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Dear parents and carers,

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World Book Day

Yesterday, the children celebrated World Book Day. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many children inspired to be dressed up as their favourite book characters! During the day we participated in a whole school costume competition, where winners were picked from each key stage and awarded a book to enjoy at home. All children also took part in our 'Towngate Book Oscars' nominations – choosing their favourite authors, books and genres and casting their votes in our ballot box. Finally, all classes in school were linked to another class to share a story: this was a magical part of the day where older pupils in the academy were able to read to the youngest children and inspire the love of story-telling and reading!

Your child will bring home a book token to celebrate World Book Day. This token can either be spent at our upcoming book fair or you can use it in other participating shops. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in providing costumes for this wonderful day!



Weekly Reading Event with Mrs Berry

Reading is an essential part of our curriculum and children's everyday lives. We work extremely hard in school to ensure that all pupils are taught to read and develop a love for books and reading. It is very important that children are read to as well as learning to read themselves.

From next week, parents will be invited to join us in school for a weekly story, this will take part from 2.4-5pm every Friday afternoon. I would like to invite a year group at a time, to come and share a story with their grown-ups. Please arrive at

the academy office by 2.40pm to ensure we can get started on time.

Friday 15th March – Foundation stage (F1 and F2).

Donations

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already brought in donations to support us with enhancing our playtime/lunchtime provision! Just a reminder, that should any parents or carers have any spare toys / materials / dressing up costumes / craft materials / paint to brighten up the playgrounds etc., we would be incredibly appreciative! Additionally, if any parents/carers would like to lend a hand to spruce up the outdoor area or have any hidden talents that you would be willing to share, we would love to hear from you!



Year 6 Puberty session

This week the school nurse visited the children in year 6 to discuss growing up and the changes we go through both emotionally and physically as we reach puberty. The school nurse spoke to the children about how we can keep our bodies healthy with lots of exercise and eating the right foods to help us grow into strong and healthy young adults! It was lovely to see the children have mature conversations about growing older and we are very proud of all our Year 6 children.

Parents' Evening

As you may have seen on our previous newsletter, we will be holding Parents' evening on Monday 18th March (3.15 -5pm) and Tuesday 19th March (3.15 - 7pm). You will be receiving a letter today detailing how to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. Year 6 will not be arranging parents evenings during this time as 1:1 parent SATs meetings have recently taken place to discuss revision materials for each of the children. If you were unable to attend one of these meetings and wish to discuss your child's current progress in Year 6, please feel free to contact Miss Eke who will arrange an appointment with you.

Maths morning – Monday 11th March

As you will be aware from our key dates section on the previous newsletters, Maths morning is an opportunity for parents/carers to come into school and work with their children on exciting maths problems. This event will be held between 9-10am in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Liquidance – Acro classes

Please see information attached to this newsletter from Liquidance.

Upcoming dates next week

Monday 11th March 9.00-10.00am	Maths morning in Years 1-6. Parents are invited to come into school during this session.
Tuesday 12th March	Year 6 local walk around Ossett
Wednesday 13th March	Explore learning assembly focusing on inspiring writing. FI First Steps Together (session 1)
Thursday 14th March	Tempest Class Photographs
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief Day (Children are invited to wear non-uniform and bring a donation to support this worthy cause).

Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. 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.

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

In Early Years this week, the children enjoyed collecting data for lots of different reasons: choosing our favourite toppings for our pancakes on Pancake Day and even voting for our favourite text that we have read so far this year. The children extended their learning by collecting their own data from peers in the setting about favourite colours and favourite fruits. Next week, the children will be learning how to present their data in their very own bar charts! We have been watching our cress grow following our science experiment and we will be planting beans this afternoon as part of our topic work on Jack and the Beanstalk, which you can look after at home! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day – especially enjoying sharing a story with the oldest children in school! Well done everybody!

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

In KS 1 this week Year 2 had a fantastic local walk to the green grocers Sandra's Cabbage Patch in Ossett. When we arrived Gavin and Lynn who work there were thrilled to see us and we enjoyed looking at the more unusual fruit and vegetables that we hadn't seen before. Gavin gave us all an apple to eat and the children agreed they were the most delicious apples they had tasted.

In science we have continued to explore learning about our bodies but this week we have moved onto learning about our sense of touch. This was made really exciting by trying to guess what was inside some feely trays with our feet!!! Well done KS 1 for being super science investigators.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage Two

This week in Key Stage 2, Lower Key Stage have been fully immersed in their next class text – Robin Hood. This links closely to their new History topic about Early Law Makers. This week the children have learnt about significant dates in history such as the difference in dates between when men and women were first allowed to cast a vote! Year 4 have been looking forward to getting started on their big build project this morning.

In Upper Key stage 2, this week Year 5 have started their DT project ready for this terms INSPIRE morning! Year 6 have had a great time restarting their swimming sessions at Ossett Academy! Years 5 and 6 have been working hard on developing their reading area and have taken responsibility over organising texts by author and genre; we now have a wonderful communal reading area to enjoy.

It was lovely to see so many children in their World Book Day costumes yesterday, we all had a fantastic day!

Miss Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Emma and Benjamin
Year 1: Miss Johnson	Finn and Lola
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Harry and Tahlia
Year 2: Miss Lane	Laney and Jake
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Emilio and Lacey
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	Aila and Isabelle
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Aidan and Scarlett
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Tegan and Jack
Year 6: Miss Eke	Matthew and Mia

Well done to all our stars of the week! We are all very proud of your achievements.

Marble Winners

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	Y1	86
2 nd Place	Y3	56
3 rd Place	Y6	40

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

School Attendance

Whole School	97.78%
Nursery	93.21%
Reception	97.22%
Year 1	98.47%
Year 1 / 2	95.02%
Year 2	97.78%
Year 3	98.96%
Year 3 / 4	98.21%
Year 4	98.15%
Year 5	98.31%
Year 6	97.78%

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

Well done Year3 ☺



AcroDance for Key Stage 1 and F2

We still have some spaces remaining in our after school Acro class starting on Wednesday. Taught by LiquiDance School of Performing Arts staff, the students will work with the Acrobatic Arts Syllabus.

The program is based on safe and effective progressions in five divisions of AcroDance: Flexibility, Strength, Balancing, Limbering and Tumbling.

Every Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:00pm - starting Wednesday 13th March 2019 .

Open to all Key stage 1 and F2 students.

£3.50 per session, payable on a termly basis.

Please return the slip below to the school office before Tuesday 12th March.

Places will be given on a first come first served basis

After School AcroDance Club Please return this slip to the office (along with payment) no later than Tuesday 12th March to secure your child's place. CASH ONLY please.

Student Name and School Year: _____

Signed _____ Parent/Carer Date _____



Individual Liberty

Clothes are important both to reflect who we are and to keep us warm and covered! It takes a lot of time and energy to make clothes, so we need to take care of them and be sure to reuse and recycle wherever possible.



Picture News

at Home

4th March 2019

What's going on this week?



A number of MPs in our government have called for clothing companies to pay 1p on every item of clothing they sell to pay for a £35m annual recycling scheme. What's known as 'fast fashion' is a contributor to greenhouse gases, water pollution, air pollution and over-use of water. And they are putting pressure on the government to force clothing manufacturers to pay more towards collecting and recycling the waste they create.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🍏 What are the different occasions in which you need different clothes?
- 🍏 What do you do with your old clothes? Do you think there should be a collection service like you have for other recycling?
- 🍏 Can you think of any other ideas that would encourage people to reuse or recycle clothes?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

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Date	Event
Wednesday 6 th March	School Nurse in to see children in F2 (height and weight checks)
	Year 6 Puberty Talk – a letter will be sent to Parents from class teacher
	Year 2 local walk
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Children are invited to dress in non-uniform or dress as a book character and bring along their favourite book.
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	FI First Steps Together (session 1)
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Week commencing 18 th March	Shakespeare Week across the Academy
Monday 18 th March	Parents' Evening 3.15-5pm
	Year 4 local walk
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening 3.15-7pm
	Year 3 local walk
Wednesday 20 th March	Lower Key Stage Explore learning Maths workshop
	FI First steps together (session 2)
	Early Years local walk
	KSI INSPIRE afternoon
Thursday 21 st March	World Poetry Day
	Year 3/4 local walk
	Choir rehearsal at Dimplewell
Wednesday 27 th March	FI First Steps Together (session 3)
	Choir performance at Holy Trinity Church. Parents are welcome to attend from 1.30pm
	Good speaking competition
Thursday 28 th March	Early Years INSPIRE morning (9am-10am)
	Year 5 INSPIRE morning (10am-11am)
Friday 29 th March	'Shelly Hibernation Day'. Children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas / comfortable clothes with a suggested donation of £1 and celebrate a hibernation day with our Academy tortoise 'Shelly'.
Week commencing 1 st April	Assessment Week across the Academy
Monday 1 st April	Year 6 INSPIRE afternoon
Tuesday 2 nd April – Wednesday 3 rd April	Year 3 Kingswood residential
Wednesday 3 rd April	Recycling assembly
	Good speaking competition today
	Year 4 INSPIRE afternoon
	FI First Steps Together (session 4)
Thursday 4 th April	PTA 'EGG'stravaganza event from 3.15pm
	Children are welcome to bring decorated eggs to school today
	Year 3 INSPIRE afternoon
Friday 5 th April	Easter Bonnet Parade including decorated egg competition
	Break up for the holidays
Tuesday 23 rd April	Children return to school following the holidays.

