



Trellech Primary School

Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 10th June

Jubilee Celebrations

The end of term saw the school come alive with celebrations in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children looked splendid in their array of outfits for the occasion. They took part in a variety of activities to help them celebrate including Dancing through the decades, designing Jubilee Stamps, learning songs and creating an array of art work including 'The Queens Knickers!'. Some of the work produced by the children were placed on display in St Nicholas Church for the whole community to share. Thank you to Mrs Fawsitt, Mrs Worall and Mrs Voaden for taking the time to set the display up on behalf of the school.

We were honoured to have The Queen visit us for the day and helped us choose the winners of The Crown competition. Congratulations to all of you who made crowns, they were spectacular, but all unique.

As part of the celebrations our youngest and eldest pupils planted a Jubilee Rose for all to enjoy, you can see this coming into bloom at the main entrance of the school. Later in the year we will plant a tree as part of the Queen's Canopy within the school grounds. We hope you all enjoyed the celebrations in your communities.

Congratulations to.....

Mrs Christofi who has secured a seconded role for one year to the Education Achievement Service as Principal School Improvement Partner. This is a great opportunity for the school to benefit from the experience Mrs Christofi will gain in this influential role. During this time Mrs Peacock will be appointed Interim Headteacher. The role of Deputy Headteacher will be fulfilled through an internal recruitment process, which has already begun. We look forward to sharing the outcome as soon as possible. Mrs Peacock will not have a teaching commitment and following interview and lesson observations we are delighted to share that Miss Elias will teach reception. Miss Elias will join us for Move Up Day in readiness for September. Congratulations to Mrs Hassall who has shared the wonderful news that she is expecting her second child early in the Autumn Term.

School Sports Days

Following last years class sports day events we plan to return to some normality this year, providing the current guidance remains in place. With this in mind each Key Stage will have their own Sports

afternoon commencing at 1.30pm. The dates are as follows with reserve dates found in brackets (if postponed due to the weather).

Key Stage Two: Wednesday 22nd June (Weds 29th June)

Foundation Phase: Thursday 23rd June (Thurs 30th June)

Year Six Girls Football Tournament

On Monday 23rd May, Mrs Fawsitt and Miss Ward took ten of our Y6 Girls to Rodney Parade, Newport to take part in a Girls Tournament organised by our friends at County in the Community. The girls showed great skill and teamwork during the morning. We are very pleased to announce that they came third. We are so proud of their achievements and we now look forward to take part in more events like this as restrictions are lifted. Congratulations Girls!

Progression Step 3 End of Year Performance

We are thrilled to announce that Years 6, 5 and 4 will be performing the pantomime Cinderella Rockafella at the end of the summer term. There will be two performances parents are invited to attend, one afternoon and evening performance on Tuesday 19th July. The evening performance will be a formal farewell to Year 6 in lieu of a leavers assembly where they will be presented with their hoodies. Pupils will be invited to watch the dress rehearsal on Monday 18th July. We look forward to welcoming you back into school.

Schoop

Thank you to those of you who contacted us with regard the app 'Schoop' as a means of communication. Your feedback has been invaluable and as a result we are now in the process of setting this up for the school to use as our main method of communication. We will contact you with further details in the very near future.

Academic Calendar

Summer Term finishes on Friday 22nd July. The new academic term commences on Friday 2nd September. This will be an INSET Day and therefore school will be closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming all pupils on Monday 5th September at 9am, particularly those joining us in Reception for their first day in school (either at 9.15am or 1.15pm). Friday 30th September will be our second INSET Day of the academic year and therefore school will be closed to pupils.



Summer Term

Tues 7th June– Summer Term Two Commences

Thurs 16th June: Y2 Kerbcraft Sessions commence

Weds 22nd June: KS2 Sports Day

Thurs 23rd June: FP Sports Day

Mon 27th June: Y6 Transition Day: Bailey Park

Weds 29th June: Yr5/6 Matilda at MGS

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

Mon 4th - Thurs 7th July: Yr 6 Move Up days MCS

Tues 5th July– Move Up Day

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

Mon 18th July: Dress Rehearsal for Cinderella Rockafella

Tues 19th July: 1.30pm Cinderella Rockafella Performance & 5.30pm Performance for Parents (Yr6 Leavers Presentation)

Thurs 21st July: Yr 6 Prisco 5.30pm

Fri 22nd July– End of Academic Year



Tennis Success

Congratulations to Lyra from Year 4, for winning the Wales Tour 9U Girls Grade 5 tennis competition in Cardiff over half term. She won all of her matches and even beat the winner of the 9U boys in an extra match at the end!



Class News

Reception:

I hope you all managed to have a restful half term. This is the last term in Reception Class!! How time flies. We all had lots of fun celebrating, The Queen's Jubilee. The disco through the decades was probably a highlight, with the children mesmerised at the staff dancing some party favourites! I think the children thought we had carefully choreographed are moves. Oh, and I must mention the Queen, who popped in for the Jubilee picnic. What a surprise for us all!! The children have learnt a lot about Queen Elizabeth and her family and we will now be moving on to discover the city of London. Next week we will be finding out about the tallest buildings in London. This week we have been finding out about the artist L.S. Lowry. Did you know he used to paint his pictures on cardboard boxes from outside shops? We are also learning to sing a song about Lowry. I am sure in time your child will sing it to you.

Year One:

What an exciting end to half term Year 1 had! With a disco through the decades, Jubilee picnic and a very special visit from Her Royal Majesty the Queen herself, I hope the children had a recuperative break. We wrote and filmed interviews with the Queen, with children taking on the roles of camera operators, interviewers and actors. They loved watching their finished products and were very supportive of each other's work which was great to see. The class' work on Queen Elizabeth and London are creating two wonderful displays in the classroom, with children drawing and painting London landmarks to begin our new topic. We have been enjoying reading a couple of new books about London, and have been researching interesting facts about its most famous landmarks. Please remember to have labelled PE kit in school with socks and outdoor trainers as we have begun practising for this year's sports day.

Year Two:

Year 2 have had a busy end of term with the Jubilee celebrations, joining Rec and Y1 for an afternoon of Dancing through the decades. What wonderful costumes the children wore! We had a wonderful day celebrating, wearing our splendid crowns throughout the day. We enjoyed a visit from the Queen during our picnic, designed The Queens Pants, completed some research about the Queen and produced factfiles and completed some portraits of the Queen. We were honoured to have a Platinum Jubilee Medal shared with us in class and this week we have shared pictures of the medal being worn and the class were quite enthused by the sword that was carried! At Forest School we made our own natural crowns, chose a King and Queen and held our own coronation ceremony. We were fortunate to have the team from Monmouthshire Road Safety joining us to end the half term for our Scoot to School Sessions and we look forward to our Kerbcraft sessions after half term.

Year Three:

I hope you had a lovely half term. This week we have been using column subtraction and using and recognising co-ordinates on a grid. The pupils enjoyed creating their own treasure maps. We have been planning and writing a play script in Literacy. In humanities year threes have been learning about the importance of the RNLI and identified the dangers that there are at the coast. Pupils are practising for the long awaited Sports Day, improving their running style and skipping skills.

Year Four:

Year four have continued to be busy with celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee, our trip to Hay Festival and continuing with our topic of Around the World in 80 Days. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Platinum Jubilee, researching and creating timelines of events throughout the Queen's life, designing and making Jubilee biscuit tins using nets and creating a new set of stamps. We hope you managed to see some of their work displayed in the church. Thank you for all the effort in helping to make crowns and the red, white and blue outfits the children wore to school - they looked wonderful! Since returning to school we have carried out a science investigation to determine whether the size of a hot air balloon affects the height it can rise. The children were amazing at measuring the height and discussing the anomalies they found. We have also been learning about ratio and writing a letter of application to become part of the crew aboard a skyship. Our P.E sessions will focus on athletics over the next few weeks, in preparation for Sports Day on June 22nd. Please can you ensure children have correct footwear for running and plenty of water on a Friday in particular. We look forward to a busy half term!

Year Five:

We have once again had an extremely busy few weeks in Year 5! Before half term we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee, using our ICT skills to create a timeline of word events during Queen Elizabeth's reign, designed a set of commemorative stamps, and wrote a short story about the Queen's hat based on an animated film. We had a fantastic trip to Hay Festival where we enjoyed listening to inspiring talks to develop our love of reading and writing - every single child represented our school brilliantly! Linking to our Brightstorm novel, in Literacy we have been writing setting descriptions and using adventurous and imaginative vocabulary to create an imaginative list of things to take on an expedition. We have also planned an experiment to find out how hot air balloons work and whether the size of the balloon affects how it will fly, and look forward to carrying out our investigation next week. In Maths we have been learning about ratio, as well as revising some of our basic maths skills which has helped us to make great progress in our Big Maths assessments this week.

Year Six:

It has been a busy couple of days after returning to school after half term. Before the break Yr6 enjoyed preparing and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, designing stamps, crowns and creating a timeline of the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We enjoyed eating the picnic lunch in school and then played the games we designed for years 3, 4 and 5. A fun afternoon. Our last day of term was spent at the Hay Festival where we all enjoyed listening to famous authors tell their stories about their lives and what inspired them to write books for children, some of us even managed to meet our favourite author during the day. Hopefully we have inspired children to develop a love of reading and possibly even become an author or illustrator in their future careers. This week we have seen a return to our topic work where we have been planning a science investigation following in the footsteps of Phileas Fogg and learning whether the size of the balloon affects how high a balloon can rise. We have also been designing an obstacle race for us to complete during our Sports Day during our PE lessons. A great start to the last half term of the summer.



Trellech's Got Talent

It was wonderful to be able to hold Trellech's Got Talent following its absence over the last couple of years. We are very appreciative to our PTFA who spent many hours arranging the event and supporting the performers. It was lovely to see our school community enjoying the evening of entertainment along with some delicious food and refreshments. Thank you to those involved in making the evening such a success.

Congratulations to all of those who took part and shared their amazing variety of talents. It is always wonderful to see your talent and confidence to perform on stage to such an enthusiastic audience.

It was also a pleasure to welcome back past pupils who performed, judged the event, supported with the 'tech' and hosted the evening.

We look forward to more events forming part of the school calendar as we return to some 'normality'.

The Sound of Music

Maya Thomas, Year 6 recently played the part of Brigitta (one of the Von Trapp children) in the much-loved musical, The Sound of Music. The musical ran over 4 days at The Savoy in Monmouth and was produced by Monmouth Musical Theatre group. Congratulations Maya on your performance.

