



Week Ending—Friday 24th June

Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Foundation Phase & KS2 Sports Day

What a pleasure it was to welcome our school community back for our Sports Days. The weather was extremely kind to us and despite the heat for all of our pupils, we are sure you will agree that they demonstrated skill and determination on both afternoons. We are very proud of each and every child who took part, with enthusiasm and perseverance to complete each event. Your support, encouragement and cheering helped them along as well as the continued support from their peers, showing great sportsmanship.

A special thankyou must go to our Staff and Year Six pupils who ensured the events went smoothly and all children and equipment were in the right place at the right time! Without this teamwork, events such as these cannot take place. We hope you all enjoyed the refreshments provided by our wonderful PTFA who continue to work tirelessly to support our school. We look forward to future events as we are able to welcome the community back on site after such a strange couple of years. The final results for each afternoon are as follows:

Key Stage Two

1st: Usk, 2nd: Monnow and 3rd: Wye

Foundation Phase

1st: Usk, 2nd: Wye and 3rd: Monnow

Congratulations to our overall winners from both events, Usk with a combined total of 954 house points.



Cinderella Rockfella Performances

As detailed in our previous newsletter we are excited to be able to bring you a performance this Summer. A booking form link will be sent out shortly via Schoop to book tickets with each family being able to book 2 adult tickets for the performances.

Schoop

In response to parent feedback, we will now be using the **Schoop** app as our main channel of communication. We hope that this will be much more streamlined and allow you to access all information in one centralised location rather than across multiple platforms. Reminders, important notices, newsletters and permission forms will be delivered direct to your phone in the form of push notifications, and documents will be saved in an online library through the app should you need to access at a later date.

We ask that all parents download the app, register with our unique Schoop ID **-10164** - and complete the 'Child's Name' form to link your child(ren) to your account. You can then select the year groups that you would like to receive alerts for to ensure all information you receive is relevant. The app itself is very user-friendly and intuitive, but there are help guides available in the document library should you need them.

PE Kits/ Forest School Clothes for the New Academic Year

Following restrictions during our return to school as a result of Covid-19 pupils attending Forest School or participating in Physical Education on a specified day have been asked to attend school in these specific suitable clothes. There have been many benefits to the change in this routine including use of time as well as children's privacy. We would like to continue with this routine in the new academic year but we would ask that children wear the appropriate school PE Kit on these days. In order to maintain our unity as a school community all children should come in their PE T-shirt and black shorts/ leggings or joggers with a school jumper or red hoody (or matching house colour) for PE. Whilst those pupils attending forest school should wear suitable trousers for the outdoors with a school jumper/ hoody. In the new academic year your child's teacher will share information regarding the days that this is necessary. Our younger children will continue to change in school to support the development of skills in using buttons, zips and fasteners. Thank you for your support and cooperation in advance.



Summer Term

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

Autumn Term

Fri 2nd Sept– INSET Day School Closed to pupils

Mon 5th Sept– Autumn Term Commences for All Pupils

Mon 12th Sept– Reception Pupils Commence full time

Fri 30th Sept- INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 28th Oct– End of Half Term

Mon 7th Nov– Autumn Term Two Commences

Fri 23rd Dec– End of Autumn Term

Mon 9th Jan– Spring Term Commences

Fri 17th Feb– Half Term Commences

Mon 27th Feb– Spring Term Two Commences

Fri 31st Mar– End of Spring Term

Mon 17th April– Summer Term Commences

Fri 26th May– Half Term Commences

Mon 5th June– Summer Term Two Commences

Fri 21st July—End of Summer Term

Three further INSET Days to be confirmed

Class News

Reception:

It is so lovely to see the weather warming up at last. I hope all of you dads had a lovely Father's Day and liked your card in the style of L.S Lowry. I was very impressed with their creations. We have been doing some research on Lowry- where he was from, what he liked to paint, the colours he used etc. This week we have been looking at the correct conditions for healthy plants to grow. Then we will be planting sunflower seeds. We have been practising Sports Day activities and look forward to seeing you all. Continuing with the theme of London, we have been researching some of the landmarks in London. How tall are these buildings? What are they used for? What do they look like? The children have then recreated these buildings in the block play area. In Reception Class we embrace Mindfulness activities and positively encourage meditation in and outside of the classroom. In the last few weeks of term we will be completing some yoga activities. Thank you for your support.

Year One:

Over this fortnight, Year 1 have been learning about different landmarks in London. We have been thinking about their shapes and heights and what they're used for. This week we compared the similarities and differences between a city and the countryside, thinking about which we would rather live in and why. For Fathers' Day I was very impressed by the standard of poems children produced for their dads, and I hope you all had an enjoyable day celebrating your loved ones. In science we have been looking at the different parts of a flowering plant and considering what each does to help keep the plant alive. In the forest we went on a flower hunt and built replicas of London landmarks using the natural resources available. This week, Year 1 performed brilliantly in Sports Day, with every one of them displaying a multitude of our school values. A big well done to them all as they tried their best in their races, and thank you to all that made it out to watch and cheer on.

Year Two:

Year 2 have had a busy couple of weeks, starting our Kerbcraft sessions to learn how to become safer near the roads and also our swimming sessions. We have started our oral presentations on a topic of our choice that interests us and thoroughly enjoyed listening to them. We look forward to hearing more over the next couple of weeks. During our Forest School sessions we have observed how the forest and scenery around us are constantly changing and the beautiful flowers growing in the meadows. We have sketched what we can see, made dens and bug hotels and continued to explore animal adaptations. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed Sports Day and even more so having family there to watch, we were all so proud of ourselves for such great sportsmanship. We have been learning about the different biomes in the world and how animals adapt for survival as well as learning the months of the year in French. We have been developing our past tense knowledge in Welsh and writing about a trip we have been on including who with, what we ate, what we saw and giving our opinion. During our Expressive Arts we have appraised music thinking about what instruments we can hear, how the music makes us feel, and sharing our opinions. We also enjoyed our sign language sessions, learning how to communicate some basic signs. We look forward to hopefully more sunshine and continuing with our events and topic over the last few weeks of the term.

Year Three:

There has been plenty of outdoor learning going on in the last couple of weeks thanks to the warm weather. Year Threes have been taking their literacy lessons outside to plan a play script, act it out and group read from our 'book study' novel: The Sleeping Sword. There have been some fab oral presentations to listen to and learn from, thank you year threes. We have also been practising ready for Sports Day. In numeracy we have been getting to grips with the column method of multiplication. It's been great to see the pupils applying their times tables knowledge to help themselves. Pupils have been researching and discovering things about different biomes; the animals, the plants and the types of weather.

Year Four:

What a fun and exciting fortnight it has been in Year 4. Thanks to the PTFA, we were able to participate in a festival dance workshop where we learnt some basic samba moves and created a festival dance - all in an hour! Continuing with our topic, years 4, 5 and 6 have come together in mixed age groups to research their chosen festival and present to the other children in a method of their choice. They have made a fantastic start and will continue with this over the coming weeks. Our maths is also linking to our topic with us budgeting for a holiday to our chosen festival destination, having to take account of flights, luggage weights, activities and currency exchange to name but a few - lots for us to think about! In our Language and Literacy we have started to look at persuasive writing and the techniques associated with being persuasive such as using emotive language, use of alliteration and the power of three. We will be focusing on planning a travel brochure next week to persuade people to visit a particular country. If you have any tourists leaflets/travel brochures at home that may help us, we would really appreciate it if you can send them in. The children have taken part in an introduction to sign language workshop this week, where we looked at some basic signing. Ask them to show you what they learnt- they were so engaged and focused throughout the session. We also celebrated our first Key Stage sports day for several years. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members here to cheer the children on and well done to all of our children for your enthusiasm.

Year Five:

We've had another busy fortnight in Year 5. Last week we took part in a carnival dance workshop, choreographing and learning a salsa which was great fun. The children have been collaborating in groups with years 4 and 6 to research a festival of their choice and prepare a presentation – we are looking forward to them sharing these over the next few weeks. In Maths we have been planning a trip to visit our festival, costing flights, luggage, accommodation and spending money within a budget and calculating how much money we had left. Our Brightstorm work has continued in Literacy – we have been coming up with an imaginative list of magical items we would take with us, thinking about why they would be useful and uplevelling our writing with ambitious descriptive vocabulary. We have been considering the pros and cons of going on a skyship expedition, before deciding if we wanted to accept the offer! This week saw our first KS2 sport for a number of years, and it was lovely to have so many of you join us, We are so proud of all the children for their participation, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the afternoon – all their hard work and practising really paid off, so a massive well done to them all!

Year Six:

Another busy fortnight in year 6. We started the week with an amazing carnival dance workshop where we learned how to perform a festival dance with Jody. Sports day practice came next with Year 6 looking forward to being able to take part in their last traditional sports day. We then ended the week with another fantastic dance workshop from Drama Queens where we learned three different dances in one morning including a dance using top hats. Alongside beginning to work in groups on our Festival presentations Year 6 have been busy learning their lines and songs for the upcoming show; Cinderella, Rockafella which we are all very excited about. Year 6 then showed me and the other staff how amazing they are all are helping to make sure our sports day afternoon went smoothly, thank you year 6 for all you help through the afternoon. With the term racing ahead we are looking forward to transition activities and play rehearsals to keep us all busy.