

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

18.1.19

## Young Voices

On Monday this week, the Towngate Choir attended Young Voices. This is a very special event where children perform to a large audience at Sheffield arena. I would like to share that each child was a credit to Towngate! Thank you to Miss Lockett, Mrs Watters and Miss Pamment for making this event possible for our children and well done everyone!

## E-Safety Team

Our Towngate E-Safety team have been working incredibly hard this half term looking closely at how we monitor our pupils' online safety at school and at home. A short survey will be sent home with pupils today, please would you take the time to fill this in regarding online safety within the home and bring it back to school so we can continue to improve our provision.

## Road Safety

On Wednesday the children at Towngate Primary Academy were visited by Mr Nickerson, a road safety advisor from Wakefield Council. He spoke to the children in assembly about keeping themselves safe outside the school gates where it is often very busy. He completed an initial survey outside the school gates to check the safety of parking. Mr Nickerson was pleased to inform us that parking outside school was mostly considerate however, there were some incidents of unsafe parking. After sending out a parent parking promise, he is returning to school on the 23rd January to complete another safety survey and will be joined by two newly appointed Junior Road Safety Officers (Joe and Jack). They will work together to see how we have improved our parking here at Towngate to ensure the safety of all children and adults. We would like to thank you for completing the parent parking promise and for working with us to do all we can to keep children safe.

## Key dates for this half term

Please find key dates for this half term attached to this newsletter.



## Towngate Promotional Video

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are filming a video prospectus for our academy. We will be capturing exciting moments of learning and day-to-day school life in this video, along with sharing some pupil, staff and parent views. We would love to again ask for any parents / carers who feel confident in sharing their thoughts on our academy in this video, or perhaps assist with the filming and production of the video! Should you be interested, please send an email to Mrs Berry and we will contact you with further information: [headteacher@towngateacademy.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@towngateacademy.co.uk)

We will also be sending home a comment slip for any written thoughts to be shared and displayed on our prospectus video. We are all incredibly proud to be part of such a wonderful school and community and the Senior Leadership Team feel this will be the perfect reflection of our academy.

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

This week has been a very busy week in Early Years. We are continuing our topic of space. We have enjoyed learning about space using many information books. We are sending the children a learning mat home which includes key vocabulary and some ideas of activities you may want to do together at home (these are known as knowledge organisers).

F1 have enjoyed singing their song "We are the solar system" and they have been using paints and pastels to create their pictures of the planets. F2 have been busy drawing our own planet pictures and writing about our class story, Whatever Next, by Jill Murphy.

Mrs H Kimbley

### Key Stage One

The children in KS 1 have been showing great number skills this week finding a  $1/2$  and a  $1/4$  of shapes and quantities. Both Year 1 and Year 2 have shown great skill and understanding and have moved on to solving problems involving fractions. We would also like to share that many children are now moving on quickly with their reading skills - practising at home and school is the key! Keep going KS 1 you are all doing super!

Miss Lockett

### Key Stage Two

This week in Year 3, we have been exploring the value of trust looking at what it means and why it is so important to us. The children had some fantastic ideas such as looking how important trust is to maintain good friendships and relationships. Super work Year 3!

In Year 4 this week, the children have really enjoyed their maths lesson using their division skills to decode secret messages. It has been a pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence and use their determination to solve problems. Well done Year 4!

This week in year 5, we were creating carbon dioxide between solids and liquids to inflate a glove! We had an excellent time exploring chemical reactions. We have also enjoyed developing our cricket skills during outdoor games. Thank you for a super week Year 5!

In Year 6 this week, the children were enjoying participating in a political debate on... you guessed it: BREXIT! We had our own ballot box and cast our own votes as to whether we were 'leavers' or 'remainers'! After voting, we spent the afternoon justifying our opinions in a debate - which got very animated! Well done for another super week Year 6!

Miss A Atkinson





# Special Mentions



## Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

|                          | Star of the Week    |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| F2 : Mrs Kimbley         | Adam and Sebastian  |
| Year 1: Miss Johnson     | Harrison and Libby  |
| Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett | Millie and Abbie    |
| Year 2: Miss Lane        | Sam and Jack        |
| Year 3: Mr Hellam        | Matthew and Scarlet |
| Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons | Suzie and Phoebe    |
| Year 4: Miss Johnstone   | Phoebe and Alex     |
| Year 5: Miss Atkinson    | Aaron and Eleanor   |
| Year 6: Miss Eke         | Connor and Maddison |
| Pastoral Team            | Charlie and Joshua  |

Well done to all our shining stars this week!

We are very proud of you all!

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Place | Y6    | 148             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Y3/4  | 118             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | F2    | 113             |

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



## School Attendance

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Whole School | 97.74% |
| Reception    | 97.22% |
| Year 1       | 98.47% |
| Year 1 / 2   | 92.67% |
| Year 2       | 99.14% |
| Year 3       | 97.57% |
| Year 3 / 4   | 98.52% |
| Year 4       | 96.93% |
| Year 5       | 99.57% |
| Year 6       | 99.26% |

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

Well done Year 5 😊





# Online Safety at Towngate

With more and more children using the internet, we want to ensure that pupils here at Towngate know how to use it safely. Towngate Primary Academy now has an E-Safety team to help promote safe use. Ms Brown, Miss Sissons and Mrs Thackrah form our e-safety team.

The children will be completing an E-Safety survey to see how much they know about keeping themselves safe online. We will share the results from these surveys with parents and use them to help the children to gain understanding and confidence in all areas.

The E-Safety team will also be looking to recruit E-Safety Ambassadors.

Their role will be:

- Help others learn how to keep themselves safe online
  - Promote school internet rules
- Learn how to use new technologies, apps and software
- Support teachers in using new technologies, apps and software
  - Suggest improvements to the ICT around school
  - Plan and deliver online safety assemblies
- Keep parents and governors up to date with current e-safety topics
  - Promote Safer Internet Day

As a parent/carer, it is also important for you to understand how to keep your child safe online.

We will be sending home a survey for you to complete and return to school.

<https://www.facebook.com/esafetyadviser/> is a page you can follow on Facebook that is full of advice for keeping your child safe online.

We would like to invite a parent to join our e-safety team, where we will meet once every term. This would ensure that we are also looking at online safety from a parent's point of view.

If you would be interested in joining, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

The E-Safety Team

Ms Brown, Miss Sissons & Mrs Thackrah.





## Key dates for your calendar – Spring Term 1

| Date    | Event  |
|---------|--|
| 24.1.19 | Y5 Wakefield Museum Workshop – Animation Creation  |
| 28.1.19 | Prayer space in school.<br>Miss Lockett our RE coordinator has organised for a prayer space to be set up in school for the week. |
| 29.1.19 | Inspiring Maths morning with Explore Learning  |
| 30.1.19 | EOCT Pen Pal Event for Y2  |
| 30.1.19 | Reading open morning across school from Y1-Y6, parents are welcome to come and share a book with your child.                     |
| 30.1.19 | F2 visit to church   |
| 31.1.19 | LKS2 Maths Drop-in evening for parents 3.15-4.00   |
| 31.1.19 | KSI Maths Workshop with Explore Learning   |
| 1.2.19  | NSPCC Number Day   |
| 1.2.19  | UKS2 Maths drop in evening for parents 3.15-4.00   |
| 7.2.19  | Year 4 Big Build event   |
| 7.2.19  | Life Skills Event 2.15pm: Year 4 Afternoon Tea   |
| 8.2.19  | Local walk to COOP for fair trade Year 5 (promise)   |
| 12.2.19 | Year 4 educational visit to Magna  |
| 13.2.19 | Year 3/4 educational visit to Magna  |
| 14.2.19 | Year 3 educational visit to Magna  |
| 14.2.19 | Y2 Pen Pal event   |
| 13.2.19 | Safeguarding meeting for Parents and Carers 4.30pm   |
| 14.2.19 | KSI Maths drop in for parents 3.15 – 4.00  |
| 15.2.19 | Break up today   |

If you require a paper copy of this newsletter, please contact the Academy office.





# Picture News

at Home

14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

What's going on this week?



Britain is expected to leave the EU on the 29th March this year following a referendum in June 2016. This week, over two hundred Members of Parliament have signed a letter to the Prime Minister asking her to rule out a no-deal Brexit, to try to protect jobs and manufacturing. A no-deal Brexit means the UK would leave the European Union (EU) immediately on 29 March 2019, and there would be no agreements in place about what their relationship would be like in future.

Things to talk about at home...

- Talk about what you know about Brexit already.
- Deciding whether we stay in the European Union or if we leave it, is a huge decision. Do you think it should have been made by our leaders, the government, or do you think it was right for the public to vote?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...





January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Priory Players proudly present their latest performance ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’, which is on at Ossett Town Hall from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Priory Players would like to invite you to come and see the show on the Thursday night at a cost of £7 per ticket – a discount of £1/£2.

The show will start at 7pm and all children need to be accompanied by a parent or adult, as this is not a school trip.

If you would like tickets for the Thursday performance, please fill in the reply slip and return with your money in a named envelope to school as soon as possible but no later than Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Tickets are on sale from C&J Armitage Art Shop in the Wellgate Centre, Ossett for other performances.

Many thanks

Mrs G. Shelton  
Director

Jack and the Beanstalk – Thursday 24th January 2019

Name of child ..... Class .....

Number of tickets (£7 each) required for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019.....

Amount of money enclosed .....

*Please make cheques payable to: Priory Players*

Please return this to school by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

