



Welcome...

...to many new and familiar faces to Trellech as we start the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to welcome Thomas, Everest, Zachary, Maeve, William, Eilir, Noah, Mostyn, Elinor, Matilda, Oscar, Reuben, Samuel, Electra, Edith, Carter and Arthur to Reception along with Solomon (Y3), Mireya(Y3), Rose (Y5), Olivia S (Y5) and Olivia L-B (Y6) to Trellech and see you settle so well this week. We are looking forward to the academic year watching the children continue to flourish in all areas of school and celebrating this with you, the whole school community throughout the year.

We also welcome Miss Whyte to Trellech who has joined us as our Deputy Headteacher and will be teaching Year Five. We also welcome Miss Light to Trellech as a class teacher in Reception.

School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart and very much part of the school community, thank you for your support with this. We ask that if your child is wearing PE Kit to school on their allocated day that they wear PE shorts/joggers with their PE t-shirt and matching colour sweater or their school jumper. Likewise on Forest School /Outdoor Learning sessions, pupils wear trousers suitable for this with their school t-shirt/jumper. This will ensure we remain part of the school community and remove pressure to have additional clothing.

We continue to hold uniform in the main reception entrance that needs a new home. Please come and help rehome this good quality clothing. Donations are welcome, please place them separately to the current stock.

A reminder that jewellery should not be worn to school with the exception of studded earrings, but we ask that these are removed for PE and swimming sessions or covered with tape.

Reporting to Parents

Thank you for your recent feedback regarding reporting Pupil Progress. The feedback has been invaluable in shaping our format in the forthcoming academic year. Results can be found on our school website for you to view.

As a result of the feedback we are able to confirm that we will report pupil progress during the year via :

Two Hybrid Parent Consultations in the Autumn (w/c: 23.10.23) and Summer Term (w/c: 20.5.24)

Three Sharing Sessions (Parent and Child)

One Full Written Report (Spring Term- w/c: 20.5.24)

Attendance

Lots of people think that missing the odd day at school here and there can't do much harm. But even taking a short amount of time out can be a problem. Your child might fall behind in their work. If there are gaps in their knowledge, they may suffer when school carries out their regular monitoring and assessment checks to ensure our children are reaching their potential. There could be other problems too. Children who miss school may miss out on key social aspects of school, which can affect self-confidence and self-esteem and even their ability to make and keep friends. The rewards for good attendance are clear. The graphs below illustrate the relationship between attendance and achievement at school in Wales. Pupils are more likely to enjoy school, achieve better results and increased life chances when their attendance is good.

There are times when absence is unavoidable due to illness and on these occasions we ask that you inform the school via email (trellechprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk) or the dedicated line on the school phone (01600 860395). In the need for additional leave it is necessary to complete a 'Planned Absence Form' that can be obtained from the school office. These absences will only be authorised if the pupils attendance is above the school target (96.4%), not during the National Test Period (See Date Spring Term) or the pupil has not already had up to 10 days planned absence.

Supporting Angelman Syndrome

Today, we held our rearranged Charity Committee Colour Run. It was lovely to welcome families to support this first event of the academic year. The donations raised from this event will still be donated to raise awareness of Angelman Syndrome. If you still wish to donate please send any donations in a sealed labelled envelope by Friday 15th September.

Curriculum Development

Continuing our curriculum journey and our work in the Summer Term we are pleased to be working in our curriculum collaborative groups. We have developed our learning groups in collaboration with the children these are Acorns (Rec & Y1), Saplings (Y2 & Y3) and Oaks (Y4, Y5 & Y6). All classes will share a Class Information Sheet today via Schoop giving an overview of our curriculum learning journey for each year group. These will also be available on the class pages on the website. We look forward to celebrating the skills being developed over the year.

Autumn Term 2023

Mon 11th Sept: Reception Pupils– full time 9am -3.25pm

Mon 2nd Oct: INSET– School Closed to Pupils

Weds 4th Oct: School Photos (Ind & Siblings)

Tues 10th Oct– Open Morning for New Parents (Rec 24)

Fri 13th Oct– Harvest Festival led by Y6- St Nicholas 9.30am

Weds 18th Oct– Sharing Session

Weds 25th Oct– Parent Consultations (Face to Face)

Thurs 26th Oct- Parent Consultations (Face to Face)

Fri 27th Oct: End of Half Term

Mon 6th Nov: Autumn Term Two Commences

Fri 24th Nov: INSET—School Closed to Pupils

Weds 13th Dec: Acorns (Rec & Y1) Christmas Nativity 10am

Thurs 14th Dec: Acorns (Rec & Y1) Christmas Nativity 2pm

Tues 19th Dec: Y4/ Y5: Christmas Carol Service St Nicholas 9.30am

Fri 22nd Dec: Whole School Panto Trip to The Savoy, Monmouth

Fri 22nd Dec: End Of Autumn Term

Mon 8th Jan: Spring Term Commences

Fri 9th Feb: End of Half Term

Mon 19th Feb: Spring Term Two Commences

Mon 19th Feb: INSET—School Closed to Pupils

Tues 19th March: Saplings (Y2 & Y3) Easter Celebration

Thurs 21st March: Annual Report to Parents

Fri 3rd May: INSET—School Closed to Pupils

Fri 28th June: INSET– School Closed to Pupils

Tues 11th June: Rec, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

Weds 12th June: Y3-Y6 Sports Day

Tues 18th June: Reserve Rec, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

Weds 19th June: Reserve Y3-Y6 Sports Day

Weds 10th July: Oaks (Y4/5/6) Summer Production 1.30pm

Thurs 11th July: Oaks (Y4/5/6) Summer Production 6pm

Fri 19th July: Leavers Assembly 9.30am

Accessing the School Site

We are very appreciative of your support in Trellech but are very mindful that vehicular access can sometimes be a challenge. We ask for your support in enabling the start and end of the school be as ‘smooth’ as possible. Staff will be on the front gates from 8.50am where children are able to access the school directly (no pupils should be dropped off prior to this, unless they are booked into breakfast club). Children who are travelling home by car, bicycle or walking should be collected from their relevant door at 3.25pm and bus children are registered and walked to their buses at 3.30pm. In order to ensure the safety of all users of the school site we ask that the bus bay (the drive area nearest the school pavement) is kept clear at all times for the safety of children travelling to and from school by bus.

School Signage

We would like to say a huge thankyou to Mr Wall (Marlowe and Casper) and Ms Wickens (Lyra) who have supported the schools new signage. Mr Wall has designed and installed our new signs that can be seen as you travel past the school and Ms Wickens (Chilli Pepper Signs) created the new ‘Croseo’ sign that can be seen as you approach the school building this design was created by the pupils as a result of our Eisteddfod earlier in the year. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

External Pod

We have been very fortunate to have installed an external Pod during the summer break with completion of internal fixings taking place this week. This space will enable our Well Being Sessions to take place in a designated space out of the school building as well as an area for staff to have their PPA & release time as well as host meetings and community events. We look forward to this being utilised by the whole community and ensuring the school building is utilised for the benefit of the children.

Thank you....

...to our school staff who volunteered a great amount of time during the summer break to develop our learning areas both internally and externally. The school is looking very welcoming with many learning areas looking great spaces to spend time. We look forward to sharing these areas with you very soon. This is a true example of the committed and caring staff that we have here in Trellech. Diolch yn fawr. Also thank you to our wonderful PTFA who also have funded additional welly racks, so each class now have one which has been provided by Playwood. Diolch!

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Extra Curricular Activities

We are very fortunate and grateful to staff who are offering the following activities

Sign Language Club:

Monday 3.30-4.15 Y5/6 Mrs Voaden & Mrs Fawsitt

County in the Community:

Monday 3.30- 4.30 Y5/6

Board Game Club:

Tuesday 3:30-4:15 Y3-Y6 Miss Whyte

Art Club:

Thursday 3.30- 4.15 Y3/Y4 Mrs Body & Mrs Llewellyn

Disney Playmakers:

Thursday 3.30-4.15 Mrs Phillips & Miss Ward

