



# Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 6th May

## Parent Consultations and Sharing Sessions

Following Feedback from the Autumn Term we intend to continue with the 'Sharing Sessions' and Online Parent Consultations via School Cloud for the remainder of this academic year. The Sharing Sessions will take place on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th May in the school hall. You will once again have an opportunity to sit with child and share their books with them. For ease of organisation of these sessions, they have been allocated to a specific year group, however please do feel free to book a slot for siblings at the same time. If this session is not suitable please do not hesitate to contact us. Please use the following link to book: <https://bit.ly/3KMrUtF>

Booking for Parent Consultations will open on Monday 9th May and close on Monday 16th May.

The platform we currently use for parents evening is known as School Cloud. Since early last year, SchoolCloud has been part of Tes, a provider of digital products for schools. SchoolCloud Parents Evening is becoming Tes Parents' Meetings to highlight the collaboration between the two parties. The products remain exactly the same and the change is simply in the branding. The web address you use to access the products also will remain the same, as will the way you book a parents evening with your child's teacher.



Consultations will take place over 3 evenings:

Thursday 19th May: Rec, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Tuesday 24th May: Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

Wednesday 25th May: Rec, Y1 & Y2

## Parent Curriculum Walkthru

As restrictions are lifted we are delighted to now begin to be able to invite you back into the school building. The first of these opportunities will take place on **Wednesday 18th May at 3.45pm** in the school hall. We are looking forward to sharing our curriculum journey with you. Staff will be able to share our preparations as we continue our journey in readiness for the New Curriculum in Wales from September 2022. We very much look forward to welcoming you and sharing this journey with you.

## National Tests

In the coming weeks pupils in Y2– Y6 will complete National Tests. These will be done within class as part of 'normal' lessons. Children complete a Reading, Numeracy Procedural and Numeracy Reasoning Assessment online via the Hwb Platform. These provide us with a 'snapshot' of how we can further support your child/ children with their learning within school. Children will have completed familiarisation activities with their class teacher in preparation for this. Please be reassured we know that each and every child shines with their own strengths and talents and we will ensure every child feels supported and valued during these sessions.

## School Vision and Values

Earlier in the year we shared our updated Vision and Values with you, seeking valued feedback from you as our school community. Each month children select a value that they feel they would like to focus on. During April we worked together on our value of Kindness and now as we move to the month of May we are focussing on **Politeness**, building upon our kindness value. We look forward to sharing our success on being polite citizens within school and society.

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Wednesday 25th May the whole school will take part in our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. We are inviting children to come to school dressed for the occasion in Red, White and Blue or a King/ Queen. We will hold a competition for where children are invited to design and make a crown for the celebration. Gwent Catering are providing a 'tea party' menu which will be an integral part of our celebrations.

## Woodwind Lessons through Gwent Music

Miss Edmunds our woodwind teacher currently has space in her timetable and would welcome some new starters. She has been approached by several pupils during her visits who have shown an interest in learning an instrument. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact Miss Edmunds directly via email at:

[aimee.edmunds@outlook.com](mailto:aimee.edmunds@outlook.com)

## Urdd Football Tournament

Da iawn to our Y5/6 girls who took part in the football tournament last Thursday at Cwmbran Stadium. They showed excellent teamwork skills and true sportsmanship! Achieving 3rd place in their first ever tournament! Arddechog! Diolch Mrs Hassall for arranging and Mrs Pilkington for supporting the visit.

### School Communication

We are very aware from feedback that we use a variety of platforms for communication with parents, which can be potentially cause parents to 'miss' important information. We are looking to invest in an app called 'Schoop' which would provide the facility for all communications to be shared using one platform. As well as being time-saving, cost-cutting and eco-friendly, the Schoop app offers much more streamlined communication, with all information available in a centralised location rather than across multiple platforms. Reminders, important notices, newsletters and permission forms will be delivered direct to your phone in the form of push notifications, and documents will be saved in an online library through the app should you need to access at a later date. On signing up with a school-specific code, parents and carers can select the groups and classes relevant to your child, ensuring all information you receive is useful to you. Find out more here <https://www.schoop.co.uk/education-2/> We would welcome your feedback in our consideration of such an app before any decision is made.



### Summer Term

**Weds 11th May:** Y6 Cluster Swimming Gala

**Weds 18th May:** Parent Walkthru– The New Curriculum  
3.45pm

**Mon 16th May:** Y2/ Y3 Scooter Sessions

**w/c: 16th May–** Parent Sharing Events

**19th, 24th & 25th May–** Parents Consultations via School Cloud

**Weds 25th May:** Whole School Jubilee Celebrations

**Thurs 26th May:** Y4, Y5 & Y6 Trip to Hay Festival

**Thurs 26th May:** Trellech's Got Talent

**Fri 27th May–** Cluster INSET School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 27th May–** Half Term Commences

**Mon 6th June–** School Closed in lieu of Queens Platinum Jubilee

**Tues 7th June–** Summer Term Two Commences

**w/c: 20th June–** Sports Day Events (TBC)

**Fri 1st July–** INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)

**Tues 5th July–** Move Up Day

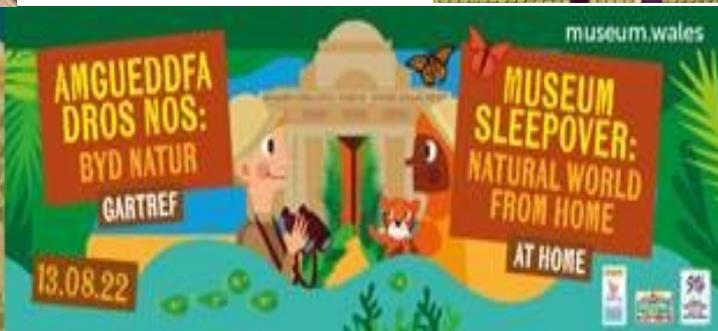
**Weds 13th– Fri 15th July–**Y6 Residential Viney Hill

**Fri 22nd July–** End of Academic Year

### Tennis and Gymnastics Success

Congratulations to Lyra (Y4), for winning the Radyr 9U Grade 5 tennis competition over the Easter Holidays!

Many congratulations to Amelie (Y6) who gained success in a recent Welsh Gymnastics competition in Cardiff.



## Class News

### Reception:

Welcome to a new and exciting term. Our topic this term is Jubilations, as we thought it would fit nicely with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children are busy creating portraits of the Queen, together with making bunting to decorate our classroom. Already we have been learning about the young princess, before she became Queen. I am sure your child can tell you all about her hobbies, the name of her first horse, pony and the dogs that she adored. As the term goes on we will be learning more about the Queen and her family. Last week we had an afternoon of listening to the music of the fifties when the Queen's coronation took place. Elvis went down really well!! In Welsh we have been pretending to be the Queen and asking for specific items of clothing. For example, - Ga i'r het os gwelwch yn da. (Can I have a hat please?). Dyma ti (here you are). At Forest School we built a structure that would carry the weight of the Queen's jewels. It was interesting to listen to the children's conversations and teamwork whilst building. I am so sorry that the children's first school trip was cancelled, but it has now been rearranged and we will let you know all about it.

### Year One:

It has been great to welcome Year 1 back to school after Easter, and we have got straight into our topic of 'Jubilations!', learning about Queen Elizabeth II and her upcoming Platinum Jubilee. The children have painted some beautiful portraits of the Queen, which I think Her Majesty would be proud to hang up in a gallery in Buckingham Palace! We have also used animation software to bring drawings of the Queen, her corgis and some beefeater guards to life. In Welsh, the children have been learning to talk about the clothes they wear, and have described a variety of Queen Elizabeth's outfits through her lifetime. The class are very excited for their trip to the museum on Friday, which they have been waiting for very patiently.

### Year Two:

What a wonderful start to the Summer Term. We enjoyed a wonderful trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, taking part in the 'Save our Species' Workshop. Despite the chilly weather we were able to see lots of the animals outside, we even managed to spy the baby bears! We have begun our new topic of 'Coast and Country' comparing the two environments; recognising similarities and differences. At Forest School we looked closely at the countryside in our local area and looking for signs of springtime. Outdoors, we have noticed how our peas, sunflowers, potatoes and beans are beginning to grow and we planted some tomatoes and butternut squash. We can't wait to watch our garden flourish. We have begun to use algorithms in technology- transferring these skills in PE to direct our partner. As part of our RSE curriculum we have discussed the biological names for our body parts and which of these are private. We have continued to challenge ourselves in Maths, with many of us progressing in Big Maths and our tables challenges. We are looking forward to a Summer Term of adventures.

### Year Three:

Our Summer Term started off with an exciting trip to Noah's Ark Zoo. Here we took part in a workshop called 'Save our species'. The pupils learnt about the many animals that are endangered and were able to get close to and touch a Royal Python and a Leopard Tortoise. I was really proud of their listening skills and sensible answers. We saw lots of animals and the pupils really enjoyed the play areas and maze. Thanks very much to Mrs deLoyde and Mr Smowton for accompanying us and helping out. In the classroom we have been counting in decimals and practising our times tables. We have also ordered words alphabetically and written a recount of our trip. We have begun our new topic 'Coast and Country' and looked for similarities and differences between these areas. In P.E we have started to learn skills in athletics and cricket. Can I just remind parents that P.E is on Tuesdays and Thursdays and due to the unsettled weather, appropriate kit is brought into school for these

### Year Four:

Welcome back to all of Year 4 for the summer term. Our new topic this term is Around the World in 80 Days, with a focus on festivals, and our new novel for literacy is called Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy. We are already gripped by the story and have begun researching basic information about a series of festivals to base our work on this term. Our maths focus has been recapping our numeracy and problem solving skills in readiness for the national tests. In Welsh, we have been developing our use of using 3rd person language to describe an animal. The children worked so hard to use adjectives in their own sentences about an animal; including ideas about their, shell, fur, eye colour etc. The children demonstrated what ambitious and capable learners they are. In P.E we have finished off our block of sessions on netball and begun swimming lessons. We have been so impressed with the improvement in all the children in the skills needed to participate in the game, such as passing, catching, marking and dodging. The children demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship when playing in teams against one another. We are now looking forward to beginning our cricket and athletic sessions for the Summer Term.

### Year Five:

Over the past few weeks, Year 5 have been getting stuck into our new novel Brightstorm. The first few chapters have us all hooked and we can't wait to find out how the story develops. We made predictions about what we thought would happen from looking at the front cover and blurb - it will be interesting to see how close we are! While reading we have used our inference skills and empathy to consider how a key character would be feeling at different points of the story so far, and tracked their changing emotions on an emotion graph. We created our own map of The Great Wide, then experimented with making a compass and writing a set of instructions for someone to follow to make their own. We then took our compasses outside and used them to set and follow a route, and were surprised by how accurate they were! In Maths we have been practising our basic skills, in particular working with equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages, and finding fractions of an amount. Lots of the children have moved up in their Big Maths challenges, which is great. This week we have started to research well-known festivals around the world as part of our Around the World in 80 Days, and are looking forward to working collaboratively on our projects. Linked to this in PE we have been experimenting with styles of dance from different countries. We have put our French skills to the test to write a letter to a penpal all about ourselves - très bien tout le monde!

### Year Six:

A busy start to the Summer Term for Year 6. After choosing our new topic; Around the World in Eighty Days we have spent some time deciding what we would like to find out and started research into the different festivals and carnivals which are celebrated. We have also listened to the opening chapters of our new class novel, Brightstorm and we are excited to find out more about the adventures ahead over the next few weeks. Some of the year 6 girls represented Trellech at football at the Urdd coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall - bendigedig. Over the next two weeks we will be completing our national assessments in numeracy, reasoning and reading and have spent some time this week revisiting the basics especially our times tables, halving and doubling, shapes and fractions to help in preparation. We have also had some responses to our letters asking for flower donations from the local garden centre and we have been lucky to receive some colourful summer bulbs from Raglan Garden Centre which we look forward to planting very soon.

2022 TRELLECH'S GOT TALENT

"IT'S SHOW TIME!"  
6pm - 9pm THURSDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

£4 ENTRY  
HOT FOOD & SNACKS AVAILABLE  
BAR SELLING ALCOHOLIC & SOFT DRINKS

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AS SPACE IS LIMITED WE REGRET TO SAY THAT THE SHOW IS OPEN TO KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS & PARENTS ONLY

Concert For Ukraine

Chepstow Bandstand & Drill Hall

Saturday 7th May

CONCERT FOR UKRAINE  
SATURDAY MAY 7TH

12:00PM - 6:30PM RIVERSIDE BANDSTAND (BUCKET COLLECTIONS)  
7:00PM - 11:15PM DRILL HALL (£5 ENTRANCE FEE)

LOCAL MUSICIANS UNITE FOR A UKRAINE FUNDRAISER  
PLEASE COME ALONG TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE.

RIVERSIDE BANDSTAND	DRILL HALL
12:00 - 12:30 Shaughnessy Brothers	7:00 - 7:30 Steve Payne/Ian Luther
12:45 - 1:15 Border Mires	7:45 - 8:15 Bottlekids
1:30 - 2:00 Double Measure	8:30 - 9:00 Kahlo After Frida
2:15 - 2:45 Wyl'd Bird Seed	9:15 - 9:45 The Anthill Mob
3:00 - 3:30 Mind Horn	10:00 - 10:30 Snow On The Mountain Band
3:45 - 4:15 Ben The Hat	10:45 - 11:15 Steel Weasels (Covers)
4:30 - 5:00 BorderLines	
5:15 - 5:45 Fat Dad	
6:00 - 6:30 Don't Tell Johnny	

Event Contact no. 07748 581439 | Tickets available from Hannah's Music Moor Street, Queens Head Micro-pub Moor Street and Mancap Bulwark ONLY

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- An appetising salary and benefits
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Donations for Ukraine

Many people have been asking about donating clothes.

Finally we have managed to find an organisation that accept them. Friends for Animals Wales are taking clothes donations now.

Accepted items:

- New or like new children's clothes. T shirts, shorts, pjs, undies, socks, dresses ect. Lightweight please.
- Womens new or like new tops, trousers, dresses, underwear ect. Lightweight please.

They will be flying out to Poland on My 20th. Mrs Kersley will collect clothing items for the next 2 Wednesdays (May 11 and May 18), to take it all to one of their shops.

As they said in their post: We can't do everything but we can all do something.