

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another delightful week here at Towngate Primary Academy. We have had visitors into our school this week who have commented on the behaviour of our children – well done everyone!

PTA Halloween disco

As I am sure you are all aware, our PTA do a wonderful job for the school and raise money to support children's educational opportunities throughout the academy. The PTA sent a letter out to all parents yesterday with details of this year's highly anticipated Halloween disco. If you would like another copy of this letter, please speak to a member of staff in the academy office.

PE kits

Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that children must have an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school. Please refer to our parent handbook, which can be found on our academy website.

Harvest Festival

Please remember that our Harvest Festival takes place on Tuesday 23rd October. Parents/Carers and family members are welcome to come along to this service, which will begin at 9am. We ask that children bring in a contribution of either tinned goods or fresh fruit and vegetables. We will later distribute these harvest gifts to a local food bank.

Pupil Absences

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please phone the school office before 9am and advise staff of the reason for absence and anticipated date of return. If this does not happen then Mrs Johnson will make contact on all unauthorised absences that are recorded to establish a reason for non-attendance. Please can you ensure that you have let the office know of any change of telephone numbers in case of emergencies and that we have an email address available.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs A Berry & Miss L Eke



Events in our academy this week:

To view more photographs of events happening within our academy, take a look at our Twitter account @TowngatePA

Early Years

This week F1 and F2 have been working together to make poppies for Ossett Remembers.

In F1, we have been using the computer to create a picture of the three pigs and we have been practising our numbers from 1 to 5. F1 have also enjoyed using conkers to create their artwork.

F2, have been thinking about autumn. We started our week with an autumn walk and we enjoyed collecting different leaves and seeds. We have also focused on addition this week in our number work. We have talked about the words and symbols we use and we have practised adding two numbers together. Thank you to everyone who was able to stay for our book share, which will take place every Wednesday morning in F2 and on Friday morning in F1.

Key Stage One

This week KSI have been working hard asking Bob (the man on the moon) lots of questions about his job. We've been working hard to remember question marks at the end of our sentences.

During the week, we have also had visitors who came to see our work on British Values and our value of the month. We showed what we know through discussions and drawings.

In our topic work, we have been learning about the life and work of Mary Seacole and how she overcame pre-judice to help others.

Key Stage Two

KS2 have enjoyed this weeks picture news looking at inclusion: What would you find hardest living in a world designed for different people?

Y6 have considered how inclusive our local community was and how we could work together to improve the accessibility of places in our community. We then started to discuss world mental health day.

Year 5 focused on how inclusive the world around us is in things we see every day such as advertisements and the media. We thought carefully about how inclusive our academy is and what else we could do to improve.

Year 3 looked closely at games we play both at school and at home considering how inclusive these are. They enjoyed changing to rules to ensure these were accessible for everyone.

Isaac in Y3/4 said "We can make the world an inclusive place by letting people join in no matter what. Everybody deserves to be treated equally no matter what."

Class 4 have enjoyed being taught by an experienced rugby coach during PE this week. They were able to focus on team building activities effective communication within play.

KS2 would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for painting our reading hubs - we cannot wait to begin using them!





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Kenny and Isabelle
Year 1: Miss Johnson	Reuben and Neve
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Owen and Layson
Year 2: Miss Lane	Oliver and Nancy
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Marcia and Skyla
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	Nile and Layla-Grace
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Esmé and Harvey
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Joshua and Maddison
Year 6: Miss Eke	Keane and Madison

Well done to this week's Star of the Week achievers; your hard work and commitment to learning have been noticed and celebrated in this week's assembly.

Congratulations to you all!

Marble Winners

We celebrate excellent team work in our academy by awarding class marbles during learning time, transition time, playtime and lunchtime. Here are our marble winners for this week!

	Class	Marbles awarded
1 st Place	F2	79
2 nd Place	Y1	70
3 rd Place	Y3/4	63

Congratulations to our winners this week – keep up your fantastic team work!



School Attendance

Whole School	96.96%
Foundation Stage	96.93%
Year 1	96.31%
Year 1 / 2	97.31%
Year 2	96.14%
Year 3	97.59%
Year 3 / 4	94.56%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	97.66%
Year 6	98.18%

Our whole school attendance target is 96.96%.

Year 6 are the attendance winners again for the fifth week running!

Upcoming Events

Here are some more dates to add to your diaries:

Friday 12th October:

Year 6 height and weight checks

Week commencing 15th October:

Assessment week across the academy

Tuesday 16th October:

Parents evening – separate letters have been sent out: can I remind parents that appointments are on a first come, first served basis.

Wednesday 17th October:

F2 Dance Show: a showcase for the children in the school to share the hard work our pupils have shown this half term.

Thursday 18th October:

Year 5 and 6 Dance Show: a showcase for the children in the school to share the hard work our pupils have shown this half term.

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Parents evening – separate letters will be sent out: can I remind parents that appointments are on a first come, first served basis.

Tuesday 23rd October:

The Harvest Festival: parents are welcome to attend.

Friday 26th October:

The academy breaks for October half term holidays today.

