

Townhill PS News

March 2022



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

We say goodbye to what has been a long and challenging term at school and look ahead to brighter times and better weather. A massive thank you to the incredible team of staff at Townhill PS for continuing to go above and beyond for our school community. I am proud to lead the school and even more so under the current pressures as our school 'team' pull together and grow to ultimately benefit our children. Another massive thanks to the support we continue to receive from our families- we could not do it without your partnership and trust- thank you! And also a thank you to our incredible children who, no matter what pressures we all face, turn up with a smile, ready to learn and remind us all how lucky we are!

We continue to ensure all sensible mitigations remain in place to help protect our children, families and staff from COVID 19 as was outlined in my recent letter. Any new updates will be shared as soon as we have them, particularly around the use of face coverings. We continue to ask that families remain vigilant for signs of COVID and adopt a cautious and sensible approach to school attendance. Please don't hesitate to call us at school if you have any queries or worries.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mrs Ally McGovern
Head Teacher



Our school vision:

Together at Townhill we **n**urture, **e**ncourage and **i**nspire the development of **s**kills for **l**ifelong learning and **s**uccess. We embrace **e**quality and **d**iversity to promote a **h**appy and **h**ealthy life.

Our school website:

www.townhill-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Please follow us on



Twitter:

[@townhillps](https://twitter.com/townhillps)

We now have 647 followers!

Please continue to look after yourselves and your families. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school or by emailing one of the addresses below:

office@townhill-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Office email



headteacher@townhill-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Mrs McGovern's email

gw20townhilldht@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Love's email

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Star of the Week

Enjoying Star of the Week in February- March have been:



Room 1: Stella Wood, Max Arkle, Olly Goodfellow, Sienna Seymour

Room 2: Lewis Robertson, Edie Love, Evan Thomson, Oliver Mill

Room 3: Calvin Davies, Cooper Slowey, Tegan Greenan, Aubrey Brown

Room 4: Kayla Drummond, Rory Wood, Daniel McKillip, Lewyn Ferguson



Room 5: Eilidh Munro, Aayan Wali, Olivia McLelland, Savannah Reilley, Ashley Igbinovia, Charlie Robertson, Aaron Black

Room 6: Greig Liebow, Kai McLean, Monroe Keeling, Lewis Crawford

Room 8: Wuyinga, Boyan Belchev, Harry Walker, Jayson Miller, Ciara Agnew

Room 9: Rachel Durie, Sophie Hunter, Ella Samuels, Kaiden Johnson, Evan Blue, Katerina Mouka

Room 10: Noah Clarkson, Georgia Orr, Lily Sands, Owen Harkin, Caitlin Gabriel

Room 11: Kyle Clements, Layla Finlay, Logan Stirrat, Elise Low, Lexie Dick, Andrew Campbell, Maggie Smart

Room 13: Faith Lowe, Kayleigh Frame, Callum Campbell P6, Zoe Muir, Callum Campbell P7, Abbie O'Neill, Jack Culverhouse, Cooper Orr

Room 14: Cameron Lees, Daniel Corke, Charlotte Cowden, Zoe Liebow, Kelsey Brannan, Lucy Morison, Nathan Black, Summer Reilly

A huge well done to you all!

Football Cards

Over the past few weeks we have been having an increased amount of squabbles between children with their Football Cards. We appreciate the children collect these and like to trade but very often at school this ends in disaster and staff are spending a lot of time sorting fall outs and trying to locate cards and return swaps. For this reason we ask that these cards do not come in to school.

Mobile Phones

In recent weeks we have had numerous complaints of children using mobile phones to take photos and record during the school day. Senior pupils have been spoken to and our concerns over privacy and rule following expressed. Please reiterate to your child that all mobile phones should remain off whilst they are at school and should not be taken out of their school bag.

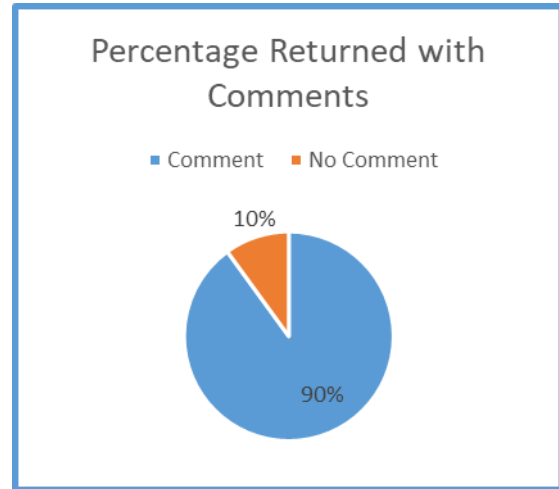
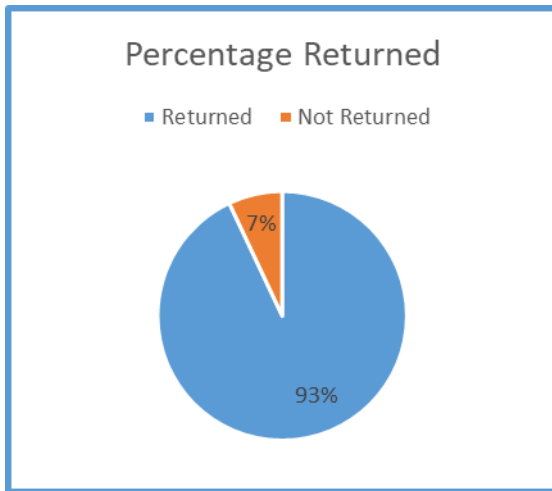
Thank you!

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Snapshot

We recently enjoyed our second Snapshot of the session where the focus was Numeracy! Please see below for the data we have gathered from this.



School Roll	Number Returned	% Returned	Number Returned with Comment	% Returned with Comment
303	282	93%	274	90%

We are pleased at the percentage returned and hope to increase this in Term 3 during our Writing Snapshot. The children enjoyed sharing their work at home and reading the comments written by their parents/carers! Thank you! Please see some comments below!

It is lovely to see how well he is doing!

P1 Parent

Thank you for sharing the maths work! It is great to see what has been worked on in class.

P2 Parent

I really enjoyed seeing the progress throughout the jotter.

P4 Parent

I am happy to see the progress and I can see she challenges herself with more difficult tasks.

P7 Parent

A reminder that the Snapshot should be used to comment on the work in the Snapshot focus. Any other comments or queries should be sent through other channels.

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Parking.

We urge all parents/carers to ensure they embrace our safety guidelines around parking near the school and to share this with grandparents/aunts/uncles etc. that might be collecting the children. **It is everyone's responsibility to keep our children and families safe.** Please ensure you park safely in order to be able to get out of your car and ensure your child is safely on the correct side of the road to get to the playground gates.

We recently had our Health and Safety Assessment which also included a Traffic Management Audit. This report has highlighted our ongoing concerns and will now be looked at closely to help us continue to work to find solutions which are ultimately to keep our children safe.

A reminder also that the school car park should not be used to park and then walk up the lane to collect your child, unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school. The entrance to the school, including inside the gates, **must** be kept clear in the event of emergency vehicles requiring access to the grounds. Unfortunately there continue to be cars parking just inside the gates- please park out with the school grounds in a safe place. This also applies to the 'Drop Off' bay at Melfort Road. Please do not park in this to escort your child to school or collect them as we have had complaints from cars then trapped in the bay unable to leave.

Engine idling also remains a concern. Please familiarise yourself with the 30 Reasons campaign that South Lanarkshire publicise. You will see new signage which has been erected at both school exits to remind all adults collecting their child.



A gentle reminder that the school carpark is for staff and visiting specialists ONLY, please make alternative arrangements when dropping off and collecting your child.

Bug Busting

From time to time we identify a day and ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair for Head Lice. If everyone checks on the same day it means head lice can be treated and we can break the cycle of re-infection. Could you please check your child's hair on Saturday 16th April 2022.

We have attached a copy of the NHS Leaflet at the end of the Newsletter with the best advice for checking and treatment.

Should you require any further advice please contact your local minor ailments pharmacy or Glenda Murphy (School Nurse) on 01236 713982.

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COVID-19

If your child develops any of the recognised symptoms of COVID-19 then they should not attend school and you should arrange to have a test.

The symptoms are:

- ✓ a fever or high temperature
- ✓ a new, continuous cough
- ✓ a loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

We appreciate your understanding in keeping the school as safe as possible. Should your child become unwell at school then they will be isolated within a designated safe space in school until the arrival of an adult to collect them.

Attendance at school

If your child is well and able then they should attend school every day. Regular school attendance is essential for all of our children to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better chances in life. Our whole school attendance target is 95%. It is the responsibility of parents/carers and the school to achieve this. There are 190 school days across the school year, leaving 175 days to book holidays and attend non urgent appointments.

Days off school add up to lost learning					
190 days of education each year	10 days absence 180 days of education	4 weeks absence 171 days of education	5 1/2 weeks absence 161 days of education	7 1/2 weeks absence 152 days of education	9 1/2 weeks absence 141 days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	

We appreciate that children are unwell from time to time and that there can be exceptional circumstances for absences, but we ask that you think carefully about keeping your child out of school. There is a strong connection between attendance and achievement at school. Absence is proven to have a significant negative impact upon a child's educational attainment. This year Miss Neilly and I continue to work closely to ensure attendance is high at Townhill PS. Some families may have already received our attendance letters, these are being issued in line with SLC policy and will hopefully instigate positive conversations about your child's attendance at school. Please remember we are here to help.

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

Helen Agnew, Chair of the TPT Team has a new email and can be contacted on:

Townhill.ptt.chair@gmail.com

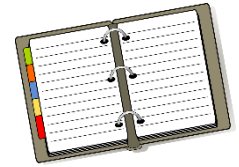
Our next meeting will be **27th April at 7pm**. We would love to see as many faces as possible and given that it will still be online please feel free to pop on and see what we do.

If you are interested in coming along to the meeting then please drop Helen an email, we would love to have you on board.

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Upcoming Diary Dates



Inset Days

5- Thursday 5th May 2022

There has been a change in holiday due to the Queen's Jubilee as highlighted below.

Holidays

February Break	Mon, 14 th and Tue, 15 th February '22
Spring Break	Close on Fri, 1 st April – Reopen on Tue, 19 th April '22
May Holiday	Mon, 2 nd May '22
P1 online Induction	May- dates/times to be confirmed
Local Holiday	Fri, 27th May 22, Thursday 2nd June '22 and Friday 3rd June 2'2.
P1 school visits	June- dates/times to be confirmed
School Sport's Day	Thursday 9 th June- More information to follow
P7 Activity Week	Week beginning Monday 13 th June '22
P7 Party	Thursday 16 th June
P1 Welcome Assembly	Monday 20 th June '22 at
P7 Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 21 st June '22 at 9:30am- More information to follow
Summer	School closes at 1pm on Fri, 24 th June 2022



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