



Townfield Primary School



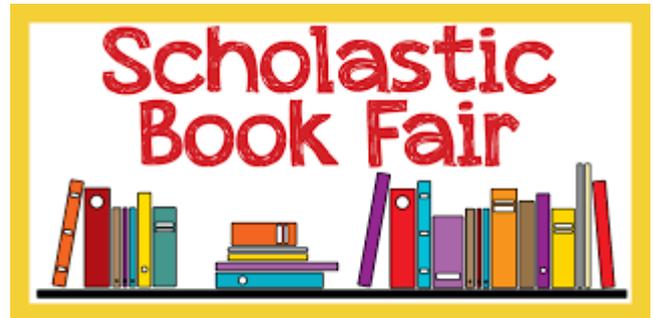
Weekly Update

Friday 15th March 2024

**Scholastic Book Fair Monday 18th –
Friday 22nd March**

Scholastic book fair will be back at Townfield week next week from Monday 18th March.

Weather permitting it will be held on the playground outside year 6.



You can either pay cash or there is now an option to scan a QR code and pay online.

The more money we raise the more books we can purchase for school so please come along and support it.



Mindfulness

In the Woodland sessions, the children have been having weekly mindfulness activities where they focus on the here and now.

This supports the children in being in a positive mental state where they are ready to focus on what they are learning. It helps children who worry about things that have happened already and/or who are anxious about

things that may happen. All of which are out of their control and can be a barrier to learning.

The key is for children to use it without prompting when they are anxious or upset so we thought it would help if they could practise some of these strategies at home.

This week's focus - Starfish hand meditation

- Close your eyes and breathe deeply.
- Spread your fingers on one hand out like a starfish.
- Take the index finger from your other hand and trace around your fingers and hand. Inhale deeply as you move up a finger and exhale completely as you move down the finger. Concentrate only on how it feels and let other thoughts float away.
- Switch hands and repeat the process, encouraging deep breaths and full exhalations.
- Continue until you feel relaxed and chill.

Parent Evening 25th & 26th March

Parent evenings will be held on Monday 25th March and Tuesday 26th March 3.30pm until 6.00pm.

You will need to log onto School Spider to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.



Please note in order to meet all parents, a 10-minute slot will need to be adhered to.

In these meetings, each class teacher will discuss how your child is progressing in school both academically and pastorally. You will also have an opportunity to view all work produced in school.

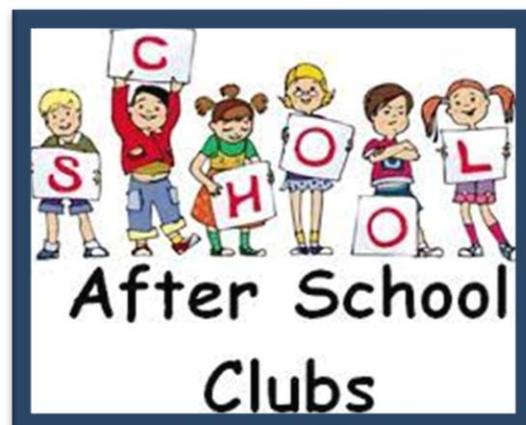
Mrs Kinnear (SENDSCO) will be available both evenings.

Mrs Keenan (Pastoral Manager) will be available on Monday 25th March

After School Clubs

All after school clubs will finish for this term next week.

New forms for after Easter will be sent out the last week of term.



Easter Holidays



The end of term is fast approaching. We close for the Easter Holidays on **Thursday 28th March at 1.30 pm**. As the school is closed, there is no after school club on this date.

Townfield Pupil Achievements

Barbara Johnston Stage School

Several children took part in a dance competition with Barbara Johnston dance school and were presented with special awards.

Miss Barbara gives out 5 memorial shields each year with the winning child's name engraved on for the child to keep for one year. Isabella Raccio (5W) and Poppy Burns (4H) were both awarded with a memorial shield! These shields are very hard to get and really important to the children and families! Isabella and Poppy were both awarded these for hard work, dedication and 100% effort in not just their show but the classes that they attend weekly. The girls spend hours every week at the dance studio.

Another Townfield pupil, Esmie Cavanagh (3S) was also awarded another a special award called the 'kindness' award for being kind to her dance family in class and backstage.

It's really lovely that out of approximately 100 dance students, 3 of the 7 that were given awards, attend Townfield Primary school.

Well Done to you all



Ancient Greek Inspired Pots

The children in 3S really enjoyed making their Ancient Greek inspired pots with terracotta clay.

First, they constructed a base, then created coils that they layered on top of each other and secured by scoring the surface of each layer. Next, they painted on 'slip' which is a mixture of clay and water that forms a glue. They then smoothed out the sides of their pots; some children added handles and then used the utensils to add patterns to the clay. Next week, when fully dry, they'll be painted with Ancient Greek pot inspired artwork.



Year 6

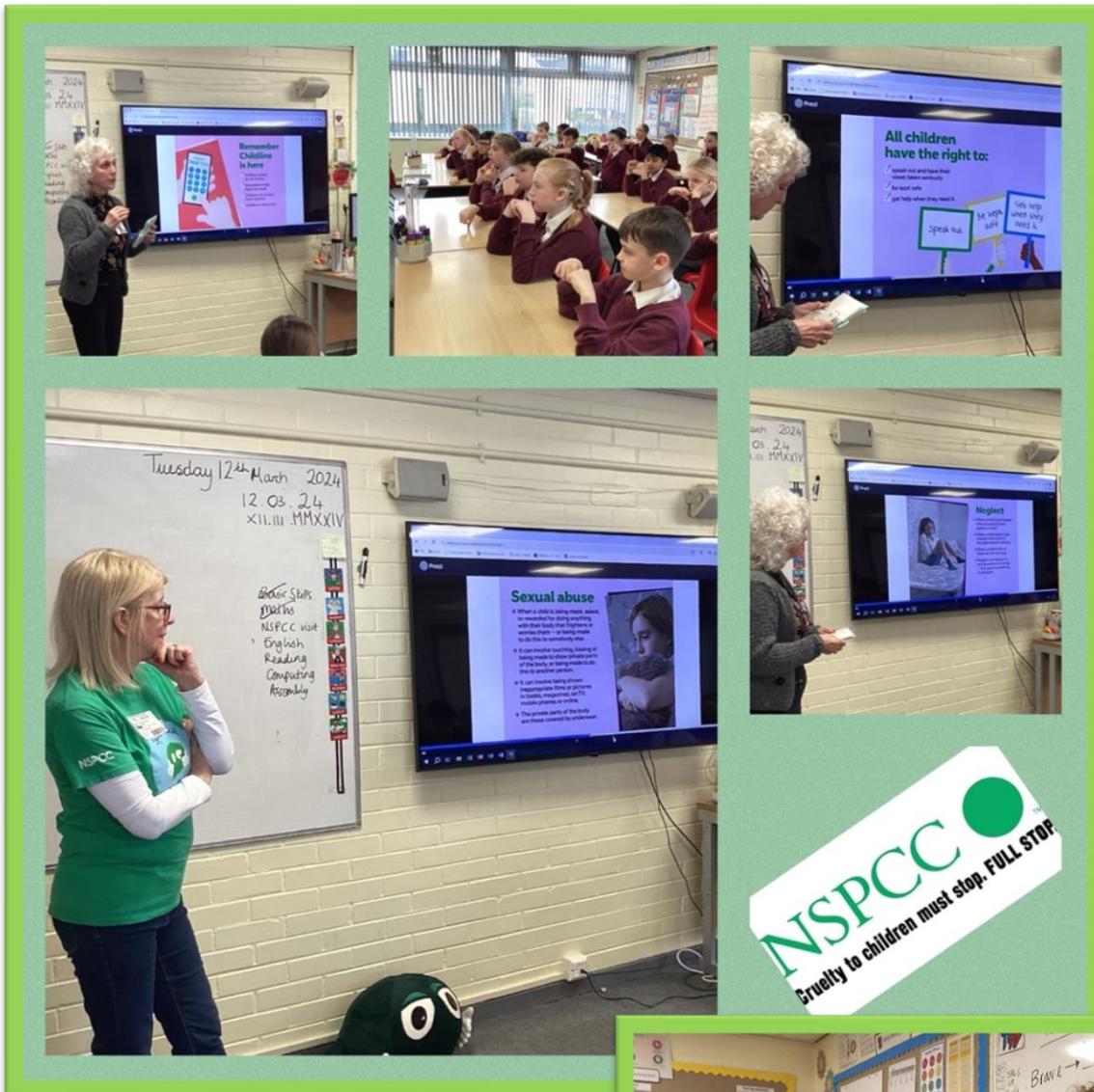
2024

KS2 SATS

	Date	Test	Duration	Marks	Details
English	Monday 13th May	Grammar & Punctuation (Paper 1)	45 Minutes	50	A written test with a mixture of grammar and punctuation questions.
		Spellings (Paper 2)	Approx 20 mins (not timed)	20	An aural spelling test consisting of 20 words. This score is added to the grammar & punctuation paper score to give a final mark.
	Tuesday 14th May	English Reading	60 Minutes	50	One paper with questions that are based on 3 different texts of increasing difficulty (fiction & non-fiction).
Mathematics	Wednesday 15th May	Mathematics Arithmetic (Paper 1)	30 Minutes	40	Involves mathematical calculations covering all four operations (+ - x ÷) including fractions, decimals and percentages. Both of these papers assess mathematical fluency, with word problems and reasoning. All 3 maths papers' scores are added together to give a final mark.
		Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2)	40 Minutes	35	
	Thursday 16th May	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3)	40 Minutes	35	

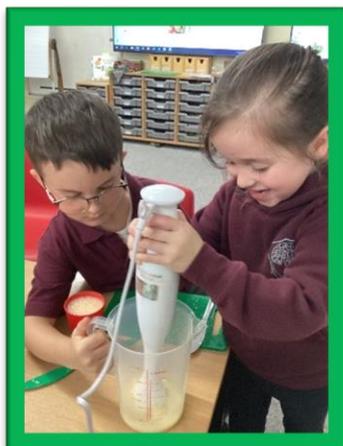
NSPCC Visit to Year 6

Year 6 had a visit from the NSPCC today learning all about how children can stay safe and the different types of abuse. We listened to lots of different scenarios and thought about whether they were okay or not okay. We also learnt the number for childline.



Year 1 Fruit Smoothies

In our DT lessons, we have been studying fruits and vegetables, where and how they grow, how they are transported and purchased. We tasted lots of different fruits to enable us to choose which fruits we wanted to put into our healthy smoothie. We practised cutting skills, safety grips and holds. Then had a go at peeling, chopping, slicing and blending. Once we had made our smoothies, we tasted them to see whether our chosen fruits tasted good or not; some of us liked our smoothies but some of us found them a little too sour!



Year 3 Experimenting with shade and colour in Art - Researching Greek pottery



British Science Week

The theme this year is 'Time!'

The children are asked to take part in a poster competition, to be completed at home. They could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic, show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.



British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary. Children could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

Entries must be submitted on an A4 or A3 piece of paper.

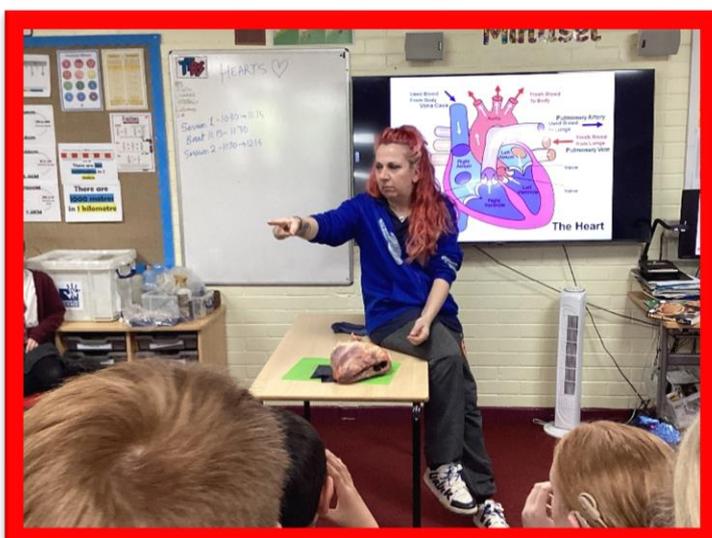
Competition closes on Monday 25th March. Children should give their poster entries to their class teacher.

The best 5 entries from Townfield will receive a chocolate prize and will be submitted into the official competition.

Please find more information below (Page 4 and 31).

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

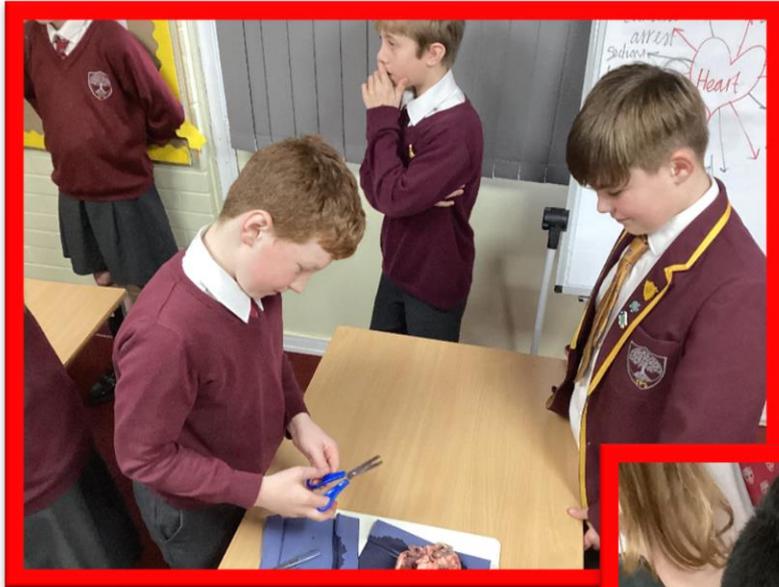
Take a look at what we have done at Townfield this week to celebrate British Science Week.



Year 6 Heart Dissection Workshop

Y6 had a fantastic opportunity to dissect a lamb's heart and investigate the different chambers, valves and tissue. The children engaged really well in the session and many conquered fears that they had to start with.

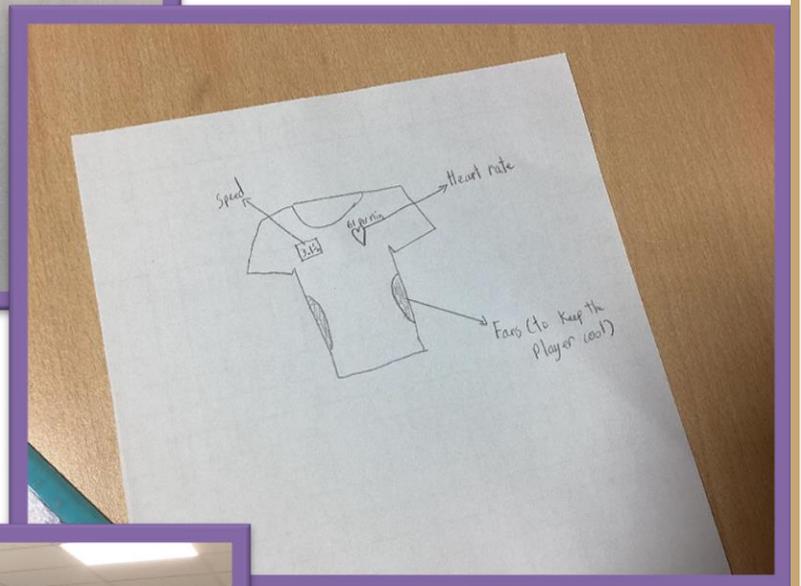
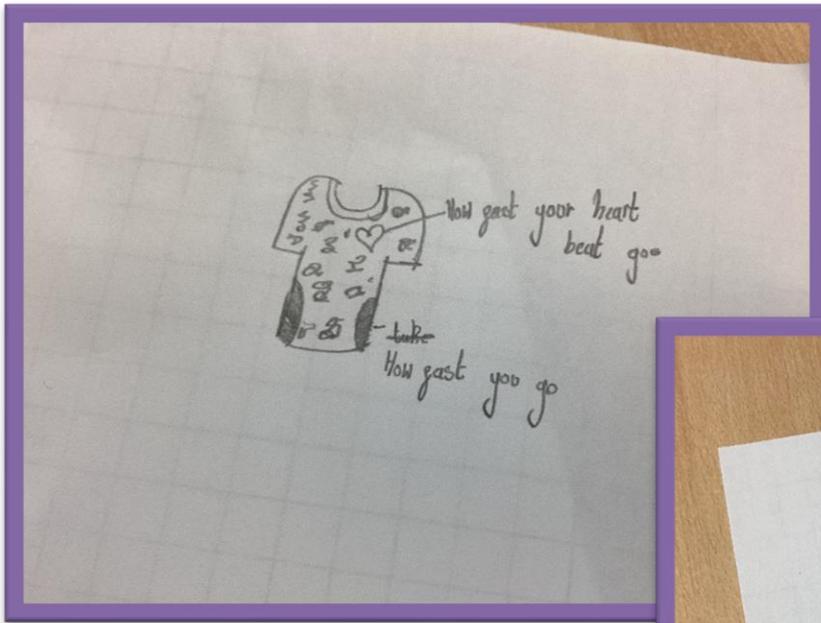




British Science Week

Take a look at what we have done at Townfield this week to celebrate British Science Week.

Year 2 - 6 took part in a live lesson this week, delivered by TechSheCan. The lesson was all about 'Science in Sport'. The children learnt about wearables. These are things that people can wear when completing sports to track things such as heart rate, temperature and speed. The children had a go at designing their own wearables and what data it would track.



British Science Week

The children in Nursery have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly this week. They have recognised and named each stage; egg, caterpillar, pupa and butterfly. The children have used their creative skills to represent each stage of the lifecycle.



Year 5 Debate Academy

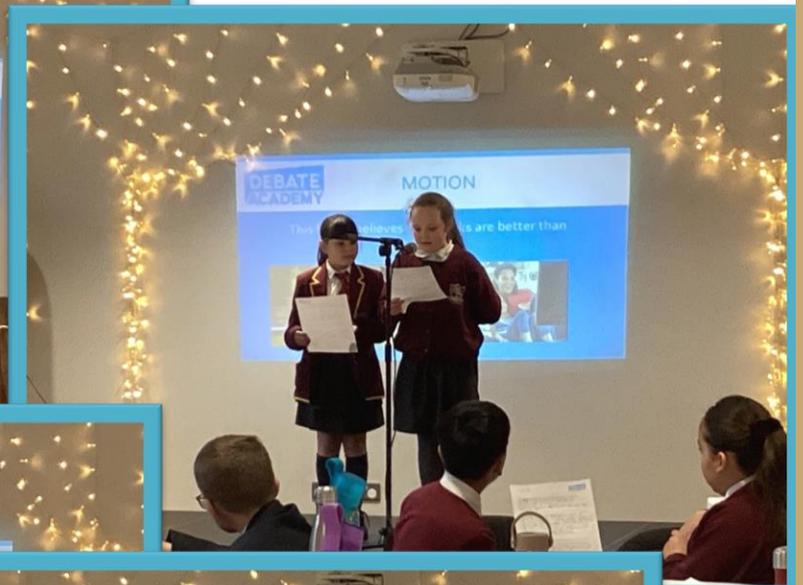
On Wednesday 13th March, 10 children Year 5 represented Townfield when they competed in a Debate competition at Calderstones Park.

The day before, they took part in a workshop run by the Debate Academy where they learnt how to structure their arguments and the mechanics of how a debate works.

When it came to the competition, they competed against some other schools in the trust and the debates included whether books are better than film and TV and if plastic should be banned.

The children did brilliantly and were great representatives for our school. They showed incredible courage to stand up and talk in front of an audience.

Well done Team Townfield.



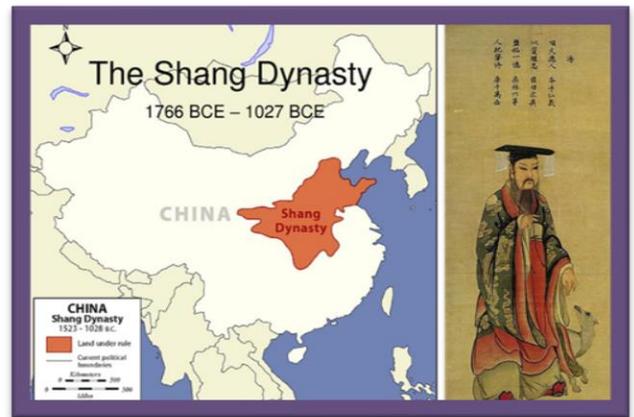
Year 3 Shang Dynasty Workshop 26th April

On Friday, 26th April 2024, Year 3 will be taking part in a Shang Dynasty Workshop. This is an exciting opportunity for the children that will complement what they will be learning that term in their History topic, The Shang Dynasty.

The workshop will bring the Shang Dynasty to life for the children through an engaging and participatory drama workshop where they will explore the rich history of the time through role play, performance and creativity.

Through engaging drama activities, the children will develop their understanding of this ancient civilisation, exploring how people lived, worshipped and farmed during the time. They will spend time learning about Fu Hao and her importance to our understanding of the Shang Dynasty and have the opportunity to explore the different classes of people who made up society at the time. This promises to be an enjoyable and memorable learning experience for all.

The cost of the workshop will be £4.95 per child. Please log onto Arbor to make the payment.



Odd Sock Day Thursday 21st March

Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks on Thursday 21st March in recognition of World Down Syndrome Day.

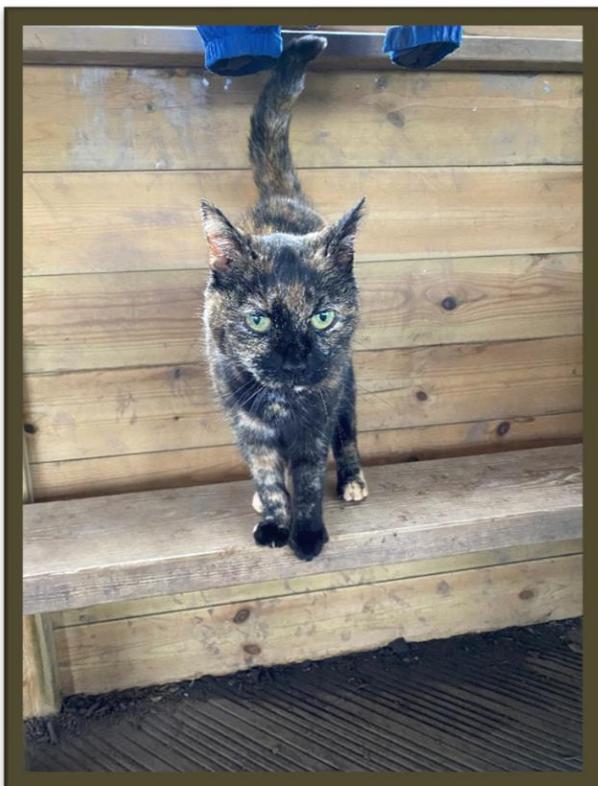




Year 1 Art

In art, Year 1 have been exploring using different media. We used pencils and charcoal to show how we can create different tones. To create darker tones, we had to press more firmly and to create lighter tones we pressed lightly. We found that the charcoal was good at smudging so we tried creating different effects with it.

After we had explored the media, we drew some Tudor houses using feathery strokes for our lines. We had to hold the pencil further up to be able to do this.



Forest Cat

Meet our forest cat Missy who belongs to Louis 3C & Luca NA but visits the school every day and spends all day in our forest with the children.

Golden Tie

The Golden Tie is awarded to children who have demonstrated Responsibility, Respect and Resilience in class

RM	Sofia		3C	Louis
RJ	Lillia		3M	Oliver
1C	Erin		4D	Marcy
1D	Billy		4H	Killian
2MJ	George		5W	Mason
2B	Harper		5R	Sophie
2JB	Ethan		6C	Jacob
3S	Charlotte		6P	Jack

Well done to all our Golden Tie Winners!



Dojo Leaders

This week's Dojos stars

Nursery	Billie,
RM	Finley, Amelia & Theo H
RJ	Charlie, Falsteen & Albie KH
1C	Ella, Arthur & Hazel
1D	Karin, Linkin & Lulu
2MJ	Elsie, Daniel & George
2B	William, Nate & Louie
2JB	Lily, Felicity & Lyla



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3M	Nathan, James & Hannah
3C	Mila, Kiya & Mason
3S	Scarlett C, Scarlett W, Charlotte & Dexter
4H	Zack, Oliver & Josh
4D	Belle, Marco & Daisy T
5W	Betsy, Dexter & Evelyn
5R	George, Nathan & Séamus
6P	Robyn & Jeevan
6C	Josh, James & Luca





1	99.39% 5R		9	95.31% 6C
2	99.2% 2MJ		10	94.8% 2B
3	98.79% 6P		11	93.21% 3M
4	97.19% 1C		12	93.03% 1D
5	96.79% 3S		13	92.81% 5W
6	96.67% 4H		14	91.88% RM
7	96.55% 4D		15	91.85% 2JB
8	95.93% 3C		16	90% RJ

School Overall Weekly Attendance 95.2%





Townfield Primary School Menu Three

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Brunch Choose from bacon or pork sausage, Quorn sausages served with scrambled egg, mushrooms, tomatoes, hash browns and baked beans</p> 	<p>Homemade Pizza</p>  <p>Choose from cheese & tomato, pepperoni or ham & pineapple served with corn on the cob & salad</p>	<p>Roast Dinner Choose from Roast of the day served with Yorkshire Pudding, roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy</p> 	<p>Homemade Sausage Rolls</p>  <p>Choose from either traditional pork sausage meat or cheese and onion, served with mashed potato peas or baked beans</p>	<p>Fish & Chips Choose from either battered cod fillet, cod fillet fish fingers, or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans</p> 
Jacket Potatoes are also available daily as a hot alternative				
Or				
Deli Bar – Available Everyday				
<p><i>Design your own lunch, first choose your bread – wraps, assorted batch, baguette, bagel or sliced bread then choose your filling a selection of the following will be available daily – ham, cheese, tuna, egg and finally</i></p> <p><i>finish with a choice of salad – carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, peppers</i></p>				
Dessert				
Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots, Yogurts and Cheese and Crackers are available daily along with the dessert of the day				
Chocolate & Fruit Sponge	Flapjack	Artic Roll	Melton Moments	Chocolate Muffins
Drink				
A selection of fresh fruit juice and fresh milkshakes, milk and water will be available daily				

Can we please remind parents that nuts are not allowed in your child's lunchboxes for all years inc Nursery.

This includes Nutella and Kinder Bueno.





Understanding and supporting your child's early development

Where?: Online Live Webinar

Date/Time?: Monday 25th March @ 10am - 2:30pm

Topics covered:

10am - 11.15am - Understanding Early Brain Development and Neurodiversity - (some discussion of Autism and ADHD)

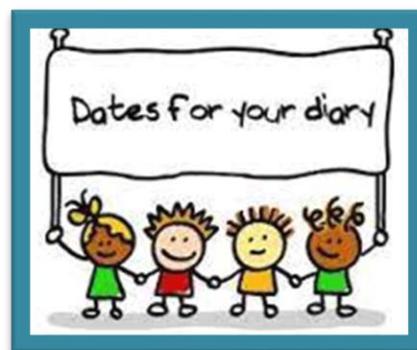
11:30am - 12:30pm - Sensory Sensitivities

1:15pm - 2:30pm - The Importance of Play



If you would like to access this online session, please join using the link below or contact samantha.asher@adhdfoundation.org.uk for further information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2554955873?omn=82089773967>



Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd March	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 21 st March	Reception Height, Weight & Audio & Vision
Thursday 21 st March	National Down Syndrome Day Odd Sock Day
Monday 25 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm until 6.00pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm until 6.00pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 2 Countries of the United Kingdom Visit
Thursday 28 th March	School Closes at 1.30pm
Monday 15 th April	School Opens at 8.45am
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 23 rd May	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
Friday 24 th May	Inset Day

Academic Term Dates for 2024-2025 are available on the school website

Term Dates January – December 2024

Spring Term 2024	
Open	Monday 26 th February to Thursday 28 th March* *School finishes at 1:30 pm
Closed	Friday 29 th March to Friday 12 th April
Summer Term 2024	
Open	Monday 15 th April to Thursday 23 rd May
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Inset Day	Friday 24 th May
Closed	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May
Open	Monday 3 rd June to Friday 19 th July 2023* *School finishes at 1:30 pm
Inset Day	Monday 22 nd July
Inset Day	Tuesday 23 rd July

Autumn Term 2024	
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Open	Tuesday 3 rd September to Friday 25 th October
Closed	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November
Open	Monday 4 th November to Friday 20 th December * *School finishes at 1:30 pm
Closed	Monday 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January



*Look after
yourself*

*Look after
each other*

*Look after
our school*