



Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 25th March



Spring Clean Up

Our Eco Leaders were fortunate enough to meet with Tom Ward-Jackson from Keep Wales Tidy. During the meeting they discussed the importance of carrying out 'litter picks' around our school and the local community. We ensured we understood how to do this safely and agreed the areas we were going to focus on. Our leaders will take part in the Spring Clean Cymru Campaign which launches on 25th March, beginning with the school grounds moving onto Roman Way and finally the community car park when our pathway is completed.



Support for Ukraine

Today we have shown our united support to our friends in Ukraine—the school became blue and yellow for the day which wonderful. Your monetary donations along with our fellow cluster schools will counted and forwarded to those most in need as a matter of urgency. Mrs Kersley continues to be a point of contact for donations. Your donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the side entrance to the hall. These will be collected at the end of the day each Wednesday until further notice.

Comic Relief

What a wonderful day we had last Friday whilst raising money for such important causes. It was a delight to welcome every child to school with such wonderful hats, they were certainly good for ensuring everyone smiled and laughed throughout the day! Well being hat day could be a new feature! Thankyou to your generosity we helped raise £180 for Comic Relief. (to date)



Ending Physical Punishment

21st March 2022 was a historic moment for children and their rights in Wales. From this day on, physically punishing children became illegal in Wales. We want to protect children and their rights, to help give them the best start in life.

All physical punishment is illegal in Wales.

It gives children the same protection from assault as adults.

It makes the law clearer - easier for children, parents, professionals and the public to understand.

Tennis Success

Congratulations to Lyra from Year 4, who played in the Cardiff Met 9U Grade 5 competition on Saturday 12th March and after a great final she came away with 2nd place! She trains at Usk Tennis Club and is coached by James Churchill. She is part of the South Wales County Squad and has recently been chosen to play for South Wales in the 9U County Cup . Lyra competed with the South Wales County Squad this weekend where they came 3rd— congratulations Lyra!





RED NOSE DAY 2022

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Academic Year 2021/ 2022

Spring Term

- Fri 25th March**– Cluster Support Ukraine Day
- Fri 1st April**—Y4, 5, 6– Trip to Bristol Aquarium
- Thurs 7th April**– Spring Report Sent Home
- Fri 8th April**– End of Spring Term

Summer Term

- Mon 25th April**– Summer Term Commences
- Weds 28th April**– Y2 & Y3– Trip to Noah's Ark
- w/c: 16th May**– Parent Sharing Events
- w/c: 23rd May**– Parents Consultations via School Cloud
- 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
- Fri 1st July**– INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)
- Weds 13th– Fri 15th July**—Y6 Residential Viney Hill

Thankyou and Good Luck...

To Miss Hawker and Mrs Farr who have completed their final placement with us this term. They have been with us throughout the academic year as part of their BA in Education. Reception and Year Two have been fortunate to have them as their teachers this year. They will be missed greatly, but we wish them every success in the future as they continue on their teaching journey.

Family Thrive

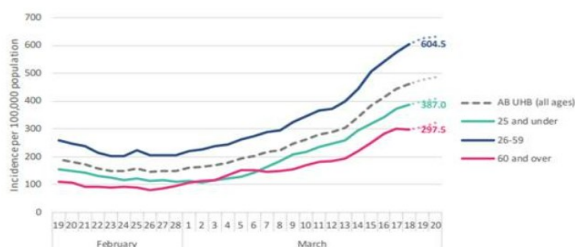
We are delighted to share that our Family Thrive Sessions will commence on Friday 29th April—in person finally. The sessions will run for 6 weeks and will take place at 9.15am for one hour. If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Peacock as there are still some spaces available.

Covid Regulations Update

The plan had been for most regulations to drop away on Monday. As a result of the current data, instead, the following will remain legal requirements:

- the need to wear face coverings in health and social care settings;
 - the need for work places to carry out CV risk assessments and put in place reasonable measures to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.
- And the below will be strongly recommended:
- wearing facemasks in crowded indoor spaces (eg shops and public transport);
 - self isolating after a positive test.

School guidance is set to remain the same until end of term on 8 Apr (though there are ongoing discussions within the education sector), with a commitment to work closely with partners on arrangements for pupils on their return after Easter. Therefore our Risk Assessment remains unchanged for the remainder of the Spring Term.



Class News

Reception:

Wow, so lovely to see the warmer weather at last. An exciting, fun packed couple of weeks. Last week was Science Week and we all had lots of fun making some exciting science experiments. We made predictions about what might happen and why. What thought-provoking discussions we had. In Dance, we were moving like ocean creatures in time to music. The children have been learning about "Pollution in the Ocean." We have created posters, made a plastic pledge and sorted rubbish according to their properties. It is lovely to see the children so passionate about this plight on our environment. We have been making animations of "Room on the Broom" which the children have really enjoyed. You can go on Hwb to see their creations. The children have been looking at a world map and identifying the different oceans that we have been talking about. Where are these oceans? What lives in the different oceans? This week we have been busy making Mother's Day cards in the style of..... (You will have to wait and see!). I Hope you have a lovely Mother's Day. Thank you for your support.

Year One:

Another busy two weeks have flown by in Year 1. We enjoyed partaking in British Science Week by carrying out lots of experiments, and the class and I have loved seeing everyone's eggcellent attempts at making an egg bounce at home! Year 1's hats looked hilarious on Red Nose Day, da iawn to you all for your creativeness. The children enjoyed making habitats out of Lego for the red nose animals, as well as learning new IT skills to edit a red nose onto a picture of an animal sourced from the internet. The children worked really hard to make their pictures their own. Continuing with our science work, we have been considering the effects humans have on our oceans, as well as the small things we can do to help in our day-to-day lives. In Welsh, children have been learning how to ask for items of food, and set up a classroom shop where they were buying and selling to each other. Gwaith bendigedig, blyddwyn 1!

Year Two:

Year 2 have had a busy couple of weeks carrying out various activities linked to science week and making and wearing silly hats for Red Nose day. We have investigated many questions, 'Do our body parts grow as we get older?' 'Do people with the longest legs jump the furthest?' and 'What are the best conditions for a plant to grow?' We are currently still carrying out observations on our plants in different conditions. We have made sensible predictions and conclusions, identified what makes a fair test and have given reasons for our predictions and findings. In Numeracy we have been dividing, telling the time using both analogue and digital and working with money, identifying equivalent amounts and choosing the correct coins to pay for items. We have carried on looking at Hinduism and the story of Rama and Sita, talking about the message in the story and how it can link to our everyday experiences. We have used our ICT skills to read and complete a tally chart and pictogram. Da iawn Y2 on a busy and successful couple of weeks!

Year Three

The last fortnight has kept us busy in Year Three. In Numeracy we have been dividing leaving remainders and calculating the change from £1 and £5. We opened up 'outside shops' and bought items from our shopkeepers. In Literacy we have created a comic strip and written up non-chronological reports based on animals. In Science we have carried out and written up an experiment on which conditions are best for plants. As a part of Forest Schools we have built bug hotels and walked the loop around Wet Meadow.

Year Four:

We continue to race towards the end of term with our topic of Blue Abyss. In literacy we have been honing our inference and deduction skills by investigating the picture book Flotsam and planning and writing non-chronological reports. Our maths has taken outside to explore symmetry in nature and taking part in World Maths Day. Using an online platform, we were able to compete with similar aged children live around the world which was incredibly exciting! The mini topic of Plastic Fantastic? continues to grow, with us looking at the uses of plastic and whether we still need to use plastic or not. The discussions have been very interesting! We have been comparing our knowledge of Welsh and French for simple classroom instructions such as listening, watching and chairs under. It is lovely to see and hear them speaking different languages. Well done for working so hard year 4.

Year Five:

We've had another great couple of weeks in Year 5. In Literacy we have been using our Blue Abyss topic work so far to plan and write a non-chronological report on the problem of plastic pollution in the ocean. We are looking forward to our aquarium visit next week so we can find out more about the impact of plastic on marine life, and what we can do to help. We have been working on converting metric measurements in Maths, - this was quite tricky at first, but we got the hang of it and started to use our learning to solve real life problems. During World Maths Day we explored geometric patterns to create art using Maths, and we've also attempted to make symmetry art using natural materials outside. The children took part in a worldwide online challenge, and were very enthusiastic in competing against other students to earn points for speed and accuracy in games testing their basic Maths - a very competitive morning in Year 5! We have had an exciting time this week planning and carrying out a science investigation to see if we could make an eco-friendly plastic using household ingredients, with some very interesting results...ask the children to tell you more about it!

Year Six:

Once again Year 6 have had a busy two weeks and with the weather improving, we have been taking the opportunity to move our learning outside into our school grounds. In maths we have been using tape measures and iPads to measure the lengths of different objects around the school including benches and tables. With these measurements we then calculated the perimeter and the area of these objects. We then used these measurements to help us find the area of the school gardens to use in our designs for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to show on our google slides garden designs. Year 6 also had fun celebrating Comic Relief, designing a habitat for our red noses. Back to outdoor learning Year 6 enjoyed spending time outside looking at our environment for inspiration for writing an alliteration poem. There are some fantastic poets in Year 6! This week we have continued with our Jubilee Garden designs using google slides ready for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. We also had our latest Barclays Coding live lesson, Wonderful Whales and Dolphins where we used code to make a whale move through the ocean. Wednesday, we celebrated World Maths Day by completing different activities involving Art in Maths. On Friday Year 6 wrote letters to send to Ukrainian school children, these letters will be included in rucksacks which are being sent to children who have been affected by the war.

Vigil for Ukraine

St Nicholas Church, Trellech

Friday 25th March

Between 7-8pm

Everyone is welcome to come, pop in to light a candle and listen to some music,

Stay as long or leave when you wish.

Suitable for families.

Mothering Sunday Service

St Nicholas Church Trellech.

Sunday, March 27th at 11 am

The service will be adapted to suit

families and children,

approx 45 minutes long with refreshments to follow.

There will be flowers for parents/ carers

With an opportunity to light candles to remember

the mothers of Ukraine and other places



Dixton Junior Park Run

JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER
or simply come and watch - It's up to you!

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND PARKRUN IF YOU DISPLAY ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS
Every Sunday morning

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

EVERYONE WELCOME
Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - It's up to you!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART
No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

MAKE FRIENDS
Meet lots of new people

LEARN NEW SKILLS
Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD
Try your best and celebrate your achievements

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"

Register at parkrun.com
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

Every Sunday 9am
Monmouth Leisure Centre

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Physical Activity Strategy– Mon Life

We are currently undertaking an online survey in Monmouthshire for all to have their say and state their opinions / views on how we can improve access to facilities and make opportunities more accessible for people in Monmouthshire. This survey will be open for completion for a duration of 4 weeks and is accessible for all to participate in and have their say.

We are aiming to collect maximum data for a 5 year strategy plan around Physical Activity to be produced. The links to the survey are;

English version – <https://tinyurl.com/Active-Monmouthshire2022>



Cwblhau Ein Harolwg
Complete Our Survey

Rydym eisiau eich barn ar sut y gallwn wella'r cyfleoedd presennol ac yn y dyfodol i ddatblygu cyfleusterau ar gyfer chwaraeon a gweithgareddau corfforal i bawb yn Sir Fynwy

We want your views on how we can improve existing and future opportunities to develop facilities for sport and physical activity for all in Monmouthshire

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For the mind, body and soul of our community