



# Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 8th April



## Be Bright Be Seen

Following our recent campaign led by our Y4 Pupil Committee the successful entries for our Be Bright Be Seen campaign were: Monty Cox (Y1), Danny Kersley (Y2), Evie Cummings (Y3), Ben Greenhill (Y4), Mia Hall (Y5) and Sylvee Schrees (Y6). Congratulations to you all.



## Spring Term Interim Reports

You should have received your child's progress report yesterday via email. If you did not please do get in touch so we can forward them to you as soon as possible.

## Year Six Transition to MCS (Important Dates)

Monmouth Comprehensive School will be holding 'New Entrants' Evenings' on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 5 – 6pm. MCS will invite three form groups to attend each evening (this information will be shared nearer the time). Students will receive information about their form groups one week before the New Entrants' Evening. On this evening, they will receive a welcome address from our Headteacher, Mr Hutchison, and from Miss Cooke. They will also have an opportunity to meet their form tutor and others in their form groups, and to ask any questions about the Transition process or daily life at MCS.

Taster Days will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The Taster Days will be half the year group at a time according to their form groups, with 5 form groups on Monday and Tuesday and 4 form groups on Wednesday and Thursday. The details regarding the scheduling of these days will be shared at a later date once form groups are built. Students will have an opportunity to meet staff, take part in taster lessons and meet others in their cohort.

## Good Luck...

....to Miss Light who after the Easter Break will be completing her second block of her PGCE at Osbaston Primary School. We will miss her very much as she completes this over the next seven weeks but are very sure she will continue to flourish on the next part of her teaching journey.

## Support for Ukraine

Last week we have showed 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 has been collected and we are pleased to announce we have forwarded a huge, £466.60. Your generosity continues to amaze us. Mrs Kersley continues to be a point of contact for donations, which once again we are extremely grateful for. Your donations continue to be welcome and we will update you with further needs following the Easter Break.



## Class Photographs

The school photographer will be in on **Tuesday 26th April** to take class photos. Please could Y6 wear school uniform to school on that day and bring PE Kit to change into for their afternoon PE Session.

## Personal Development and Relationships Education

Pupils will access their RSE curriculum in the first two weeks of returning to school after the Easter Break. The lessons will introduce the pupils to learning through circle time activities, story books and resources used as part of the programme supported by Monmouthshire Healthy Schools.



**Academic Year 2021/ 2022**

**Spring Term**

**Thurs 7th April**– Spring Report Sent Home

**Fri 8th April**– End of Spring Term

**Summer Term**

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

**Tues 26th April**– Group/ Class Photographs

**Weds 28th April**– Y2 & Y3– Trip to Noah's Ark

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

**Mon 16th May**– Y2/ Y3 Road Safety Scooter Sessions

**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

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



## INCLUSIVE CANOEING EXPERIENCE

A FREE opportunity for families to experience canoeing. Suitable for people with physical disabilities and neurodiversity conditions

Thursday 14th April 2022  
10.00am - 12.30pm  
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Pontymoile Basin, Mon Brecon Canal,  
Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 8ER

For booking and more information, contact:  
**Brett Mahoney**  
[Brett.Mahoney@OutdoorPartnership.co.uk](mailto:Brett.Mahoney@OutdoorPartnership.co.uk)

Participants with physical disabilities will need to be ambulant or able to transfer into a canoe.

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## **Class News**

### **Reception:**

This term has just flown by. We all enjoyed dressing up in yellow and blue to celebrate Ukraine Day. We did a mindfulness walk in the forest to remember those that are less fortunate than ourselves. It was quite emotional in the forest, and the silence made it quite moving and beautiful. In Numeracy we have been adding 1 more to a number and then identifying 1 less. It's the language the children sometimes find tricky. We completed lots of practical activities, such as travelling on a bus and 1 gets off, how many are left? The children created leaflets advertising Reception Class. It's really interesting to see what the children see as important to them. Last week we had to say goodbye to our lovely student, Mrs Farr. We will definitely miss her, but wish her every success in her teaching career. This week we have been making some Easter gifts which I am sure you will love. We have also completed our dance sequences which we have performed to each other in small groups. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in the Summer term.

### **Year One:**

In the build up to Easter, Year 1 have been learning about why the celebration is such a joyous time for Christians. We have looked at signs of new life in nature, finding buds growing on trees and bushes whilst on the Daily Mile, and the children did a great job at working out the rhyming clues in our Forest School Easter hunt. We had a discussion about what we wanted to learn from our Summer term topics of Jubilations! and London, and over Easter children might like to see what they can find out about the Queen and her Platinum Jubilee. In maths we have explored triangles as well as 3D shapes, and children worked together to build 3D structures out of sticks. I wish you all a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing what the Summer term brings to Year 1.

### **Year Two:**

Wow! We can't believe that we are at the end of the Spring Term. Once again we have been busy completing a range of activities linked to our topic 'Nurture Nature'. We hope all the mums liked their cards and wreaths that were carefully created for the special day. We enjoyed using our skills with money to count the coins we had collected for Ukraine Day, as well as writing letters to those children less fortunate, the letters were very thoughtful and showed maturity. We have been measuring the amount of capacity an object uses in ml and litres as well as solving some tricky problems to help the Easter Bunny put the correct number of eggs in each basket. The children have enjoyed earning their badges for their times tables challenges, which is great to see! We have continued to observe our seeds to record our results linked to what plants need to grow. We found out that they need water, sunlight and soil. We have now planted our healthier plants ready to harvest some peas. We have continued to use digital technology to present data using pictograms and block graphs, using our tally's confidently and showing our understanding by asking and answering questions about the data. We have been showing our Expressive Arts skills through our artwork based on Henri Rousseau- we are very talented! We have enjoyed discussing the benefits of learning languages and continue to become confident with both Welsh and French. At forest school the children chose the activities they would like to complete.....a long walk and a litter pick were the chosen ones- what healthy, confident and ethical pupils we have. We hope the children have a wonderful Easter break and come back ready for the final term....I wonder what will be in store for us?!

### **Year Three:**

I can't believe another term is over. However, we have all worked so hard in year three and really do deserve a break! We have been writing diary entries and instruction texts in literacy and measuring capacity in numeracy as well as solving Easter problems and creating tangrams. We have been learning about the days of the week in French and creating fantastic pieces of art in the style of Henri Rousseau. Have a lovely break.

### **Year Four:**

What a busy and fun term we have had! The children have thoroughly enjoyed our topic of Blue Abyss, culminating in our trip to Bristol Aquarium. They loved seeing their learning in action, particularly about the adaptations of the fish and how plastic is having such a negative effect on our oceans. The children have worked incredibly hard on our mini topic of Plastic Fantastic?, using their skills to create a google slides with hyperlinks, embedded videos and animated characters. We have also been making and investigating our own bioplastic using milk and vinegar. The children worked well together to follow instructions, measure amounts, observe results and draw conclusions. We used three different types of milk to see which created the best mould. Some predictions were spot on! We have also been busy learning French greetings, being able to ask each other how they are and reply with different answers. Many congratulations to those children who have moved levels in our Times Tables Challenge, it is fabulous to see you wearing your badges with such pride. Our new topic for years 4, 5 and 6 after Easter is "Around the World in 80 Days" and the children have already given us a plethora of ideas to work on. We will be starting swimming lessons on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April so please make sure all letters are returned and swimming kit is in school on Wednesday's. Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for learning.

**Year Five:** Year 5 have had another fantastic half term, and I can't believe how much we have managed to pack in! We have spent the last few weeks working on a mini topic within our Blue Abyss work, finding out about the issue of plastic pollution, the damage being done to our oceans and ways we can help to answer the question is Plastic Fantastic. We have had a go at making our own bioplastic in class, and found out that our plastic made from milk and vinegar was *almost* as hard and strong as real plastic! The children have been collaborating to create a multimedia presentation to share everything they have learnt, using all of their digital skills. They have filmed, edited and added soundtracks to video clips, carried out detailed research, produced infographics, embedded video and hyperlinks and created animated mascots. We had a fantastic trip to Bristol Aquarium last week, where we were able to find out even more fascinating information to add to our work. It has been great to see how keen the children are to earn the next badge and move up a level in our times table challenge, and it is clear there is lots of practice going on at home so da iawn everyone! We have been thinking ahead to our new, exciting topic 'Around the World in 80 Days', and have already come up with lots of different things we would like to find out about! We hope you all have a lovely, restful Easter break, and look forward to seeing you back recharged and refreshed ready for your final term in Year 5!

### **Year Six:**

What a busy 2 weeks Yr6 have had to finish their Spring Term. At the beginning of the week, we started to clear the school gardens, a big job which I was expecting to take at least 2 to 3 days. However, Yr6 showed me how amazing they are and cleared and tidied all the gardens in 1 day - amazing. Even the chicken wire didn't beat you. Well done! We have now written our letters to some of the local supermarkets and garden centres asking for donations of flowers to complete our designs in the Summer Term. Yr6 also welcomed Miss Cooke, Transition Lead to our school where they impressed her with their excellent gymnastic and listening skills - Mrs Christofi was very proud of all of you. To end the week, we then had our first away visit in over 2 years to Bristol Aquarium which was fantastic. We all learnt so much from our guide Sophie, especially about the effects plastic is having to the marine life around the world. Thank you again to Miss Tudge and Mrs Pilkington for your help during the day. This week has started a little quieter, although a visit from an author on Tuesday really captured our imagination. CC Brampton, the author of 'Charlie Robonik' came into school to inspire us to become writers, sharing with us some of the tricks of being an author. We also had another interesting visit on Wednesday from a member of Monmouthshire's Road Safety Team to talk to us about transition and how we keep safe when we are travelling to the comprehensive school in September. We then spent the last few days completing our Plastic Fantastic? presentation and planning an experiment to change milk into plastic, which was very exciting. I'm not sure how we have managed to fit in so much learning Yr6, you are amazing! I would like to say well done and thank you to you all. Wishing you all a lovely Easter holiday.

## Covid Update

At the end of March, changes to Welsh Government guidance came into effect. These removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive lateral flow test and the removal of asymptomatic testing. However, education settings were asked to continue with previous operations until 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and the start of the Easter break. You will probably be aware that further symptoms have been added and, from the start of the summer term, as we move to what is regarded as a 'COVID stable' phase, it is worth outlining some basic expectations. The local authority have indicated that it is highly unlikely that specific guidance to schools will be released during the break and therefore I thought it helpful to share the thinking behind the new term arrangements.

When we return after the Easter break, we will be operating at 'low level' category of risk. There will only be a need for staff and pupils to participate in lateral flow testing if symptomatic.

From 25<sup>th</sup> April, where a pupil or staff member feels unwell and is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 they are still advised to do a lateral flow test. If the test is positive, the advice for self-isolation guidance, remains in place. However, if the test is negative but they continue to feel unwell they should remain at home and contact the school indicating the reason for absence, as in normal circumstances. If they feel well enough to attend then they are permitted to do so. Please be assured that we will continue to monitor the situation, in line with guidance, and work with the relevant bodies to respond to any changes to guidance moving forwards.



## Year Six Eco Committee

Our Eco Leaders have been completing a Litter Pick within the school grounds as part of the 'Spring Clean Up' led by Keep Wales Tidy. We look forward to extending this in the Summer Term to include our immediate areas within the community. Great citizenship being displayed.



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**PER CHILD**

**Llun 11<sup>ed</sup> – Iau 14<sup>ed</sup> Ebrill**  
**Mercher 20<sup>ed</sup> – Gwener 22<sup>ed</sup> Ebrill**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**8am – 5pm**  
**Oed / Ages: 5-11**  
**LLOEDD CYFYNGEDIG AR GAEL!**  
**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!**

