Towers Times

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Dear Families,
We have come to the end of another half term, and indeed to the 'half way' point in the academic year – where has the time gone? It has been a busy and productive half term, and we thank our families and our staff teams for working hard to ensure the best outcomes for our children.

Times Tables Rock Stars

A huge thank you for your support with our launch of Times Tables Rock Stars. The children looked fantastic and it has been a fun filled day for all! There are lots of pictures on Twitter, so please do take a look when you get a moment. 'Rockstars is such a fun way of learning the timestables, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact it has on the children's learning.

Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo

Our Year 1 classes visited Colchester Zoo on Thursday, to end their Antarctica topic. They had an opportunity to enjoy a presentation about penguins, as well as learning more about animals from all over the world. A fun time was had by all!

Safer Internet Day

This week we have been learning about keeping safe online. Over the half term please check security settings on your iPads, computers and phones. In addition, we ask that families read about 'Staying Safe Online'; a useful information page to be found in the School Planner. This will consolidate our learning this week and create a great conversation starter regarding staying safe online. Don't forget to check out our monthly Online Newsletters too, which can be found on the school website.

Children's Mental Health Week.

After half term, we will be promoting 'Children's Mental Health week' through a charity called 'Place2Be'. This year's theme is ***Let's Connect***. Over the week the children will learn about the importance of the mental health of children and complete a range of tasks. On Wednesday 22nd February, we ask that the children wear an orange coloured accessory (hairband, socks, tights, hat, gloves etc), to help highlight the importance of mental health in our children.

Donation request

As part of our Speech and language and ELSA learning programmes, we are looking for donations of; paper plates, plastic zip up bags, cotton buds, shaving foam, food colouring, plastic plant pots, small watering cans, string, baking powder, washing up sponges, straws and pegs. As these programmes are delivered daily across the federation, ongoing supplies would be gratefully received. Thank you!

4T Class Assembly

4T (and their Mums and Dads and carers!) were in fine voice on Thursday! Our congratulations to 4T, for an excellent presentation, full of facts, drama, humour and quizzes, all about the Egyptians. The children really excelled and made us all very proud indeed. A huge thank you to parents and carers for sharing this celebration of learning with us, and for joining in with a super rendition of 'Mama Mia' too!

Careers Week – 6th March 2023

We are holding a Careers Roadshow in school on the mornings of Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March. We would like to promote a range of occupations to the children; paramedics, scientists, hairdressers, builders, architects, actors, occupational therapists to name but a few! If you can offer a little time to share with the children about your inspirational careers, please do get in touch with either of our schools. We would like the children to walk around the hall and ask questions about your occupation, the skills you have for the job and your journey to that role. Please help us to make this a fun and exciting week!
Wishing you a wonderful half term break, we return on Monday 20th February 2023.
Ms L J Blurton and Mrs C Hurley
Head Teachers of Towers Infant and Junior schools

Class	Attendance
Owl	93%
Puffin	94%
Robin	96%
Flamingo	97%
Starling	92%
Wagtail	98%
Goldfinch	98%
Kingfisher	99%
Toucan	98%
3D	96%
3P	95%
3H	94%
4P	97%
4T	95%
4C	94%
5M	96%
5C	98%
5RB	91%
6L	95%
6G	95%
6D	95%

Green 95% and above,
Amber 94.99% and 90%
Red for 90% and below.

Trips and Enrichment experiences

A reminder to invite you to make the suggested donations for trips and enrichment opportunities via your child's Parentpay account. We want to sustain our enrichment offer, and without these much needed funds, this becomes increasingly challenging. As ever, we thank you for your support.

Date changes

World Book Day moved to Wednesday 1st March
Flamingo Year 1 Special Guest Lunch moved to Monday 13th March
Wagtail Year 1 Special Guest Lunch moved to Friday 17th March.