TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

## WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK!
## A WORD FROM MRS POOLE AND MRS BERRY:

It has been an action-packed, creative week across the school!

First, a massive congratulations to our Key Stage 2 pupils and staff for securing **2nd place** in the Ossett Scarecrow Festival! The incredible creativity, teamwork, and painstaking detail that went into building our scarecrow truly stood out. We are immensely proud of everyone who gave up their time and ideas to represent our school so brilliantly in the local community. While silver is a fantastic achievement, watch out for next year - we already have our sights set on taking home Is place!



Meanwhile, our Key Stage I children were buzzing with enthusiasm during today's INSPIRE afternoon. Armed with stacks of newspaper, paste, and big imaginations, the children had a wonderful time diving headfirst into papier-mâché to build some truly spectacular artwork. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us to roll up their sleeves, get stuck into the mess, and make the afternoon such a sticky success for the children

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming Parents' Evening sessions on **Tuesday, 20th October (3:15 pm – 5:00 pm)** and **Thursday, 22nd October (3:15 pm – 6:00 pm)**. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teachers, discuss their progress, celebrate their achievements, and explore how we can continue working together to support their learning journey. Appointments can be via the ARBOR app.

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Looking for a fun, safe, and flexible space for your children after the school bell rings? Our Afterschool Club is here to give pupils a great mix of play, relaxation, and delicious, wholesome food! We offer two flexible session options to fit around your family's schedule: **Short Session (3:15 PM – 4:30 PM):** Perfect for a quick wind-down. Children receive a light, healthy snack to keep their energy up after a busy day of learning. **Full Session (3:15 PM – 6:00 PM):** Ideal for working parents or longer care needs. Children enjoy a healthy snack upon arrival followed by a warm, nutritious tea later in the afternoon. **Fun Indoors & Out!** Whether your child loves physical games or quiet indoor activities, we have them covered. When the weather is fine, we head outside to make full use of the field for sports and fresh-air play. On chillier or rainy days, the main hall is packed with engaging games, creative crafts, and spots to relax with friends.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 17.10.26 | Early Years open morning<br>9.00am – 12.00pm | Prospective parents to Reception and Nursery are welcome to book a slot to visit our Early Years setting. |
| 20.10.26 | Parents/Carers consultation evening<br>3.15pm -5.00pm | 3.15pm- 5.00pm |
| 21.10.26 | PTA Halloween Disco | Early Year: 2.00-3.00pm<br>KSI:3.15-4.15pm<br>KS2:4.30 – 5.30pm |
| 22.10.26 | Parents/Carers Consultation Evening | 3.15pm -6.00pm |
| 23.10.26 | Break up today | All Classes |

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Hi! My name is Miss Esteves, and I was delighted to join the reception team in September. Before coming to Towngate, I worked in a nursery, and I truly love working with little ones. I feel incredibly lucky to have a job where I get to help our youngest learners thrive, grow, and make a real difference in their early steps.

Outside of school, I love spending quality time with my family. You'll often find me on muddy wellie walks with my daughter—the bigger the puddle, the better! When it's time to unwind at home, I also love catching up on my favourite TV soaps. I'm so thrilled to be part of the school community and look forward to continuing to get to know you all.

## PARENT CORNER

**Our attendance target is 97%, let's take a look at the attendance each class has achieved this week.**

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| Nursery | 98.25% | Year 3 | 98.21% |
| Reception adventures | 91.43% | Year 3/4 | 95% |
| Reception explorers | 98.57% | Year 4 | 97.59% |
| Year 1 | 98.46% | Year 5 | 97.04% |
| Year 2 RA | 97.89% | Year 5/6 | 96.92% |
| Year 2 RU | 98.5% | Year 6 | 96.8% |

## PEAKS OF THE WEEK

### EYFS

**Peak of the Week: Healthy Choices & Ownership!**

Continuing our 'Marvellous Me' topic, Reception explored the difference between healthy and unhealthy choices. Demonstrating fantastic **ownership** over their well-being, children took responsibility for their health by carefully making their very own delicious fruit salad to enjoy at snack time. Super work, Reception!

Through exploring *'Same, Same but Different'* and our *'My Body'* rhyme, the children demonstrated **excellence** by taking pride in their unique abilities, using precise descriptive language to observe similarities and differences, and setting high standards for how we respect and care for one another.

### KS1

**Peak of the Week:** English Excellence!

Inspired by Emily Gravett's *Meerkat Mail*, pupils wrote about Sunny's feelings as he journeys across the Kalahari Desert to meet his family. Pupils used brilliant vocabulary and carefully structured their sentences using capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. Fantastic work!

### LKS2

**Peak of the Week** Value of support

it is lovely to see so many children being supported at home to complete their timetable rockstars. the competitive streak is really shining through in school between year 3, 3/4 and 4

### UKS2

**Peak of the Week:** Collaborative Computing!

This week, UKS2 pupils demonstrated brilliant teamwork as they collaborated on a shared fact file project about different countries. Working together on shared digital documents, they communicated effectively, combined their research, and put their computing skills to great use to build insightful country profiles. Fantastic collaboration!

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