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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another wonderful week here at Towngate Primary Academy. Take a look at some of the exciting things we have been up to this week:

Healthy Tuck Shop

Towngate Academy School Council have been selling fruit on KS2 playground as part of our 'Healthy Tuck Shop' initiative this week and this has been a roaring success – just look at the queue of children making healthy choices! Going forward the 'Healthy Tuck Shop' will be open on Tuesday and Thursday break time with fruit & vegetables for 10p and 20p.



Debate Team

This week we launched our Towngate Debate Team. Each week, the children will be joined by a different teacher who will hold a debate based on a different subject or topic. As Miss Eke is our English Leader in school, she began our weekly debate with the following 'Big Question':

'Do you have to be able to read and write to be successful in the future?'

The children had lots of super ideas and worked hard to use appropriate phrases to justify their opinions. Keep an eye out on Twitter for next week's 'Big Question'!

Riveting Reads

Some children from Year 5 & 6 went to the EOCT Riveting Reads Shortlisting Event at Ossett Academy where they took part in shortlisting more than 40 books down to their five favourites. The children were a credit to our school and shared some insightful thoughts about the books they read: well done everybody!



Towngate's Promotional Video

Thank you to the parents who have shared their thoughts about our Academy for our promotional video. Any further comments would be gratefully received.

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

Foundation stage are still enjoying learning about space. F2 have been thinking about astronauts and we have enjoyed using our role-play area. The children have also enjoyed listening to information from three year 6 children who have visited us to help us learn more about space. We have thinking about aliens and using our imaginations in our writing and our drawings. F1 have been thinking about the order of the planets and we have completed our pastel pictures about the solar system. We have been helping Baby Bear from Whatever Next to get ready for his party in maths.

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

This week in KS 1, we have being learning how to plan a healthy week. We have being talking about eating healthy food, getting lots of exercise and how important it is to have good night's sleep. We planned a healthy week with our friend and decided that we could do more exercise on a weekend when we are not at school. Like ride our bike, go for a walk, go swimming or play in the park.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage Two

This week in Key Stage Two:

Year 4 gave us a fabulous performance of their value based song 'count on me' reminding everybody about being a kind and trustworthy friend.

In year 3, children have been researching about earthquakes online as a launch to their new topic.

Year 3/4 have been learning how to say their age in French and recognise a variety of numbers.

In year 5, the children were visited by Wakefield Museum and were able to create their very own rainforest animations on iPads and have been working hard to conduct an experiment about rusting materials. What a fantastic afternoon.

Year 6 have enjoyed writing diary entries about the protagonist in their novel 'Wonder' and have been busy filtering water during our humanities lesson based on the topic, 'Where does our water go?' Year 6, yet again you continue to make everybody proud! Well done! 😊

Miss Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Archie and Ethan
Year 1: Miss Johnson	William and Joshua
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Hughie and Owen
Year 2: Miss Lane	Harvey and Milosz
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Freya and Amelia
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	Oliver and Oliver
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Libby and Archie
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Kiera and Leah
Year 6: Miss Eke	Dan and Keane

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	Y3/4	170
2 nd Place	Y4	121
3 rd Place	Y5	88

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

School Attendance

Whole School	97.85%
Nursery	95.70%
Reception	100%
Year 1	95.42%
Year 1 / 2	96.93%
Year 2	99.63%
Year 3	98.62%
Year 3 / 4	99.63%
Year 4	94.70%
Year 5	96.58%
Year 6	98.89%

Our whole school attendance target is 97% - Well done everyone!

Well done everybody for your **fantastic** attendance this week – we have **exceeded** our attendance target **again!**



Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current news and has clear links to fundamental British Values. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers; it is a forum for discussion.



Picture News

at Home

21st January 2019
What's going on this week?



21st January
Should we spend more time with people who are older than us?

A recent report by United For All Ages, claims that bringing young and older people together can tackle many different issues including loneliness and wellbeing. It claims there are many benefits of sharing time together including better mental health and improved confidence, language and social skills for everyone. Projects with old and young people can also boost confidence, skills and opportunities for children while helping to change attitudes towards ageing.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌱 How much time do you spend with people who are of different ages to you?
- 🌱 When you are spending time with people who are either older or younger, what types of activities do you take part in? Are they always different from the things you do with people your own age?
- 🌱 Whose responsibility do you think it should be to organise opportunities for younger and older people to spend time together?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

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A reminder of key dates:

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. 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

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