



# Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 4th February

## Be Bright, Be Seen!

Our Year 4 Junior Road Safety Committee met with Geraint Roberts (MCC Road Safety Officer) last week. They are planning a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' day, where each class will discuss the importance of wearing high vis clothes and using lights when out walking, walking dogs, cycling in the evenings to help us to stay safe. To raise awareness they will organise a 'Be Bright, Be Seen day' on Thursday 17th February. The children are invited to wear something bright to school on that day when Year Four will launch a poster competition, when they lead an assembly. We look forward to seeing your bright clothes on Thursday 17th February.

## Louby Lou Workshops

On Thursday 10th February, Louby Lou Storytelling will be visiting school to deliver practical interactive workshops linked to stories from Wales in readiness for our Eisteddfod. The children will, following the workshops complete their Eisteddfod entries linked to the story they hear. Our Eisteddfod will take place on Tuesday 1st March and children are invited to come to school dressed in Traditional Welsh Costume or Welsh Sporting Kits. We will celebrate through the sharing of our competition entries and completing a variety of activities linked to Welsh Culture on that day.

## World Book Day.

This years World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March and marks the 25th anniversary of World Book Day and Harry Potter. With this in mind we are inviting children and staff to come to school dressed for the theme 'The World of Magic'. We look forward to seeing the children dressed to impress in their magical costumes. Please do not spend large amounts on costumes, we are sure there are lots of resources in your homes that can be recycled!

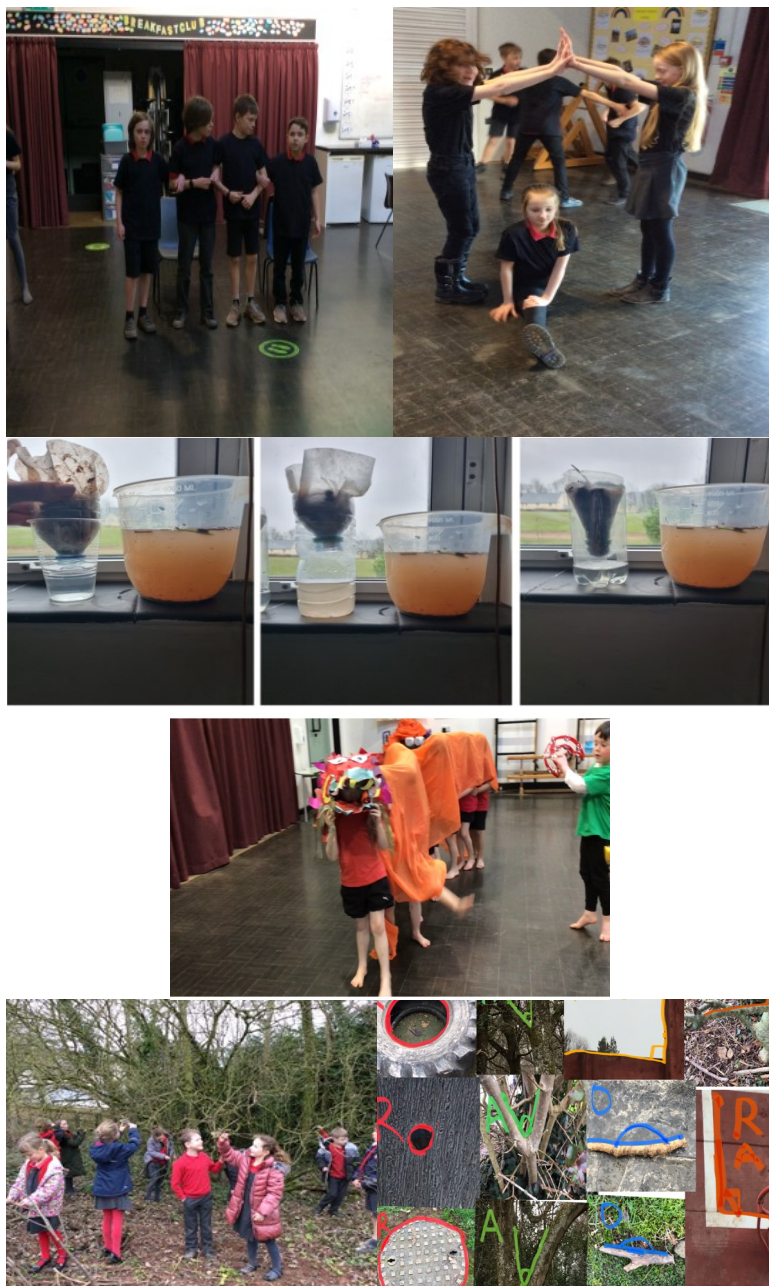
## Year Six Drama Workshop

Today, we have seen our Year six pupils take part in a drama workshop run by Drama Queens. They have spent the morning developing their Expressive Art skills and performed it to Year Five this afternoon. Mrs Hargaden and Mrs Christofi were very impressed with the skills that were developed during the day. Thank you to Mrs Escott, our community governor for running the workshop.

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## Values— Respect

Each half term during assemblies, Mrs Christofi is discussing one of the school Values with the Children. Our focus this half term is 'Respect' the children discuss and share examples of how we can be respectful. It is a pleasure to hear each Friday during Golden Assembly examples of children demonstrating respect through the week. This week it was wonderful to hear how Year Three and Four showed respect during their break times and as they returned to class. Well done to you all for continuing to be respectful to others.





As fuel costs continue to rise, the Welsh Government recently announced that the annual winter fuel payment for eligible households has been increased from £100 to £200. In addition, the window for applications has been left open until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, giving households more time to apply. Monmouthshire County Council has confirmed that anyone who has already applied for this winter's payment, before the increase was announced will automatically receive a top-up retrospective payment, if they have been paid £100 already, or the £200 one-off payment if their application has not been paid yet. For more information visit Monmouthshire Council Council's website at <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/utilities/> where a link to the application form can be found, alternatively you can call the council's Contact Centre on 01633 644644 or pop into one of the Community Hubs where someone will be able to assist you. The council's Money Matters campaign is continuing to promote a wide range of support for those experiencing money worries. It's aiming to direct people to various means of support, while reminding us all that debt can affect anybody, whatever their circumstances. From essentials such as food, heating and cash to related support such as mental health, employment and housing, there is more help available than most people realise. If you are not sure what support you might need but would like to find out more, then you can visit <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/> or call 01633 644644. Alternatively, Citizens Advice are also able to guidance on 0800 702 2020.

## Academic Year 2021/ 2022

### Spring Term

**Thurs 10th Feb**– Louby Lou Storytelling Workshop

**Fri 18th Feb**– Cluster Inset School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 18th Feb**– Half Term Commences

**Mon 28th Feb**– Commencement Spring Term 2

**Tues 1st March**– St David's Day– Welsh Costume

**Thurs 3rd March**– World Book Day– Magical Costumes Welcome

**Fri 8th April**– End of Spring Term

### Summer Term

**Mon 25th April**– Summer Term Commences

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

**Fri 27th May**– Half Term Commences

**Mon 6th June**– Bank Holiday in lieu of Queens Platinum Jubilee

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

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

1 further INSET to be confirmed.

**ARROWS FEMALE RUGBY HUB**

## BE PART OF THE TEAM!

The female rugby hub  
is recruiting for  
players: 6 to 18 years  
old.

Training  
Pontypool:

U7 to U18s 6 – 7 pm  
Pontypool RFC, Pontypool  
Park, NP4 8AT

Usk Arrows:

U7 – U15s 5.45 – 6.45pm  
Usk RFC, Usk, NP15 1SY

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## **Class News**

### **Reception:**

We have had an exciting week learning about Chinese New Year. We cooked noodles in our home corner and had a really good try at using chop sticks. We learnt about the Chinese Zodiac and the animal that relates to the year we were born. The dragon dance was probably the highlight of the week as we noisily stomped through the school! Last week we were identifying different coins and then played shop to buy items. This was quite a challenge, especially when we tried to find different ways of making specific amounts. We reinforced our skills on analysing data in the forest- creating block graphs to determine the various leaves that are found in the forest. This week we have been identifying some of the animals that live in the ocean and deciding on which ones we want to find out more about. Our William Turner display has certainly made an interesting talking point and has brightened up our classroom. The children will bring them home, but not for a while!! Thank you for your support.

### **Year One:**

This fortnight, Year 1 have been learning about Chinese New Year, and the race which decided the names of each year. The children discovered whether they were born in the year of the goat or the monkey, and that 2022 is the year of the tiger. They have created lanterns, zodiac animal masks, cooked noodles, and performed a brilliant dragon dance. In maths we have been finding different combinations of coins to make a total, as well as giving and receiving change. Continuing our topic of Commotion in the Ocean, we have begun choosing our materials to make our boats. We also had a very exciting letter in a bottle arrive in the classroom last Friday that had arrived all the way from the ocean! Year 1 created wanted posters to help capture Captain Kidd who had stolen Pirate Pete's treasure, and then we stained them with tea to make them look older. I wonder if Pirate Pete will find his treasure soon...

### **Year Two:**

What a busy couple of weeks in Y2! We have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year by trying a delicious vegetable stir fry, making lanterns and finding out about how it is celebrated. We also enjoyed watching Chinese dragon dances and writing our name in Chinese with mud paint at Forest School. We have been learning about the seven life processes through MRS GREN and how these apply to both humans and animals. Last week we carried out our Bird Watch, collecting data and representing it as a graph and pictogram. We were surprised by the types of birds we saw and comparing this data to Y3s from forest school. We have also been developing our ball skills in football for accuracy and control and have even had some mini matches! Y2 have been using MusicLab to develop their skills in creating music digitally- great thought has been given to how the music makes us feel. We were also very proud to be part of the 100th Birthday Celebrations of Mr Urdd, taking part in a record breaking birthday song!

### **Year Three:**

What a lovely couple of weeks we have had in Year Three! Forest schools has included whittling sticks, bird spotting and estimating and measuring the heights of trees. We have been learning about the types of British birds, collecting data on them and creating both tally charts and bar graphs related to them. We have also enjoyed making washing peg bird feeders for our feathered friends. We have retold the story of St Dwynwen in Literacy and been using gymnastic skills with equipment as well as developing passing skills in football. Year threes have been celebrating Chinese New Year through reasoning in numeracy, eating a healthy stir fry and writing our names using Chinese symbols.

### **Year Four:**

It has been yet another busy few weeks in Year 4 and we have been so pleased with the hard work and focus shown from all the children. Through our Science and Technology AOLE focus we have been investigating the layers of the ocean, what lives in each layer and how and why we need to filter water. Our experiment to show the effectiveness of different filters gave us some incredible results! Maths has taken us outside to investigate angles and multiply by 10, 100 and 1000. This week in our Expressive Arts sessions we have started to look at various Welsh artists such as Clive Gould and Vernon Jones, who create seascape pictures. The children looked at their pieces and thought about what emotions they generate. We will be looking at creating our own images next week! We have continued with our gymnastic work in P.E, moving on from individual sequences to paired sequences using both the floor and apparatus. The children have really worked hard to improve body tension and control when balancing and travelling. During music sessions, we have been learning to perform a rap called 'Stop' all about bullying and are now beginning to compose our own verse in the same style- it has been lots of fun! We are continuing with learning some basic French phrases and now trying to use this during daily routines. Thank you for all the fantastic homework we have seen, it really is lovely to see the children extending their learning at home too.

### **Year Five:**

Over the last couple of weeks in Year 5 we have continued our work on Kensuke's Kingdom, finding out more about Kensuke's Island, writing character descriptions and roleplaying different characters to find out how we can 'show not tell' emotions. Linked to our Literacy, we have imagined that we were stranded on an island with no water to drink. We worked in groups to plan and carry out an investigation to see if we could filter dirty water to make it safe enough to drink. This was tricky to start with, but we were able to alter our investigations, trying different combinations of materials, with the end result being some extremely effective filters!

We have started to look at seascapes by a range of Welsh artists, in particular how different emotions are conveyed through the paintings, in preparation for creating our own next week. We have really enjoyed learning some French phrases and practising in conversations with different people, and look forward to continuing this throughout the term.

### **Year Six:**

Well it's been another busy couple of weeks in Yr6. We are really getting into our new topic Blue Abyss and are learning about the oceans and seas around the world, the names of the different layers of the oceans and the animals who inhabit them. We have enjoyed reading the story of Kensuke's Kingdom, learning about the different characters and the adventures they have. We have written interesting diary entries and debated the idea of leaving everything and sailing around the world. Surprisingly, most of the children decided they wouldn't want to leave their friends and family and they didn't like the idea of not having any wifi! In maths we have been learning about angles in shapes and now know that angles in a triangle add up to 180 degrees and in a quadrilateral it's 360 degrees. We have also really enjoyed another 2 weeks at swimming which has been fantastic.