



Week Ending—Friday 7th October

Trellech Primary School

Newsletter

Harvest Festival

After an enforced break over the last couple of years it was a delight to hold our Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church this morning. To welcome our families, governors and members of the community to this first event of the school calendar. We thank Rev. Dack for enabling us to re-introduce this event to the community calendar. The children were a pleasure to see performing in church once again, with all of our Foundation Phase pupils not having visited St Nicholas as a school before—I am sure you will agree they rose to the occasion magnificently. All of our pupils were a delight, and a special thank you to our Year Six pupils for leading our service. The great contributions to our harvest will be collected and distributed to those in the most need by Monmouth Food Bank.

Donations welcome until 12.10.22



Cross Country

Mrs Peacock and Miss Light were delighted to take forty of our Year Three to Year Six pupils to the cluster cross country event at Monmouth Leisure Centre. Every child ran the event with determination, enthusiasm and resilience. It was a delight to see the children supporting and encouraging one another during each event. A special thank you to our parents who helped us and those who also supported the children with their cheering!



Remembering the late Queen.

This week we were privileged to give every child a wonderful book in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II. Each book contains both English and Welsh text, which is something we are proud of as we support the bilingualism of our pupils. We hope the children enjoy sharing their books at home with you.



Anti Idling

Following a recent Local Authority Competition we are delighted to receive our Anti Idling Signs to place in our car parks. Our Eco Committee are going to discuss the most suitable position for them and we look forward to ensuring we adhere to the signs by turning our engines off and keeping our air cleaner for all.

UEFA Disney Playmakers

Mrs Phillips and Miss Ward recently attended the UEFA Disney Playmakers Training. They have returned enthused, ready to share the programme with girls within the school from Y2– Y3. The activities and equipment we have received as part of the programme are superb and we look forward to seeing the impact within school.

School Gates

The security gate is now installed and functioning, please note that access is necessary after 9.15am via the intercom system, which will be answered via the school office. Thank you for your co-operation in advance as we get used to the new system.

Pupil Committees

Today, has seen the first of our Pupil Committee meetings of the academic year. These have returned to their original format, where pupils from each year meet as a committee. Over the last couple of years we have altered the arrangements to ensure the safety of pupils in their 'bubbles'. We look forward to seeing their action plans and the impact of their priorities as the year progresses.

Pupil Absences from School

A polite reminder, please can you ring and leave a message before 9.30am if your child is absent from school with the details of the reason for absence and how long you anticipate your child being away from school, this will ensure your child receives the correct reason for absence on the register. If, for any reason you arrive late in the morning, please ensure you accompany your child/children into school and sign them in using the Pupils arriving late form. Mrs Appleton or Mrs Shaw will register them as in school, this is important so we ensure we know how many pupils we have on site during the day.

Pupil Sickness

With the change in weather we have started to see more children coughs and colds. If your child is poorly, especially with sickness and/or diarrhoea, we respectfully ask you to keep your child at home for at least the required 48hours after the last incident and until your child is feeling better. This will help ensure that the bugs are not passed onto others in the school community. A useful link can be found below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Website Development

We are looking to update our school website and wondering if we had anyone in our school community who could support us with this. If you would be able to offer us any advice or support with this please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Peacock.

Yellow Day (reminder)

Hello Yellow Day is on Monday 10th October, pupils are invited to wear Yellow to school on this day as part of World Mental Health Day.



Autumn Term

Mon 10th Oct– Hello Yellow Day– Wear Yellow to School

Tues 18th Oct– Open Morning (New Parents Rec 23) (new date)

Weds 19th Oct– Sharing Day in School

Tues 25th Oct- Parents Consultation via School Cloud

Weds 26th Oct- Parents Consultation via School Cloud

Thurs 27th Oct– Parents Consultation via School Cloud

Fri 28th Oct– End of Half Term

Mon 7th Nov– Autumn Term Two Commences

Fri 18th Nov– Children in Need

Weds 14th Dec- FP Nativity am

Weds 14th Dec- Y3/ Y4 Nativity pm (new date)

Thurs 15th Dec– Y3/ Y4 Nativity am (new date)

Thurs 15th Dec- FP Nativity pm

Fri 16th Dec– Whole School Trip to Pantomime (The Savoy) (new date)

Tues 20th Dec- Foundation Phase Party

Weds 21st Dec- Xmas Dinner

Weds 21st Dec—Yr5/6 Party

Thurs 22nd Dec- Yr3/4 Party

Fri 23rd Dec– End of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2023

Mon 9th Jan– Spring Term Commences

Mon 9th Jan– INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 17th Feb– INSET Day School Closed to Pupils (new date)

Fri 17th Feb– Half Term Commences

Mon 27th Feb– Spring Term Two Commences

Weds 1st Mar—Eisteddfod

Fri 3rd Mar- World Book Day

Fri 31st Mar– End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2023

Weds 21st June: Reserve KS2 Sports day

Thurs 22nd June: Reserve FP Sports Day

Fri 30th June: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils (new date)

Weds 12th July: PS3 Summer Performance

Thurs 13th July: PS3 Summer Performance

Fri 21st July—End of Summer Term

One further INSET Days to be confirmed: currently a sixth INSET Day is under consultation by Welsh Government



Class News

Reception:

Reception have had another busy two weeks. We have started RWInc by learning our sounds and it is lovely to see the children practicing throughout the day. We are beginning to find things around our classroom beginning with the sounds we have learnt so far and it is nice to see some of you are doing this at home too, this is a great way to embed those sounds. We are also starting to blend these sounds together to make words, the children love using Fred Frog to help them, maybe you could ask them about Fred Frog! He whispers the sounds so we can say the word. It is great to see the children's confidence growing as we continue our learning journey together, I am extremely impressed with Reception's Art work this week. They created their own picture of 'A shipwreck in Stormy Seas' using a mixture of oil pastels and chalks. Reception have started their Science experiment this week, looking at what different materials we could use to create a sail for a ship. We have been working collaboratively and problem solving in order to make our sails. We have made our predictions and can't wait to test these out next week! A huge well done to all the children for taking part in our Harvest Festival. As a reminder Forest School will start from the 14th October and children must wear their forest school clothing to school that day. Thank you for your continued support!

Year One:

This fortnight, Year 1 enjoyed their first Forest School session of the year. We used natural materials to create repeated patterns, following on from learning about patterns in maths last week. In maths this week we have been learning number bonds to 10, using an abacus and part-whole models to help us write these as number sentences. Children have worked really hard and have all made fantastic progress in this – da iawn! We also began a science investigation, considering which material will be most effective for a ship's sail. We have made predictions and next week our ships will be setting sail. Year 1 have loved working with Miss Light to create puppet shows inspired by the painting *A Shipwreck in Stormy Sea*, and I can't wait to see the results of this in the coming weeks. I have been really impressed with the children's efforts to learn and remember the words and actions for our Harvest Festival poem, and the class performed a fantastic rehearsal in the hall on Tuesday. Unfortunately, due to the weather, we couldn't make it outside for hockey this week. Instead, we had a pirate yoga session where the children demonstrated great listening and attention. Good work, Year 1!

Year Two:

It's been another couple of busy weeks for Year Two. The pupils have been working hard in RWInc sessions, learning their sounds and writing stories. We are ensuring the pupils read twice a week in guided reading sessions and it's great to see they are also reading at home. Please can I ask that they read their books three times to build confidence and that you ask them questions about the characters and story and please record the three dates this is carried out. It's good for us to know how they are doing at home too. The pupils have also carried out online testing in reading and spelling in order for us to assess strengths and areas of need. In Numeracy we have been learning about fact families, doubling numbers and solving written addition and subtraction problems. Our first two trips to Forest Schools have included discussions about respecting nature, recognising types of leaves and creating 'Wood spirits'. We have been creating sequences leading to a 'Pirate Dance' in P.E as well as learning to pass and dribble with a hockey stick and ball. Our Kerbcraft sessions are continuing to ensure pupils are road safety aware.

Year Three:

Over the last two weeks, we have continued our Expressive Arts within our 'Take One Picture' topic. We have looked at how artists use different colours, materials and techniques to create mood and convey emotion within a painting ready to create our own seascape. We thought carefully about how we would use what we found out in our own painting, discussing the materials we would need, as well as different ways we could create texture to add realism to our work. In Literacy we have used the changing environment to inspire poetry in celebration of National Poetry Day, using fantastic adventurous vocabulary to describe different elements of Autumn. We have also been developing our ICT skills to present our poetry online – keep an eye out for the link over the next couple of weeks! We enjoyed another brilliant collaborative Forest School session, working with children in Year 4 to problem solve and build a bridge for the whole team to cross a swamp safely – this wasn't as easy as we first thought! We have started to explore sea shanties in music, thinking about their purpose and why they are written the way they are, which also helped us when learning and practising our harvest song. I am sure you will agree they performed brilliantly at the church, and it was a pleasure to have so many of you join us to celebrate.

Year Four:

The children have now completed their mood boards for different seascapes and are starting to create their own. They have discussed the colours, textures, brushes, paint and materials they require. We have looked at the language and text features of a diary and then written their own based on the story of Flotsam. We are currently using similes and interesting vocabulary to create poems based on **The Shipwreck in Stormy Seas**. In Numeracy we have been sequencing numbers, using a number line to subtract by counting on and adding numbers using the column method. It has been lovely to go over to forest school with Year 3. Just so rewarding to see them problem solving, working collaboratively and just having fun with their peers. This week we have started to create a dance based on a storm at sea, using the music of the classical composer, Richard Strauss. The children have really enjoyed creating neurographic art, which is a simple way to work with the subconscious mind through drawing. The children have decided to display this art in our calm area. We are very proud of the children who represented our school at the Cross-Country event last weekend thought their behaviour and sportsmanship was exemplar. The children also performed brilliantly at the Church for our Harvest Festival. Thank you for your support.

Year Five:

What a busy two weeks we have had again in Year 5! We started the week with another fantastic session with County in the Community and I'm very impressed with the number of budding sports people I have in my class. Lots of teamwork, collaboration and developing skills. We are continuing to read *The Tempest* in literacy and have drawn our own Island with no name, using clues that are given in the story. In maths we are continuing consolidate our measuring skills, estimating and measuring using mm, cm and m, including learning to convert between the different units of measure. We have been taking our learning outside to solve maths problems using measuring which has been great fun. We have also taken part in live lessons this week, including Eco lessons looking at what our future might look like in 30 years. We were also lucky enough to be able to be part of the Royal Opera House pilot project inviting Primary schools learning What is Opera? We finished the week with a lovely Harvest service in church, it was great to be able to see everyone celebrating Harvest in church.

Year Six:

The past two weeks seem to have flown by! Year 6 continue to impress me week by week with their swimming, becoming more confident for some and refining technique for others. Our study of *The Tempest* continues for literacy where we have drawn an interpretation of the island from the viewpoint of different characters. Great discussions were had about utopia and dystopia and how the island is different for each character. Numeracy has seen us measuring and converting units of measurement and then applying this to real life by interpreting and presenting data about sea temperatures based on the sea in our picture "A shipwreck in stormy seas". Through our topic of Take One Picture we have also drawn our own version of the painting and coloured it in a Pop Art style, learning about how different emotions are conveyed with different colours. We have been fortunate enough to participate in several live lessons this week including eco lessons where we imagined the world in 30 years time, talking to Icelandic MP Ori Pall Johanssen and taking part in the pilot project from the Royal Opera House. To end our week we came together for a harvest assembly in church which was wonderful after so many years where we have been unable to do this. You led the service beautifully Year 6, bendigedig.

Please share with anyone who maybe looking for a Reception Place, for Academic Year 2023.24



Trellech Primary School

Open Morning

**Tuesday 18th October
9.30am
for parents & families of
children due to start
Reception in September 2023**



**Meet the Headteacher, Reception Teacher and Pupils for
an informal introduction and tour of daily life at
Trellech Primary School.**



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