



Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending - Friday 20th November 2020

Children in Need

Well done to our school community who supported our first charitable event of the academic year. The children looked wonderful in their Key Worker/ Their Hero costumes. The children completed a range of activities within their classes to mark the day. Year One completed a Ramble in their bubble, negotiating many stiles to reach Beacon Point. Their sponsorship and the whole schools donations has helped us raise a splendid **£360** for Children in Need. What an amazing achievement— thank you!

The Salmon Lady

This week we welcomed Colette (The Salmon Lady) from the Wye and Usk Foundation to deliver workshops to Year 1 & Year 4. The children learnt about the Water Cycle, Food Chains and amazingly how high salmon can leap!

Pupil Committees

This week saw the children take part in their first class bubble pupil committee meeting. We look forward to hearing about their action plans for the forthcoming year.

COVID

It feels very much like COVID –19 is getting nearer and nearer to our community and we are now experiencing increased children having to self isolate and/ or test. Therefore we are continuing to ask for your support and be aware that if your child presents with COVID symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss of smell and/ or taste) and as a result has a test, please isolate them and your household until the result is received.

On no account send your child back to school; even if they seem better in themselves.

We require confirmation of a negative test.

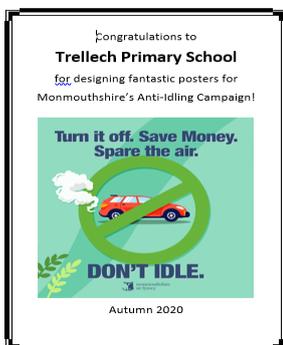
Additionally, if you, the Parent/Guardian, are symptomatic and have a test please do not send your child to school until you have received your test result. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and ensuring that our children are able to stay in school.

Maintaining social distance at the start and end of the day is of paramount importance during these times and leaving the school site promptly continues to be essential. We thank you for your support. Please ensure your child has a jumper / warm layer in school with them, as the temperature begins to fall we are mindful that we need to keep windows and doors ajar to ensure continued ventilation and they may begin to feel a chill.

Anti- Idling Competition

We are very proud to share that following our entry to the Monmouthshire Road Safety Anti- Idling Competition our former Year Six pupils were very successful. Congratulations to Ivy, Harry, Hannah and Annabel who scooped 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Highly Commended respectively. We look forward to seeing your signs displayed across Monmouthshire very soon.

Please support our children with their important message by switching off your vehicles when stationary—please help to keep our air clean and save money.



Open Morning for New Parents

We would ordinarily hold an open morning for new parents where there is an opportunity to meet the Reception Staff and Headteacher to give an overview of daily life here in Trellech.

Due to current circumstances this unfortunately is unable to take place. A virtual visit is available via the school website in the 'About Us' section. We will hold a virtual meeting via Teams on 25th November, please contact the school via trellechprimary.gov.uk if you or know of anyone who wishes to join this meeting. Please share this information if you know anyone who maybe looking for a Reception place. Thankyou in advance.

Starting School

Arrangements for Pupils starting Reception in September 2021
4th November 2021– Application Packs sent to Parents
13th January (midnight)– Closing Date for Rec Pupils due to start Sept 202

https://oneonline.monmouthshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Arrangements for Pupils Starting Secondary School in September 2021
1st October 2019– Application Packs sent to Y6 Pupils
25th November (midnight)– Closing Date for Secondary School Applications

For Further information:

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/starting-secondary-school/>

Road Safety and Antibullying Week

Pupils have been taking part in a variety of activities this week linked to Road Safety Week and Anti Bullying Week. Bendigedig Bawb!



Additional INSET Day

Please note our next two INSET Days will take place on **Friday 4th December 2020** and **Monday 4th January 2021**.

Stay in touch

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Class Communication

To further improve communication with parents during these strange times we will include in each newsletter to inform you what your child has been doing in class.

Reception: Last week the children were very busy creating poppies using various techniques and materials. It has made a lovely display in our cloakroom area. We also created a poppy in the forest using the red autumn leaves that the children brought in from home. Hopefully you saw the pictures on twitter. Our word of the week was valiant which fitted in really well when discussing the brave soldiers that have fought in wars. Foundation Phase children are decorating a shop window in Monmouth, so we have been busy painting angels, stars and snowflakes. We also have an interesting Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.

Year One: Have been busy in the last couple of weeks completing the Children in Need Ramble, visiting Forest School and celebrating Diwali by making Diva Lamps and retelling the story of Rama and Sita. They thoroughly enjoyed their BBC Ten Pieces workshop and their Salmon session, recreating how high salmon leap was a highlight. We have been busy painting the animals from the nativity for the Shop Display. As part of our topic we have also been designing our own dream vehicles and thought about an imaginary place we would like them to take us to! We held our first Healthy School Committee meeting, the children were so grown up discussing ways we can become a healthier school including ways to further minimise germs in school, daily exercise challenges and healthy ways to travel to school.

Year Two: Year 2 have been focusing on hot air balloons in our topic Inventions. We have investigated how hot air balloon work with our very own "DIY" hot air balloon experiment and also designed them. we are currently creating our own 3D hot air balloon using paper mache. We have also been reading George's Marvellous, which the class are enjoying.

Year Three: Year Three have been very busy! In the past fortnight we have been recognising fractions and using number lines to subtract in Numeracy. In Literacy we have written a newspaper report based on the novel 'The Imagination Box' and started to write a play script which we will be acting out next week. In Welsh we have retold a Welsh story very confidently. In Humanities we have been creating a PowerPoint to include research on inventions and copying and pasting images. Science has shown a great improvement in recognising the variables we need in an experiment. We have also been learning about dissolving. Next week we will be writing up an experiment we carried out on dissolving. Fab work Year 3. Keep it up!

Year Four: Year 4 have had a wonderful week, full of lots of new things. We learned all about the water cycle, salmon and rivers from the Wye and Usk Foundation, made collages of our own artwork inspired by Henri Rousseau and recorded our own news broadcasts about the Yanomami tribe in the Amazon. We have learnt about the 3C's needed for a news broadcast, being concise, clear and correct with our facts and being able to speak clearly and slowly so our audience understands. Da iawn Year 4.

Year Five: In Year 5 this week we have continued our work on classifying organisms in the Amazon rainforest, and finding out about the Yanomami tribe. We have learnt how to write an effective news broadcast and have started to plan our own. We've been tackling some tricky Maths work on simplifying, converting and comparing fractions - it wasn't always easy, but we all persevered and made great progress!

Year Six: Last week Year 6 listened to the playing of the Last Post and John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields, we then wrote their own Remembrance Day poems in response. In Maths Year 6 we consolidated our understanding of area and perimeter and had fun on Friday completed Pudsey Maths for Children in Need. This week we have been planning and writing our adventures stories; Lost in the Amazon which has been great fun. We have been answering the question What is Deforestation? in our SMILE books presenting our learning independently. Our maths this week is learning about equivalent fractions and solving a 'goal free' problems ~ not sure what they are? I'm sure your child can enlighten you.

Trellech Primary School Ambassadors : Their Vision

Hello, we are new ambassadors of Trellech Primary School. We are really happy to have this role and hope to maintain the school's high expectations through our Leadership role.



Charity Committee Update

Christmas Jumper Day: Following Year Four's committee meeting on Thursday they have agreed to hold Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 11th December** for Save the Children. Donations of £1 can be made for the event via ParentPay. As part of the day they are holding a competition within each class bubble who can wear the 'silliest' Christmas Jumper. The event doesn't involve purchasing expensive jumpers, dig out that old tinsel and bauble or two and upcycle your silly Christmas Jumper in style! Good Luck!

Reverse Advent Calendar: In support of Monmouth Foodbank the Charity committee have agreed to complete a reverse advent calendar collecting essential items in each class. Children will receive a letter giving further information and which day to add their item to the Advent Hamper which will be donated as a Christmas Treat to local families this Christmas. All items must be added to the hamper by **Friday 11th December** to ensure their safe delivery in time for Christmas. Donations of food (excluding beans and pasta), treats for children, nappies, baby food and anything dairy or gluten free. Any food must have a minimum shelf life of three months.



Academic Year 2020/ 2021

Please note our next two INSET Days will take place on Friday 4th December 2020 and Monday 4th January 2021.

1 Further INSET Days to be confirmed

Fri 4th Dec– INSET Day School Closed to Pupils (new date)

Thurs 10th Dec– Flu Vaccinations for All Pupils

Fri 11th Dec– Christmas Jumper Day and Final Day for Reverse Advent Calendar Hampers

Fri 18th Dec– End of Autumn Term

Mon 21st Dec– Christmas Break

Mon 4th Jan– Spring Term Commences

Mon 4th Jan– INSET Day School Closed to Pupils (new date)

Fri 12th Feb– INSET DAY: School Closed to Pupils

Fri 12th Feb– End of Spring Term 1

Mon 15th Feb– Half Term

Mon 22nd Feb– Spring Term 2 Commences

Fri 26th March– End of Spring Term

Mon 12th April– Summer Term Commences

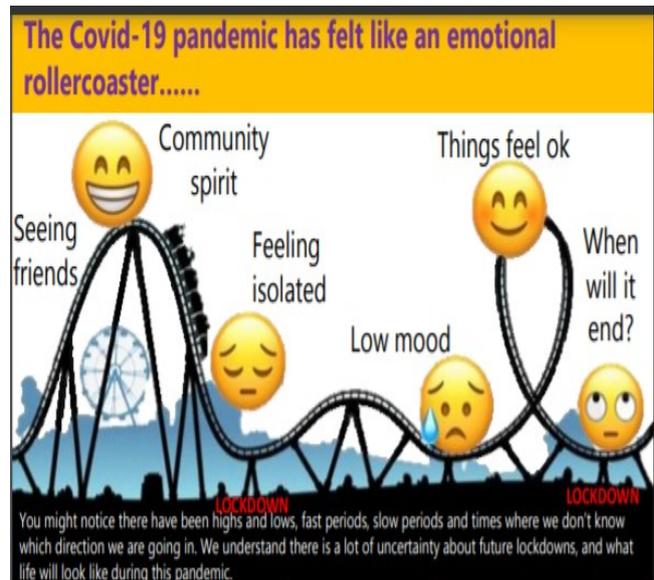
Fri 28th May– INSET DAY: School Closed to Pupils

Fri 28th May– End of Summer Term 1

Mon 31st May– Half Term

Mon 7th June– Summer Term 2 Commences

Weds 21st July– End of Summer Term



Five ways to wellbeing

Tools to help us with the emotional rollercoaster

BE ACTIVE **KEEP LEARNING** **CONNECT** **TAKE NOTICE** **GIVE**

Connect Video call friends, send a text to someone you haven't spoken to in a while

Be active Go for a walk/ cycle, get outside, do some home workouts

Take notice Be aware of what is going on around you, what can you hear/ see/ feel/ smell?

Learn Learn something new, look up 'how to' videos on Youtube

Give Be kind, give your time to someone, help another person

After a lockdown it can be exciting to see friends and family again, but we need to bear in mind:

HANDS FACE SPACE

Gwent Community Psychology, GIG NHS, Royal Gwent Hospital, University Health Board

Your NHS Services for Children in Gwent

When The Grange University Hospital opens (scheduled for 17th November 2020), hospital services for children will change.

Children who require emergency treatment will go to The Grange University Hospital.

Minor Injury Units for children (aged over 1 year) will remain at the Royal Gwent Hospital or Nevill Hall Hospital, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, and Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan. All children aged under 1 year old will need to be seen at The Grange University Hospital.

GIG NHS, Royal Gwent Hospital, University Health Board, Dyfodol Clinigol Clinical Futures

Christmas wishes

Can you help a vulnerable child or care leaver who Monmouthshire's Social Services team is supporting this Christmas, by making a financial donation towards gift cards and vouchers.

Please visit monmouthshire.gov.uk/christmas-wishes

We really understand that times are tough for everyone so thank you so much if you can help.

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