



Week Ending—Friday 5th May 2023

Newsletter

Trellech Primary School



Year Six at Gilwern

Year Six visited Gilwern Outdoor Centre last week and overcame many challenges to achieve lots of skills. They were blessed with all weathers during their three days and the staff were blessed with some sleep which is always welcomed to ensure pleasant days! We are very proud of the achievements during this recent trip and grateful to Mrs Maunder, Mrs Voaden, Miss Gregory, Mrs Harding and Mr Smowton who accompanied over the three days. We will be sharing in the near future a Short Parent Questionnaire that will help us plan future activities, your feedback is instrumental in such planning.



Parent Workshops

It was a pleasure to hold our first parent workshop this week, sharing our provision of Thrive, supporting our learners emotional well being. Thank you to those parents and governors who were able to attend. We look forward to welcoming you to the remaining summer workshops:

Tuesday 23rd May: Internet Safety (Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents)

Tuesday 6th June: Maths & Numeracy

Tuesday 20th June: Reading at Trellech

If you would like to join us for any of these sessions please email the school office to confirm.

Thank you to...

Miss Gregory, Miss Sara who completed their BA Education placements this academic year with us from the University of South Wales. They both became part of the team here in Trellech and showed that they have an exciting future in education. We wish them well for their future careers in teaching.

FSM Entitlement

Please see below the eligibility rules regarding Free School Meals/ School Essentials Grant

Parents are eligible to claim Free School Meals if they are receiving Child Benefit and one of the following benefits:

Income Support

Employment and Support Allowance (Income-Related)

Job Seekers Allowance (Income-Based)

Universal Credit (with annual earnings of less than £7,400, £616.67 weekly)

Guarantee element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit with an annual income less than £16,190 (you are not entitled if you also receive Working Tax Credit

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please note that if you receive both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit you do not qualify for Free School Meals.

Author Visit: Lee Newberry

Progression Step Three were treated to a visit from Lee Newberry, last week where they discussed his new novel 'Firefox'. He shared with the children his literacy journey and how he became an author. Lee was very impressed with their enthusiasm, which is always a pleasure to here.

Donations from Robert Price Builders

We were very fortunate to receive two truck loads of Wood, Chippings, paving slabs and turf to enhance our outdoor learning areas. We are extremely grateful to Mr Hall (Mia & Ethan's Dad) who helped with sourcing the donations and Mrs Jones (Callum & Alfie's Mum, who sourced the donations on behalf of the school— we are looking forward to ensuring they enhance the learning environments for our learners.



Spring Term 2023

Fri 5th May– Coronation Picnic 2pm (families welcome)

Mon 15th—Weds 17th May—Yr5 Residential Viney Hill

Fri 19th May– Trellech's Got Talent

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

Mon 3rd July: 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

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Governor Report to Parents Academic Year 2021.22

Our Parent Governor Report to Parents can now be accessed via the school website and using the following link: If you have any questions regarding this please contact our Governors via the following email address: [Governors Report 21.22.a.pdf](#)

End Period Poverty

Following the availability of sanitary products in our main entrance for families in the community, we have been able to liaise with Rev. Dack to have some available in the entrance to St Nicholas Church. We are hopeful that this will benefit those of you who do not visit the school site during the school day.

King Charles III Coronation

What a wonderful week we have had preparing for the Coronation, some wonderful work has been completed in each class, which has supported the children's understanding of the Coronation of King Charles III. We are hopeful that you are able to view some of the examples at St Nicholas Church over the weekend. I would like to say a huge thankyou to the staff and children who have worked so hard this week preparing for the Coronation, completing some exciting tasks, creating flower displays, crowns and learning songs. We hope you were able to enjoy the entertainment and coming together as a whole school community at our Big Picnic, despite the downpour.

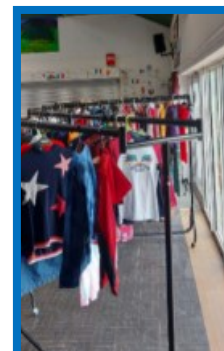
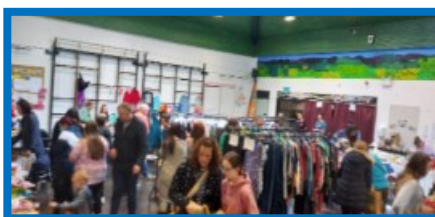
PTFA UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who helped support the Community Jumble Sale, we made £475 and shared unsold donations with several charities including; Chepstow Upcycle, Dogs Trust, and Pill Trust. Thanks to our volunteers who are selling branded clothes via vinted to further the income. And special thanks to the children who helped with both the sorting and at the event!

Upcoming events

Friday 19th May – Trellech's Got Talent

Auditions are now complete for Trellech's Got Talent and we have been bowled away by the talent across the school! It's going to be a wonderful evening! You will be able to buy audience tickets in advance or pay on the night - keep your eyes on ParentPay for the link!



Class News

Reception:

This past two weeks Reception have really emerged themselves into our new topic 'Inventors of tomorrow'. We have been looking at the history of the code that was created by Margaret Hamilton that helped land Apollo 11 on the moon. The children have created their own leaflet about Margaret with facts about her life. In Numeracy we have been looking at finding fact families of certain numbers, along with exploring capacity to make sure we have enough drinks for our coronation party. Reception have also been exploring their DCF skills and creating their own code to land a rocket on the moon. I was very impressed with their determination and ability to use the correct software. In forest school, we created our own version of stain glass frames. We worked together to explore the positioning of the natural objects using the terminology we had covered in our prior learning. We have had a very busy week getting ready for the Kings Coronation. We have designed our own stamps crowns and plates, celebrated with Busybodies Day Nursery and finished off our week with a lovely family picnic. We are super excited to start exploring and designing our scribble bots in the coming weeks and put our inventions to the test. Thank you for your continued support.

Year One:

This fortnight, Year 1 have been studying Margaret Hamilton. The children loved discovering how she helped land Apollo 11 on the moon. They wrote a non-chronological report on her life and work, as well as using Scratch Jr. to write their first computer code. In maths we have been focussing on tens and ones, using that understanding to find the pattern of odd and even numbers. In our Forest School at school session last week we created beautiful 'stained-glass' natural pictures using frames, sticky tape and nature. I hope you have been able to have a look at them when picking up and dropping off! In PE we have started our athletics and tennis sessions. Children have focussed on running and jumping skills in preparation for our Sports Day, as well as beginning to learn how to hold and use a tennis racket.

Year Two:

Year two have written a non-chronological report on a woodland animal, using subtitles to organise their research and have drawn a labelled diagram of their chosen creature. The pupils have spent time evaluating their own work against an agreed success criteria to be able to improve their work in the future. In numeracy, pupils have been solving time related problems and working hard to achieve their times tables badges. They are proudly wearing these different colours around school to display the level they are on. It's been great to see confidence building with this. Year twos have started to learn woodworking skills which enhances thinking, creativity, hand – eye coordination and fine motor skills. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA who have raised money to help us buy the necessary tools and equipment to carry out these valuable lessons. We have recently been learning how to hammer in and remove nails safely. We will be learning how to use saws, hand drills and screwdrivers safely in the coming weeks. The pupils have been also been creative when designing coronation crowns and coins in expressive arts.

Year Three:

In Literacy year three have been learning to write a non-chronological report. We have been looking at examples to identify features, and carrying out independent research before writing our own report about our favourite animal. We used our digital skills to present our work, thinking about layout, how to organise information, and using images to make it eye-catching. In Maths we have been working on measuring accurately with a ruler using cm and mm, and exploring the different ways we can write measurements. The children have found out lots about the coronation ready for Saturday's celebrations – we learnt some interesting facts about the history and key parts of the ceremony. We have designed and made our own version of St Edward's crown which we are all very excited to wear for our picnic, and have been very creative in designing a celebration coin and set of commemorative stamps to mark the occasion.

Year Four:

We have been busy with lots of Coronation activities- making and decorating a crown, designing a postage stamp and learning^{ss} a few songs to sing all about the King. Last week we created poems in the style of A.A. Milne- If I were a King. These were absolutely amazing. This week we have been looking at the Coronation invitations and what each symbol represents. Did you know that central to the design is the motif of the Green Man, an ancient figure from British folklore, symbolic of spring and rebirth, to celebrate the new reign? The shape of the Green Man, crowned in natural foliage, is formed of leaves of oak, ivy and hawthorn, and the emblematic flowers of the United Kingdom. We will be displaying some of the children's work in S. Nicholas Church. Last week we were lucky to have a visit from author Lee Newbury. We gained a wonderful insight into his journey to becoming an author and the inspiration for his books. We hope those who purchased one are enjoying them! We are trying to develop our little garden area outside our class, so if you have any plants we can use, we would be grateful. Also, we are looking for some cable reels of different sizes if you know anyone that has any spare. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5

Year 5 have spent the last two weeks learning about the history of the Coronation and preparing for the celebration of the King's Coronation on Saturday. They have used their mapping and measuring skills to plan out the route of the King's Coronation and compared with the route with the Queen's Coronation in 1953. They made their own grid and then used the co-ordinates to identify the famous landmarks which line the route taken during each event. They have been studying the new royal emblem and redesigning their own using the symbols of the flowers of each of the nations. Following the Draw with Rob online activity they have drawn their own Coronation crown, I was extremely impressed and we really do have some very talented artists in Y5. During our visit to forest school this week we designed a throne fit for a king, well a teddy king which was great fun and we had some very inventive designs. During our time in the forest we also collected twigs which we have then used to turn into our own crowns to wear when we celebrate the Coronation in school. During literacy we were inspired by the A.A. Milne poem If I were a king and thought of lots of fun and mischievous things we would do if we could be king and decided it would be amazing if we had invitations to the King's Coronation party so we made ourselves Princes and Princess and created our own invitations to the event, I wonder if we can use them on Saturday! We also had another visit from Mrs Cornish who continues to help use develop our garden areas to enjoy throughout the summer. Thank you again for your continued support, from Year 5.

Year Six:

What an incredible two weeks year 6 have had! I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of each and everyone of them during our residential at Gilwern. The teamwork, kindness and friendship shown to each other was incredible. Our time there began with settling in to our new accommodation followed a walk up the Blorenge, seeing fossilised palm trees and rolling down "Teletubby land" as it was named by the instructors. Our second day consisted of canoeing, climbing, high ropes and a very high game of human jenga using crates and ropes! Following a talent show which showcased comedy, singing and sketches, everyone definitely slept well. Our last day meant packing and emptying dorms, then team building games where the children had to cross an acid river, transport toxic waste, navigate a wobble board, complete a gutter run and spiders web challenge. The bus home was definitely a lot quieter than the way there! A huge thankyou to Mrs Voaden, Mrs Harding, Miss Gregory and Mr Smowton for their help whilst away. On our return we turned our attention to all things coronation. In forest school the children have made thrones fit for a King using nothing but natural materials – they truly were regal! We have also written invitations to the coronation focussing on the symbolism, researched the history of coronations, designed our own emblems to represent the four nations, made eco friendly crowns and drawn a new stamp. Our week was brought to a close with a lovely family picnic. Thank you for your continued support as we head into the summer term.





**You are invited to join
us to celebrate and
watch the
King's Coronation
on the Big Screen**

**at
The Babington
Trellech
on
Saturday 6th May
on**

**10.30am
Bring a Brunch
(and refreshments)
to share with your
friends and
neighbours.**

**Looking forward to
seeing you all again.**

The King's Coronation

The Trellech Village Coronation Bring & Share

Dear Neighbours,

We are planning a get together to celebrate our
King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May.

We had such a successful get together for the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee it would be wonderful to
recreate this village event.

The Coronation will be shown on the Big Screen at 11am
at the Babington Centre. The Babington Trustees have
kindly given us the hall free of charge again.

We would like to invite you all to join us to enjoy this
momentous occasion.

Please bring some food (sweet and savoury) which we will
all share around and whatever you would like to drink.
If you attended the Queen's Jubilee, you know the drill!
We will be open at 10.30am for Bacon Butties and
Vegan Sausage Baps.

We did this last year and it was very successful.

If you are infirm and need a lift, please email
babington.educational.trust@gmail.com
and we can organise a chauffeur for you.

We look forward to seeing you on
Saturday 6th May @ 10.30am.

The Babington Trustees
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Free Activities in the Area

Leisure Centre Provision:

Free Swimming Sessions

MonLife leisure centres provide free swimming sessions for children under 16 with a MonLife membership card;

- Monmouth Leisure Centre
- Saturday 2.45pm-3.45pm

FREE with MonLife membership card

To register for a membership please follow the link, <https://monlife.legendonlineservices.co.uk/enterprise/account/login>

Passport to Leisure (PTL) membership

MonActive operates a Passport to Leisure Scheme (PTL), which offers discounts to those on low incomes through an eligibility criteria. PTL membership entitles you to 25% and 50% off single use activities. With a PTL membership, you will be able to access our facilities on a discounted pay as you go or monthly basis. For more information please see - [Concessionary Membership - MonLife](#)

Holiday Provision:

All information regarding FREE holiday provision can be found on the MonLife Holiday Activities page; [Activities – MonLife Holiday Activities](#) which is updated periodically throughout the year in line with upcoming provision. The free programmes are;

Stay and Play - Free stay and play sessions during the holiday periods where children and families will have the opportunity to freely choose from lots of activities including physical play, den building, arts and crafts or wherever their imagination takes them.

Active Play - Free Supervised provision with our highly trained and experienced playworkers for children aged 5-11 years old.

They can choose from a range of activities to play activities including physical play, archery, arts and crafts or wherever their imagination takes them. Children can be left to attend the session independently for the duration of the 1 hour 55 minute sessions through prior registration.

Community Provision:

Parkrun

Parkrun is all about inclusiveness and wellbeing. We want as many people as possible to feel part of a real local community brought together by our events, as well as our global parkrun family.

- Dixon Junior parkrun
- Every Sunday Morning at 9am
- Monmouth Leisure Centre, Old Dixon Road, NP25 3DP
- FREE

[How do I register? – parkrun Support](#)

Youth Service:

Junior Youth club;

Attik Commerce House, 9 Monnow Street, Monmouth NP25 3XR

- Thursdays 4pm-5.30pm and 6pm-7.30pm
- Year 6 pupils only in readiness for transition in to Year 7

Contact ianwheeler@monmouthshire.gov.uk (Youth Support Worker)

£1 per session