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Dear parents and carers,

17.05.19

Ready, Steady, Read: Sponsored Reading Event

Thank you to all the children who participated in our ready, steady, read competition in partnership with Usborne books. We are thrilled to announce that the children who participated raised over £350 in sponsorship money! Usborne will contribute up to a further 60% to allow school to purchase brand new books for the children in our academy – which is fantastic news! Thank you so much to all parents, carers and family members who supported their children with this initiative. All participating pupils will receive a Ready, Steady, Read certificate in next week's celebration assembly; there will also be a prize awarded to the pupil who read for the longest amount of time and also the pupil who raised the most money through their sponsors. Well done to all who participated.

Year 6 SATs Week

We would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils a huge 'Congratulations' for completing their Year 6 SATs assessments this week. As always, the children showed sheer determination and perseverance to complete their assessments and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Miss Eke would like to say a special thank you to the following staff members who supported in the assessments every day and provided breakfast each morning: Mrs Schofield, Mrs Drury, Ms Broadbent, Miss Townend, Miss Atkinson, Miss Lane, Miss Johnstone, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Harvey for all of their help.



Thank you also to Elliott's parents for providing this absolutely fantastic cake for all of the children and to Maddison for preparing her infamous caramel shortbread for us all to enjoy! Year 6 will enjoy a pizza party on Friday afternoon to celebrate their hard work – thank you to all parents/carers who have sent goodies for the children!

INSET Polling Day Reminder

Just to remind all parents and carers that we are closed for a polling day on **Thursday 23rd May**.

PTA Fashion Show

We would like to remind all parents and carers that our PTA fashion show will be taking place on 19th July. Tickets are £7 for VIP and £5 for general admission. This will be a fantastic event and we are thrilled to be hosting this here at Towngate!

Kindest regards,

Mrs A Berry and Miss L Eke
Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher



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

We have enjoyed a very busy week at school this week! F1 have enjoyed painting castles and have enjoyed learning in the outdoor environment this week. F2 would like to say thank you for sharing your old toys with us. The children have enjoyed showing these and telling their friends all about them. We have also enjoyed thinking about materials and testing how far a car will travel over different surfaces. We are looking forward to our Inspire afternoon, next Tuesday. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

This week in KSI we have been learning about evergreen and deciduous trees. We know evergreen trees keep their colour all year round. We went on a tree hunt in our school grounds to look for the different types of trees. We found oak, birch and conifer trees.

In our topic work, we used a compass to find north and then followed directions to different places. We have also planned a route for our local walk from school to Spring Mill.

Well done KSI for working so hard.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage Two

This week in Key Stage 2 we have all been extremely proud of Year 6 for their continued hard work and dedication throughout SATs week. We hope you enjoy your pizza party with a slice of cake followed by your trip to Kingswood next week! We can't wait to hear all about it.

In Year 5, we have worked hard writing a balanced argument about our class novel Skellig. We have focused on using ambitious vocabulary and cohesive devices. We have also enjoyed creating our own pieces of art based on the style of Andy Warhol. Year 4, have been researching and writing about the Greek Olympics and are looking forward to holding their own Olympic event next week!

Year 3/4 have enjoyed their local walk to the Coop as part of their topic on Greece. They have investigated the prices of Greek foods and even bought some to bring back to school!

Year 3, have been busy painting watercolour pictures focusing on developing their mixing and blending skills.

Miss Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Miles and Evie
Year 1: Miss Haigh	Lyla and Darcey
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Layson and Alfie
Year 2: Miss Lane	Finley and Amelia
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Lacey and Isabelle
Year 3 / 4: Mrs Mitchell/Mrs Allen	Phoebe and Owen
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Scarlet and Esme
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Loren and Lexie
Year 6: Miss Eke	All of Year 6

Well done to this week's celebration achievement children. Your hard work and dedication to learning has been noticed by your teachers this week!

Marble Winner

We celebrate excellent teamwork 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	Y2	203
2 nd Place	Y3	156
3 rd Place	Y6	153

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

School Attendance

Whole School	97.23%
Nursery	94.9%
Reception	98.08%
Year 1	95.56%
Year 1 / 2	96.15%
Year 2	92.25%
Year 3	98.26%
Year 3 / 4	97.85%
Year 4	99.17%
Year 5	98.35%
Year 6	99.63%

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

Well done Year 6! 😊



Picture news at home

Respect

Plastic straws take an estimated 500 years to decompose! We should always ensure we are using plastics carefully and use reusable items whenever we can.

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Picture News

at Home

13th May 2019
What's going on this week?



13th-19th May
Should McDonald's have banned plastic straws?

McDonald's is being called on to stop its introduction of paper straws in the UK, amidst claims that they dissolve in drinks. The restaurant is switching from plastic to paper straws at all of their 1,361 restaurants after customer pressure. An online petition calling for a return to plastic straws has so far gathered more than 40,000 signatures. McDonald's have said they are "doing the right thing" while some customers feel that their needs should be considered.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌱 Do you think people should be complaining about the paper straws not being as good as the plastic ones? Why?
- 🌱 Can you think of any everyday items that we throwaway when perhaps they could be reused?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

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