Brazil and the UK's climate, as well as analysing the reasons for the extreme weather we are seeing across the globe. In RE this week, we delved deeper into the religion of Judaism answering some child-led questions. This week we also had another wonderful Forest Schools session creating printed pictures! Well done for all your hard work again Year 2, I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Wilson



Year 3

Well done Year 3 for another great week! In English we have focused on using the correct tenses within our writing. The children then applied this skill in their History work and accurately wrote in the past tense to compare life in Athens and Sparta! In Maths we have moved on to 'time' and have explored this concept using the mini clocks. There has been a lot of excitement this week with Transition day and the conversation amongst the class has been really positive. You have all coped really well with the changes of routine this week so a huge well done. Enjoy your weekend and I will see you on Monday!

Mrs Gillen

Year 4

This week year 4 have been working on Shape in Math's, most recently looking at lines of symmetry. In English, year 4 have finished their redraft of their non-chronological report. In History, we have been looking at Cnut 'the great' who was a King of England and Denmark during Viking times. This week, we have also had a transition day which students and staff have found very exciting. This week we have also been designing our clay model dragonheads, which has seen our class sketch their design and add shading. In Music, we have been continuing to develop our Ukelele skills. Have a fantastic weekend, I look forward to welcoming you back after the weekend.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

We had a very exciting start to this week with our camping trip which took place on Monday and Tuesday! All children involved had an excellent time learning new skills to help them survive in the wilderness. They learned how to purify water by filtering and boiling, they developed an essential skill - teamwork, they used basic tools to create their own pendants and those who were brave enough even ate some bugs! Back in school, we have continued our work on negative numbers in maths by identifying terms in negative number sequences. We have spent some time working on our problem-solving skills by thinking's logically and working in small manageable steps. In history, we have been applying our knowledge of civil rights in Britain and the USA to answer the question 'What did the British civil rights protests of the twentieth century have in common?'

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

What a busy week we have had this week! This week in English, we have enjoyed continuing to explore The Hobbit, in particular reading Riddles In The Dark. Next week, we will be planning and writing our own narratives, considering language and characterisation. Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed this camping tip this week - the children worked incredibly well together and we were so proud of their enthusiasm and team work. In Geography, we have learning about the Tundra - the coldest of all the biomes, containing frost covered landscapes and short growing seasons. Well done everyone, have a great weekend.

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

We have had a lovely week this week as we have begun to piece together our Leaver's production for the end of the year. In English, we have been working hard to develop our comprehension of Chapter 5 of The Hobbit - Riddles in the Dark! Next week we will begin planning and drafting our own dual perspectives based on this chapter. In Maths, we have completed our learning on Ratio and Proportion, ready to tackle some Algebra next week in readiness for Year 7! In Geography, we have unpicked the characteristics of another biome: the taiga. We considered the adaptations that flora and fauna make in order to survive and thrive within this biome. I look forward to seeing you all again next week and for the upcoming weeks where we will continue to make wonderful memories, which will last a lifetime.

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
8.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
8.7.24	Rock steady concert @10.00am	Parents welcome
10.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 1.30pm – 2.30pm	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 1.30pm – 2.30pm	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



Penalty Notice Fines Changes From 19th August 2024

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period (this does not include school holidays)

One Day = 2 sessions Morning = 1 session Afternoon = 1 session

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED TO EACH PARENT FOR EACH CHILD

This means that if you have 2 children and receive a penalty notice you may receive 4 fines as a family*.

(one per child/ per parent)

***This includes parents who do not live together.**

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period (this does not include school holidays)

PENALTY NOTICES – FIRST OFFENCE

For a first offence the fine is £160 per parent / per child

This is reduced to £80 per parent / per child if paid within 21 days.

PENALTY NOTICES – SECOND OFFENCE

A second offence is any further incident within 3 years of the first one.

This means if you take your child on a term time holiday of more than 5 days or have 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period in one year and repeat this two years later it will be classed as a second offence.

The fine for a second offence is £160 per parent per child (no reduced fee for paying early)

PENALTY NOTICES – THIRD OFFENCE

For a third offence within 3 years of the first incident:

A TERM TIME / IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE FINE WILL NOT BE ISSUED - HOWEVER:

The case may proceed straight to PARENT PROSECUTION which can result in a fine of up to £1,000.00

YOUR SUPPORT

We need your support with attendance- the guidance above is National guidance that all schools must follow.

We don't want to fine parents- we want our pupils in 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

