

# Townhill PS News

## February 2024



School Motto: **T**ogether we **P**romote **S**uccess for all as EVERY child matters and every moment counts.

As February comes to an end it is great to see some better weather and lighter nights starting to shine through! Please do continue to ensure your child comes to school with sensible shoes and a warm jacket as we know how quickly things can change!

We have recently been made aware of Tik Tok accounts in the school's name and ask that all parents continue to be vigilant on their child's social media.

In recent weeks we have had a drive to get as many parents as possible on to ParentsPortal as this will be the vehicle for **all** communication from the school and to access ParentPay. Mrs Salim in the office has worked with lots of families and we now have over 255 children fully connected! This is great! We had a prize draw and are pleased to announce that the parent of Lucas Mitchell R6 was the lucky recipient of a £50 Asda voucher! Well done!

A reminder that Parents' Evening is very soon, 21<sup>st</sup> March, and the booking of appointment will be through ParentsPortal! If you're not signed up then call the office and we can help!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mrs Ally McGovern  
Head Teacher



### Our school vision:

**Together** at Townhill we **nurture**, **encourage** and **inspire** the development of **skills** for **lifelong learning** and **success**. We embrace **equality** and **diversity** to promote a **happy** and **healthy** life.

### Our school blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/townhillps/>

Please follow us on X  
(Twitter):



@townhillps

We now have 957 followers!

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school or by emailing one of the addresses below:

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Office email

Mrs McGovern's email

Mrs Love's email

Miss Neilly's email

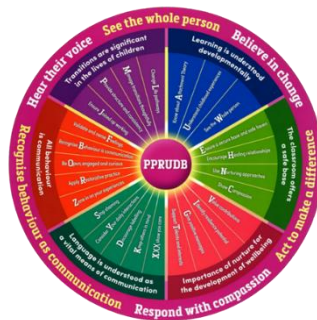
Mrs Kennedy's email



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## An Attachment award for Townhill!



Attachment and trauma have increasingly become a focus for education with the links between developmental trauma and attachment becoming widely known. This has resulted in educational establishments recognising how traumatic experiences can impact on a child's life and work together as a school team to alleviate the impact of trauma on learning.

We recently submitted a wealth of evidence and an action plan to South Lanarkshire Psychological services on how our school is working towards being recognised as an Attachment Informed, Trauma Sensitive school. We submitted for Pledge 1 'Act to make a difference', the first of 6 Pledges and we are very pleased to announce that we have been successful!

We received a lovely email from Psychological services informing us of our success, a beautiful certificate proudly displayed at our front entranceway and are awaiting our very first Pledge Award, a jigsaw piece, to display in school!

We want to thank everyone for their input in supporting our work at school level, particularly to the parents who were able to give us some quotes/anecdotes about how our approaches have supported their family/children.

Our next submission is for **Pledge 2 'See the Whole person'**. This pledge focuses on the importance of relationships in shaping who we are. It also focuses on seeing beyond how someone is presenting and to look for hidden meaning in behaviours being displayed. We feel this is a real strength at Townhill as all staff adopt Nurturing approaches. Again, if you have any comments we could use to support our application then please send them to either Mrs McGovern or Mrs Kennedy (email on the front page) by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**.



## The Townhill Parent and Teacher Team- The TPT- TEAM=Together Everyone Achieves More!

Helen Agnew, Chair of the TPT Team can be contacted on: [Townhill.ptt.chair@gmail.com](mailto:Townhill.ptt.chair@gmail.com)



Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** in school. If you are interested in joining us then please drop Helen an email.

We are delighted to report that some of the funds raised by the TPTT will be helping the school to fund Numicon! Numicon is a physical, multi-sensory resource used from P1-P7 to help children understand and explore number and build a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. All staff will receive training on how to incorporate Numicon in to daily teaching too!

**Thank you TPTT!**

### Parking

We are continuing to be frustrated with the amount of inconsiderate parking around the Luss Brae entrance and on Lomond View. We have once again approached Police Scotland regarding these issues who have. **Please DO NOT park on the zig zag lines! This is selfish and unsafe for our pupils trying to get safely in and out of school.**

A reminder that the school carpark is for staff and visiting specialists only, please make alternative arrangements when dropping off and collecting your child. We have noticed that a few cars have been parking at the end of the carpark and also in the emergency vehicle corridor- **this is not permitted.** Please park outwith the grounds and in a sensible space, then walk to collect your child/ren.

### MOBILE PHONES

Pupils are discouraged from bringing any mobile devices, including phones, to school however, if they require them for after school, **they must be switched off and in school bags at all times.**



### Scooters/bikes in school

Many of our children cycle or scoot to school and we can now encourage this. **Anyone bringing a bike or scooter to school should make sure they wear a suitable helmet and reflective clothing and must get off their bike/scooter in the playground and push it to the bike shelter.** The school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to bikes/scooters while on school property

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## New P1 intake



We are very excited to welcome our next intake of P1 pupils to Townhill with the following timetable of events outlined below. Please note this information will be sent separately to all new intake parents.

How we support transition	When will this take place?
P1 staff/ SLT visit nurseries to get to know the children and speak to their key workers	March 2024
Transition passport Google form to parents/carers to complete to share any key information about their child to help support the transition	Sent out end of March through an email link
General information session: Online Google Meet for parents/carers <b>Link will be emailed prior to the day</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1.30-2.30pm</b>
Invite parents/carers to visit the school and take part in activities in the classroom	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm</b> – visit and activity with parents/carers <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm</b> – children visit classes and tea/coffee and curriculum display for parents/carers
Give out transition packs containing key information for parents/carers and activities for pupils	Packs will be given out during visits on <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b> and <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> , or delivered to home if required.
Post activities/photos/videos on Teeny Townhillers Twitter page	From <b>Mid-May 2024</b>
New intake invited to sports day	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am</b> – weather permitting
New intake pupils’ special assembly and Buddy Breakfast. Presentation of tie and certificate.	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am</b>
Curriculum Afternoon and Stay and Play session in the classroom	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1.30pm</b>

It is such an exciting time for our new starts and we cannot wait to show off our wonderful school! Our Teeny Townhillers Twitter page will soon begin to show lots of information and activities for you and your child to complete. We would encourage you to access this if you can.

@teentownhillers



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## Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note new/changed diary dates in yellow.

### Inset Days

5. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

### Holidays

Spring Break

May Holiday

Local Holiday

Summer

Close on Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> March – Reopen on Mon, 15<sup>th</sup> April '24

Mon, 6<sup>th</sup> May '24

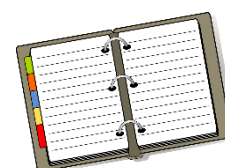
Fri, 24<sup>th</sup> and Mon, 27<sup>th</sup> May '24

School closes at 1pm on Tues, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023



### Parents' Evenings

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



### Diary Dates

Spring Disco

Calderside 2-day visit

Whole school Sports

New P1 assembly

P7 Leaver Celebration Assembly

P7 Leaver Party

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm



We are a **Reading School**



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