



Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 11th March

Eisteddfod

What a wonderful day we had celebrating St David's Day. Classes managed to share their achievements in our mini Eisteddfod events in collaborative classes. There were lots of wonderful entries to our competitions including some wonderful musical items which was a pleasure to hear after its absence over the last couple of years. It was wonderful to see so many Trellech Village Flag entries as part of the homework entry and we look forward to see the winners on display as part of the Jubilee celebrations in June. We were also able to enjoy some traditional dances from our younger pupils.

Many congratulations to our Bardd 2022, Emmie (Y5) who wrote a very impressive narrative poem based on the Welsh Myth Merlin and the Dragons. Our Musician of the Eisteddfod was Olivia (Y6) with her performance on the violin it was delight to hear Olivia play once again.

Comic Relief

We will be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 18th March. The Year Four charities committee would like everyone to make or customise a hat to wear into school on the day, making a contribution of at least £1. The funnier the hat, the better - and don't forget your red nose if you have one! We will be making Lego habitats for the red nose characters in school on that day which will be proudly shown in golden assembly. Donations may be made using the following link via ParentPay: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6884>



Governor Report for Parents

The Governor Report for Parents for academic year 2020.21 is now available via the school website. Please take a moment to read this report and if you would like to discuss it further with any of our Governors please contact the school office to arrange.

Support for Ukraine



As we witness the terrible events in Ukraine, we have been very grateful for the donations that have been received on behalf of Mrs Kersley who will deliver them on our behalf. What a wonderful community you are. With this in mind on Friday 25th March, the Monmouth



Primary School Cluster will all take part in a day to show support for our friends in the Ukraine. We invite you to wear blue and yellow to school on that day and bring in monetary donations that can be given to charities directly to purchase items that are in most need. During this day children will think about the events and children living in the Ukraine.

Volunteers

Thank you to those of you who have been in touch, but we continue to require more volunteers from the parent body, who would be willing to accompany the school on outside trips, e.g. swimming and trips. Under Monmouthshire LA rules, all school volunteers will need to undertake a DBS check and provide their details and the details of two referees. We have a volunteer pack for parents to complete in order to facilitate this. All details will be stored securely and confidentially in the MCC volunteer database.

If you are interested in becoming a school volunteer, and feel that you have the time to attend occasional trips or outings with the school, please contact the school office and ask for a volunteer pack. If you are already a DBS checked volunteer and would like to continue, please let the school office know as we may need to renew your DBS if we have not already done so, due to the gap in volunteering caused by the Covid lockdowns. If you have any questions about the volunteer process, please contact the school office.

Community Path

The work in our car park is near completion this will ensure a safer route for parents and children from the community car park onto the school grounds. We are very grateful to Monmouthshire County Council and appreciate them listening to our concerns and taking action.



Academic Year 2021/ 2022

Spring Term

Fri 18th March—Comic Relief (Wear a Decorated Hat)

Fri 25th March— Cluster Support Ukraine Day

Thurs 7th April— Spring Report Sent Home

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

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

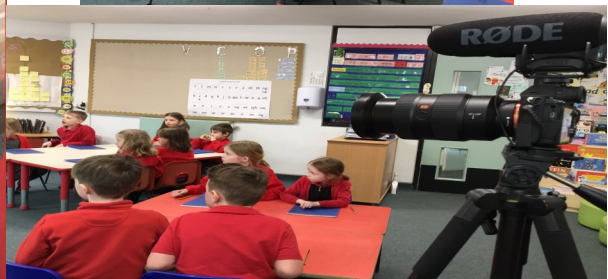
Fri 22nd July— End of Academic Year

1 further INSET to be confirmed.



Read, Write, Inc

This week we saw our final sessions being recorded by the Ruth Miskin Trainers. We are very proud to be asked to be involved in these recordings and extremely proud of our learners who took part. Thank you to Mrs Miles for overseeing the organisation of these days.



Class News

Reception:

We all had lots of fun celebrating St David's Day. The children made some beautiful paintings of daffodils and I was very impressed with their poetry based on Merlin and the Dragon. We sang a Welsh song, recited a poem about Caerphilly cheese and had a go at some Welsh country dancing. Thank you for the lovely costumes that your child wore for World Book Day. The book we focused on was Room on a Broom. We discussed the food we might take if we were travelling with the witch and also used interesting verbs to describe how the animals got on to the broom. The children have been designing and making boats out of junk materials and this week we have been testing their ability to float carrying a cargo of treasure. Were the materials they chose appropriate? Does their design move through water? The children were then able to evaluate their designs and think about how improvements could be made. Thank you for your support.

Year One:

Welcome back, Year 1! We hit the ground running last week with our efforts for the Eisteddfod and World Book Day, and every member of the class took to these new experiences with enthusiasm and confidence. Mrs Christofi, Reception class and I were so impressed by your Eisteddfod poem recital that so many of you had rehearsed at home. Congratulations to you all; whether you won a certificate or not, each of you worked hard to produce high-quality poetry, handwriting, art and performance. We also loved having a go at some traditional Welsh dancing to the music of Jac-y-Do, which Year 1 did with fantastic teamwork. It was wonderful to see everyone's outfits on World Book Day, and we enjoyed listening to the World Book Day rap by MC Grammar. This week we have been sharing objects to find a third and a quarter of a number in maths, and for Fairtrade fortnight we learned about what happens to bananas before they arrive at our supermarkets. We are going to spend some time in the coming days practicing how we sit on the carpet and line up, as I think that the half-term break has caused some to forget the importance of listening and having space for quiet in the classroom. Other than that, a fantastic start to the second spring term, Year 1 – gwaith da iawn!

Year Two:

What a wonderful start to the half term, we began with singing the Welsh National Anthem with our friends from the Monmouth Cluster and then had our Eisteddfod celebrations with Year Three. We performed our Welsh Dance, shared our entries as well had some superb musical performances. We also used our measuring skills to make our own Welsh Cakes to share with a loved one. Year Two became great animators on this day too, drawing their own Welsh Dragon and bring it to life using an animation program on the iPad. St David's Day was very quickly followed by World Book Day....you all looked wonderful and it was super to read your book reviews. At Forest School you used the materials around you to create your favourite characters from stories we have been listening to as part of our Nurture Nature topic. This week we have been busy telling the time using analogue and digital clocks as well recognising how long 1 minute is, we were amazed at the things we could achieve in one minute. As part of our Science work we have been naming and identifying the function of the organs of the body as well as the skeleton and naming some of the bones within our bodies.....we can't wait to continue our learning next week as we take part in Science Week.

Year Three:

Year Threes have been enjoying the outdoors the last two weeks. We have created clocks using natural resources; animated natural resourced characters using iPads and developing activities to time and place from quickest to slowest.

We have been carrying out work on the story of 'Bambi' in language and literacy and using third person language in Welsh.

Year Four:

Firstly, a huge thank you for all the efforts last week with providing costumes for the children for both St. David's Day and World Book Day. The children worked hard in preparation for our Eisteddfod, including creating poetry, performing recitals and producing beautiful handwriting. On World Book Day we looked at the text 'Room on the Broom' and created our own part of the story where the witch dropped a different item from her broomstick and a different type of animal found it. The ideas that the children came up with were fantastic! This led us into writing instructions for a witches potion too- some of the ingredients they came up with for their potions were very gruesome! The children have shown great resilience this week in our focus on fractions in maths. We have been honing our skills with fractions, by finding fractions of amounts outside, adding fractions and simplifying fractions. In P.E we are beginning this half term with the game of netball. So far we have focused on different types of passes such as a chest and bounce pass. Ask the children to show you these at home. In Humanities the children have started a new mini topic "Plastic Fantastic?". This will involve several weeks of work, culminating in a google slides about plastic pollution in the ocean using hyperlinks, animation and research. Once completed, they will present their work to the class.

Year Five:

We had an extremely busy first week back after half term! The children worked extremely hard to prepare for our Eisteddfod, writing narrative poetry based on Merlin and the Dragon, learning and reciting the Welsh national anthem and creating watercolour dragon art. Fantastic efforts from everybody, and we earned lot of points for our houses! At the end of the week we celebrated World Book Day, getting into the magical spirit for the 20th anniversary of Harry Potter. We read extracts from the Prisoner of Azkaban and compared them to clips from the film, then had a go at creating our Patronus charm by firstly thinking of the ingredients for a good memory, then remembering and describing the happiest moment of our lives. In Maths we have been doing some tricky work finding fractions of amounts, but we found out that we could use our earlier learning on division to help us - this made things much easier! After just a couple of weeks of swimming we are already seen lots of progress, so well done everyone and keep it up! Our topic work for this half term is Plastic Fantastic. We are focussing on the problem of plastic pollution in our oceans, and thinking about why it is such a problem and how we can help. We will be working in groups to write reports, film video clips and create infographics, which we will put together in a multimedia presentation to share with the school, our families and the community. Our research is well underway - ask the children about what they have learnt so far!

Year Six:

A busy start to the new term, with 2 exciting days in the first week; St David's Day and World Book Day. It's great to see these days being celebrated in school again and for all the amazing costumes, thank you. With the weather improving Yr 6 have been taking their learning outside, writing Winter Poetree and comparing fractions using our fantastic school grounds and natural materials. Alongside this we have begun working on a project - Plastic Fantastic? working collaboratively using google slides to learn about and present our findings relating to plastic pollution and its effect it is having on our oceans and seas. We are undertaking a lot of research, using a variety of websites to include in our project and hope to include video recordings, mock interviews, and data to present all our information. This will take place over the next few weeks and the Yr6 are already excited about presenting their information to the class.

Merlin And The Dragon

High upon a hill King Vortigern sat
Watching over Dinas Emrys like a hawk

A fortress he built, as weak as jelly
Tumbling down like jenga
Falling, falling, falling
Like raindrops from the sky

Merlin he called
"Help, help!"
Quick as a flash he came

Dig down, down deep
Digging like rabbits
Watch out sheep!

A shimmering lake they saw
Glistening like diamonds
Drain the lake, drain the lake

Lift the rock, heavy like a giant
Heave ho, heave ho, don't let go
Up they rose like a ladder

A magical sight they saw
2 dragons cuddled on the floor
one red, one white
oh what a sigh

Dragon cock as red as fire
White dragon, white as snow
Soaring through the sky like
A shooting star

The eyes of the castle
Watched on
A bold battle they had

Victory of the red dragon
The battle was won
Protector of wales
For everyone.



Merlin and the Dragon

By Emmie Williams

Trellech Primary School Bardd 2022

MONMOUTH RFC
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FREE TASTER SESSION
THIS SUNDAY 10-11AM

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