



# Newsletter



### Remembrance Day

Today the whole school community joined together to participate in the 2 minute silence to remember service personal from around the world who have fought, and are still fighting for our country and freedom. It was very moving to see all the children respectfully honour the 2 minute silence. Many of the classes in school have also completed activities either making poppies, writing poem or painting pictures which has given them opportunity to remember and reflect personally.

### Children in Need

Children in Need takes place on Friday 18th November. The theme this year is 'Spotacular'. Your child/ children are welcome to come to school in Spotty clothes. Throughout the day the charity committee will organising a variety of activities on the day. In addition to this they will run Fruit Tuck on Monday 14th as well as Friday 18th November, with all profits being added to our Children in Need total. Any donations you wish to make can be made via ParentPay using the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8162>

### Welcome to...

Miss Gregory a second year BA Education Student from the University of South Wales. Miss Gregory will spend her placements throughout the year with Mrs Maunder and our Y6 pupils.

### Wishing a speedy recovery....

Mrs Llewellyn who is unwell. We send her our very best wishes and look forward to seeing her back in school very soon.

### Travelling Safely

Please help us keeping our children and local communities safe by abiding by the speed limits and road conditions. It has been brought to our attention from our immediate neighbours and those in neighbouring villages that this it is a concern that our driving does not always remain within the legal limits. With the darker wet, colder days we wish our whole school community to remain safe. Our Heddllu Bach and Junior Road Safety Officers will be working hard to support this.



### PTFA Christmas Clothing Swap Shop

Just before you all start rushing out to find/buy/make costumes and outfits for Christmas productions and chasing down the aisles at Tesco's searching for new Christmas jumpers ready for the seasonal cheer that is about to ensue; why not take part in the PTFA's Christmas Clothing Swap Shop!! Did you know 1 in 4 Christmas Jumpers are only worn once? Let's see if we can change that! The idea is you bring in and donate your old, grown out of Christmas jumpers and nativity costumes, you drop them in a container in schools reception from Monday 21st -25th November and then the PTFA elves work their magic. You then attend the big Christmas Clothing Swap event on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd of December from 3.20pm at the school. Where for just £2 an item you can stock up on your preloved seasonal jumpers and festive costume favourites. Don't worry if you can't make the after school swap sessions as there will be the opportunity to purchase any remaining outfits at the Christmas Fayre and Christingle events. Hope you'll be able to support this new initiative!



### Tennis and Kayaki!



Over half term Lyra competed in the 9U Grade 5 Tennis competition at Painswick and won 1<sup>st</sup> place. She then competed in the Wales Tour 10U Grade 4 competition at Cardiff Met a few days later and after some tough matches came 3<sup>rd</sup>, just losing out to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a match tie break. Congratulations.



And another great achievement for Oliver who has been recognised by his kayaking club for showing huge potential in the sport and for his perseverance and determination. Bendigedig.

### Autumn Term

**Fri 18th Nov**– Children in Need

**Thurs 8th Dec**– Christingle Service @St Nicholas Church– 2pm

**Weds 14th Dec**- FP Nativity 10am

**Weds 14th Dec**- Y3/ Y4 Nativity 2pm

**Thurs 15th Dec**– Y3/ Y4 Nativity 10am

**Thurs 15th Dec**- FP Nativity 2pm

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

**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

**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

**Weds 26th–Fri 29th April**–Yr6 Residential Gilwern

**Mon 17th April**– Summer Term Commences

**Mon 15th–Weds 17th May**–Yr5 Residential Viney Hill

**Fri 26th May**– Half Term Commences

### Summer Term 2023

**Mon 5th June**– Summer Term Two Commences

**Weds 14th June**: KS2 Sports Day

**Thurs 15th June**: FP Sports Day

**Weds 21st June**: Reserve KS2 Sports day

**Thurs 22nd June**: Reserve FP Sports Day

**Fri 30th June**: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**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**

### Monmouth Foodbank Christmas Donations

Our Charities Committee would like to ask for Christmas donations to support local families this year. After corresponding with Monmouth Foodbank following the fantastic donations for our Harvest Service, the committee is hoping we would be able to support their surprise Christmas parcels for families most in need this Christmas. These parcels are made up of Christmas items these families are unable to afford and are delivered during the first week of December. If you are able to contribute any festive donations they would be gratefully received. We are asking for:

- Christmas cakes and puddings.
  - Christmas Crackers
  - Tins of biscuits and chocolates
  - Chocolate Santa figures and other small Christmas treats
  - Custard and stuffing mix.
- (no mince pies please)

We welcome you to bring in these items from Monday 21st November and they will be collected by the foodbank the following week for deliver. Diolch yn fawr



EACH YEAR 1 IN 4 CHRISTMAS JUMPERS  
**END UP THROWN AWAY**  
**OR NEVER WORN AGAIN**  
**WE CAN CHANGE THIS!**

BRING & DONATE YOUR OUTGROWN CHRISTMAS JUMPERS & NATIVITY COSTUMES (AGES 4-14) TO THE SCHOOL RECEPTION FROM MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER.

*then....*  
ON THE 1ST AND 2ND DECEMBER FROM 3.20PM COME & PURCHASE NEW TO YOU/PRELOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS & COSTUMES.

**ALL ITEMS PRICED AT £2**  
CASH ONLY PLEASE

## Class News

### Reception:

Welcome back Reception, I hope you all had a lovely half term. The children have been super excited to tell me about all their adventures they had over the past week. It is great to see you all back. This week we have introduced our new topic for the half term, 'magic and mystery'. The children have discussed their ideas and provided some lovely routines for the learning to go down. We have also begun preparations for our Foundation Phase Nativity, this is the first for Reception and we are all so excited to share this with you. You should all have received a letter stating what part your child will be within the performance. The children decided upon these costumes themselves and are extremely excited to begin practising. As a Foundation Phase we have started to learn the songs from the Nativity, this year we will be performing "Little Angel Gets Her Wings". This week we have been celebrating Remembrance Day and learning about why we donate money to wear a poppy. The children have created their own poppies through their expressive arts and used the iPads to create their own Flanders Poppy Field pictures. In Maths we have been focusing on 3D shapes within their environment and learning how to spot these in our everyday life. Reception have been trying tremendously hard with their reading and have loved to share this with Miss Ward and 1. This week our classroom bear goes on his first adventure to listen to someone read over the weekend. We can't wait to hear all about the adventures on Monday! What a great start to the half term for Reception!

### Year One:

Welcome back Year 1! It has been lovely to welcome back the children to an exciting half term at Trellech. We have already begun preparations for our Foundation Phase nativity which we cannot wait to have you in school for to watch this year! I will be sending out information regarding parts and costumes as well as lines and songs to learn very soon. The nativity is called Little Angel Gets Her Wings, and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 joined together on Tuesday to listen to some of the songs they will be learning. Year 1 enjoyed a very wet Forest School this week – creating magic wands out of sticks to begin our topic of Magic and Mystery. They certainly took the weather in their stride so well done to them all! In maths we have begun to explore a hundred square, using this to count bigger numbers, find one more and one less, count in 10s and work out a hidden number. For Remembrance Day on Friday the children will be writing a shape poem, exploring how we can write a poem in the shape of a poppy. In Welsh we have been learning colours alongside singing 'Aderyn Melyn' ('Yellow Bird') for Wales' World Cup Singalong on Thursday. A busy and exciting start to the half term for Year 1!

### Year Two:

Welcome back for another very busy half term in Year 3. This week we have been doubling two - digit numbers and grouping objects into equal amounts in readiness for work on multiplication. We have also been learning how to ask if somebody has a brother or sister in Welsh. Christmas is around the corner so we have started to learn songs for our Foundation Phase nativity.

### Year Three:

Just before half term, Year 3 were visited by the Welsh Ambulance Service to learn some important life-saving skills. We learnt how to put somebody in the recovery position and perform CPR, and found out how important it is to know our address and postcode in case of an emergency. The children collaborated brilliantly in groups to design and build a boat out of junk materials – hopefully they will survive our test on a 'stormy sea'! In Literacy we are looking forward to reading our new book The Varmints linked to our **Heal the World** topic. In Numeracy we have been working on learning our 3- and 4-times tables, playing lots of games to practice. We also collected natural materials outside to represent our tables by putting the items into groups of the right amount. Next week we will start to look at telling the time and reading analogue clocks. This week at Forest School we loved making toffee apples over the campfire, and enjoyed having time to explore.

### **Year Four:**

Welcome back to a very busy, albeit exciting term. During the last week of half term we were lucky enough to have Welsh Ambulance Service to visit the school. We were shown how to put a patient into recovery position, perform CPR and use a defibrillator. We also learned the importance of knowing our full address, including the postcode. We completed our paintings in the style of a Seascape, together with decorating a frame, and they are now beautifully displayed in our classroom. The children have nearly finished their boats using junk materials and this week we are testing them to see if they will withstand a storm! Mr Binns visited the school to find out who the flotsam and jetsam belonged to. He was really impressed with the detailed descriptions of the belongings that were washed up on the beach. In Literacy we wrote detailed descriptions of some of the illustrations from the book- Flotsam. We now look forward to studying our new book this term called The Varmints. This will fit nicely with our new topic- **Heal the World**. In Numeracy we used various leaves from around the school to calculate their surface area. We then created pictograms and worked out which leaves were the most common in the grounds of the school. We were all quite surprised by how many different trees we have around the school. We were so impressed with the children's creations using leaves from around the school- crowns, wreaths and hanging decorations. This has given us food for thought for our enterprise week. We will continue with outdoor P.E as much as possible on a Friday afternoon, so please ensure your child has warm/waterproof clothing. We are very excited about the forthcoming Football World Cup and of course showing our support for Wales! Thank you for your support.

### **Year Five:**

Another busy start to the term in Year 5, with the finishing of our Take One Picture topic and the starting of our new topic, Power, Politics and Protests. The children enjoyed completing the Take One Picture topic especially our final week which saw the use of pupil voice to decide on their own learning. Challenge week, as we called it saw the children completing activities and ideas they had previously selected in their pupil voice which we hadn't had time to complete through the topic. Activities ranged from creating a stormy sea dance to making an emotions chart using the weather. All children had the opportunity to complete as many of the activities as they wished either independently, in small groups or in pairs. It was great to see the range of independently learning happening in the classroom. We were also lucky to be given the opportunity to learn two new dances; the first dance, delivered by Georgina from Melin Homes linked closely with our topic, using the music from Pirates of the Caribbean. The second dance, hosted by Ros Escott from Drama Queens helped us get in the mood for Halloween using the music from Thriller. We definitely have some budding performers in Year 5. This week we have been thinking about Remembrance Day and why we wear the poppy, we then sketched our own poppy and made them out of recycled material. Year 5 participated with the rest of the school in the Wales' World Cup Sing-a-long, which saw over 230,000 school children from across Wales sing together to celebrate the start of the Football World Cup. We also participated in our second coding lesson from Barclay's Live Coding using Scratch to programme a shark to chase Nemo – we all enjoyed it but we relived he could catch him. A great, and busy start to our new term – da iawn Year 5.

### **Year Six:**

This newsletter sees the culmination of our topic "Take One Picture" and the beginning of our new topic "Power, Politics and Protest". The week before half term the children engaged in Challenge Week where we gave them two tasks for each Area of Learning and Experience, based completely on pupil voice. These ranged from learning to play the theme tune to Pirates of the Caribbean on the xylophone, creating a graphic novel of The Tempest and creating a piece of outdoor art using natural materials. The results were outstanding, and it was lovely to see the children guiding their own learning. We were lucky enough to be taught two dances, firstly by Ros Escott who taught us a dance to Thriller and also by Georgina from Melin homes who taught us a dance to the theme tune from Pirates of the Caribbean. Numeracy has seen us learning how to multiply using the grid method and making videos to help explain the method to other children. Our new topic consists of learning more about black history, segregation and the role of the Chartists in our history. For literacy we studied and made biographies about three notable black women (Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson and Katherine Johnson) who will feature heavily in our literacy in the coming weeks. We were lucky enough to participate in another live coding lesson from Barclays this week, creating a shark game using repetition which all the children excelled in. We raised our voices in Wales's World Cup Singalong organised by the Urdd, joining 230,000 other children to show our support for the Welsh players heading to the Fifa World Cup 2022. Finally, to end our week we took the time to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedom.



Coming to Chepstow soon.... ! **BOOKING NOW....**

### **GOLDILOCKS**

Sherman Theatre's specially created show for 3-7 year olds brought to  
The Drill Hall, Chepstow,  
by MonLife Heritage Museums  
Saturday 19 November 2pm  
Places are limited so please book online to avoid disappointment [www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk](http://www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk)

Elgan Rhys's new telling of the Goldilocks story is the perfect show to introduce children to the magic of theatre at Christmas...

**Orangylocks, Purplylocks, Silverylocks, anything but Goldilocks!** Goldie is fed up of her Nain's rules.

The porridge is bland and everyone in the village must have yellow hair. All Goldie wants is to live in a place where everyone can be themselves.

One day she sets out on an adventure to the edge of the village. Who will she meet along the way? And can they help her change Nain's rules?

Sherman Theatre's show is a lovely heart-warming treat for young children.



**Trawsgwlad Ysgolion Cynradd De Cymru  
Primary School Cross Country South Wales  
19.11.2022**

**Maes Sioe Fynwy - NP25 4LG  
Monmouthshire Show Ground NP25 4LG**

**Categoriâu Cystadlu  
Competition Categories**

**Merched Bl.3-4  
Merched Bl.5-6  
Bechgyn Bl.3-4  
Bechgyn Bl.5-6**



## **Worrying about money?**

You are not alone. Money worries are more common than most of us realise. It might be an unexpected drop in income, bills starting to pile up, or finding it harder to cover the basics - these issues can affect anyone.

Remember, there's more help available than you might think. There are people and organisations who can help with some of the most common financial problems. These might include:

- Checking to see if you're entitled to more money in benefits or small grants.
- Help with reducing essential costs and connecting with local support.
- Advice on managing debts and ways to reduce your repayments.
- Help getting back into work or into more secure employment.
- Support to help you stay in your home.

If you are struggling it is always better to seek help and advice sooner rather than later - but it is also never too late to ask for help. You may be surprised at how much can be done to help you get back on your feet.

We have a short guide to help you see the types of help and support that are available, with details of national organisations as well as local links and connections. Help may be available in places you might not expect.

Visit: [monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/](http://monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/)  
If you're not sure where to start, places like Citizens Advice or your landlord (if you are a social housing tenant) are a great place to find all the help and support that is right for you.

You can also phone Monmouthshire County Council's contact centre or walk into any of the council's Community Hubs in Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow or Monmouth or Usk, where staff will be happy to have a conversation with you about some of the help you could access.

The Urdd are happy to announce our Cross Country Competition held in partnership with Welsh Athletics. The event will take place on Monmouthshire show ground (**NP25 4LG**) on 19.11.2022.

The competition is open to anyone, there is a £4 fee to register. The course will be roughly 1500m ran across grass. The event categories and timings can be found below.

**Registration:** 9:30am

Girls Yr.3-4: 11:20

Boys Yr.3-4: 11:20

Girls Yr.5-6: 11:40

Boys Yr.5-6: 11:40

Register: <https://bit.ly/TrawsgwladMynwy>

If you have any questions please get in touch.

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## **PTFA AGM**

**Wednesday 16th November  
at 6pm in school hall.**

**Everyone Welcome.**



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## AGM

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**WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2022**

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**COME AND  
MEET  
THE TEAM**

**LOCATION -  
MAIN HALL  
SCHOOL 6PM**

**WE DO MANY  
TYPES OF  
EVENTS  
THROUGHOUT  
THE YEAR,**

**ALL TO  
BENEFIT THE  
CHILDREN  
AND SCHOOL**

**WE NEED  
VOLUNTEERS  
TO GET  
INVOLVED,  
SUPPORT  
EVENTS,  
SHARE NEWS  
PLEASE COME  
ALONG AND  
HELP MAKE 22,  
A YEAR TO  
REMEMBER!,**

