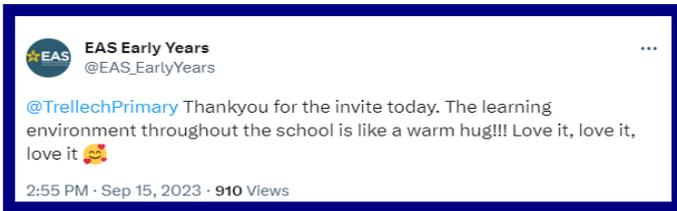




### New Term....

.....what a wonderful buzz of excitement we have had to the start of the new term. All the children are settling into their new classes and engaging in some wonderful learning opportunities. Many classes have had visits to Forest School, engaged in outdoor learning and had visitors to their classes including an archaeologist, a nurse and sports coaches.

Last week we welcomed back Mrs Brimble (EAS) who has worked alongside us here in Trellech over the last couple of years in developing our learning areas. We were very proud to show her around following the hard work and dedication of the wonderful team here in Trellech over the break. It was even more delightful to read her 'X' (tweet) on Friday evening:



I'm sure you will join me in expressing my huge gratitude to the staff here in Trellech for their continued commitment to our school.

### Reporting to Parents

Our Autumn Term Reporting begins in October with our first Sharing Session on Wednesday 18th October, followed by face to face consultations on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October. In order to improve the system for our Sharing Sessions please find a link to book a time slot to ensure we know who is attending and that your child and their books are ready. [Trellech Primary School \(office365.com\)](https://www.office365.com) Likewise, we will send a link to book a 10min consultation with your child's teacher. During both sessions your child/children's books will be available.

### Parent Workshops

Following the re-introduction of Parent Information Workshops in the Summer Term, we have decided to run the sessions again during the Autumn Term at an alternative time to enable more people to attend.

This will take place on a Monday or Friday afternoon at 2.30pm

Mon 16th Oct : Reading at Trellech

Friday 20th October: THRIVE & Well Being

Friday 10th Nov: Internet Safety (Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents)

Friday 17th Nov: Maths & Numeracy

### Punctuality

The school day begins at 8.50am where staff are on duty to welcome all learners into school. All children should arrive in school between this time and 9am. After this time the staff close the gates and return to class. All pupils then begin their day with a variety of learning and well being activities. This is a crucial part of the day where children settle into the school day and know what the day ahead has in store. Children arriving after this time can sometimes feel 'out of the loop' as important communication has been shared. We appreciate that sometimes children are late due to a medical appointment or emergency beyond their control, but those pupils regularly arriving late often take longer to settle into the day. Thank you for your support in starting our school day punctually in advance. Likewise we ask at the end of the day children are collected punctually, thank you for informing us if you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances. Children will be brought to the main school reception area, so staff can then dismiss bus children safely.

### Colour Run: Supporting Angelman Syndrome

We are extremely grateful to you, our school community for the support you gave during our recent Colour Run. It was lovely to see the school community together so early



in the term. It is a delight to share that together we raised a magnificent £268 for Angelman Syndrome. Diolch to the Charity Committee, Miss Light and Miss Ward for arranging this event.

### Show Success

We were very proud to see the wonderful display of work from our pupils at both Chepstow and Usk Show in the recent months. At Chepstow Show, we were awarded the 'Ruth Sweeting Cup' for most points awarded in the Schools Section, along with an array of awards. At Usk Show we came third in the most points awarded in the schools section but gained cup winners for handwriting—Congratulations Daisy (Y3) and Carys (Y4). Please take a look at our achievements in the main entrance!

### Autumn Term 2023

**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

**Fri 15th Dec:** Christmas Story Telling Sessions

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

**Weds 20th Dec:** Christmas Dinner

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

**Fri 22nd Dec:** End Of Autumn Term

**Mon 8th Jan:** Spring Term Commences

**Mon 29th Jan– Fri 9th Feb:** WG National Tests (Y2– Y6)

**Fri 9th Feb:** End of Half Term

**Mon 19th Feb:** Spring Term Two Commences

**Mon 19th Feb:** INSET—School Closed to Pupils

**Weds 28th Feb– Fri 1st March:** Y5 Residential Urdd Cardiff

**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

### Staff Announcement

We are sorry to share that Mrs Hassall will be leaving us on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October to pursue a career outside of education. Mrs Hassall has been a highly effective teacher at Trellech school for ten years, leading Welsh as a Second Language throughout the school as well as providing our learners with an array of engaging learning opportunities inc. attending many Residential Trips with our older pupils.

Following an internal appointment process, we are very pleased to share that Miss Light has successfully been appointed for the 3-day post and will therefore teach our reception children full time from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hassall for all her hard work, dedication, and commitment to Trellech Primary School and wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

### Y5 & Y6 Residential Trips.

Following our curriculum review in the Summer with contribution from staff, governors, pupils and the community. It was felt that we should offer our children a cultural experience as well as an adventurous experience. Therefore we have arranged a residential to Cardiff to stay at the Urdd which will enable our learners to experience our capital city. Our Y6 learners will continue to visit Gilwern to experience adventurous opportunities. Further detailed information to follow.

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## **Class News**

### **Dosbarth Reception**

Reception have been so busy during their first few weeks of school. Miss Light, Mrs Hassall and Miss Ward are so proud of how well you are all starting to settle in. Thank you again, to all the parents who joined us for our open morning and afternoon to see our classroom. We're looking forward to welcoming you into school more over the upcoming year.

In Maths, Reception have been focusing on recognising, ordering and forming numbers from 0-5, as well as counting out a certain number of objects and making / continuing patterns.

Reception have also been discussing the importance of understanding different emotions. They have thought carefully about when they might feel a certain way and why? Along with how we can overcome the trickier emotions that we sometimes feel.

We have started focusing on using our Welsh when answering the register, greeting others, and discussing what the weather is like each day for our Welsh weather chart. We also enjoyed our first trip to forest school through the Wet meadow and exploring a whole new environment.

We are so excited for what our year together will bring. Have a lovely weekend all!

### **Dosbarth 1**

Dosbarth 1 have had an amazing start to the Autumn term. We have been very busy starting our new topic My School, My World, learning all about our school, who teaches in our school and the other classes – we're starting to paint pictures of the different people who help us during our school day. We have been revisiting learning to read and write our numbers to 20 and match the correct number of objects to the number and some of us have now begun to work on higher numbers. During RWInc we have been in our new groups learning to read and spell words with different sounds and we have also started our I'm a Clever Writer retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears using the time openers First, Next, Then, Finally. In Welsh we have been learning to ask and respond to simple questions including our name, how we are feeling, and where we live. Mrs Cornish and Mrs Marsh have started gardening and we have been very proud to be able to share some of our harvest with you on a Thursday, we will continue sharing our produce when we can and will use any donations to help buy resources for our gardening area. On Thursday we had our first Year 1 visit to Forest School where we were joined by Reception and had fun exploring the forest and helping the Reception children.

### **Dosbarth 2**

Croeso I Blwyddyn dau! Welcome to year 2!

We have had a very busy start to the year and pupils have been getting used to new expectations and routines. They have been learning about different sentence types in literacy in preparation for their clever writing sessions and have been taking part in Read Write Inc speed sound lessons. Pupils have been carrying out basic maths such as number bonds, place value and the use of a number square as well as creating fact families. In Welsh we have carried out a baseline assessment and we have started to learn basic language patterns. The pupils are enjoying the range of activities in our outdoor area and have been working alongside Mrs Cornish and Mrs Marsh to dig and plant. They had a wonderful time on their scavenger hunt during our Forest School session, including collecting types of seeds such as cones and acorns.

We have also had a visit from Nurse Claire who told us about the work she does and shared the medical equipment with us. There was lots of interesting information and some great questioning from the pupils.

Year two to complete a nature scavenger hunt. It was great to be able to explore the forest and we look forward to looking out for all the differences we notice in the environment as the seasons change.



### **Dosbarth 3**

We have had a brilliant start to the new term in Year three. The children have settled really well and are getting used to new expectations and routines.

In Literacy, we have been recapping work on writing instructions. We identified key features and practised using time openers to put our instructions in the correct order, and also thought about why adverbs are useful. We linked this to our digital learning, finding about algorithms before writing our own and testing them with a friend. We then had to 'debug' our algorithm if the end result wasn't what we hoped for. We have been learning to recognise and name colours in French, and have worked in pairs to ask and answer basic questions to see how much Welsh we have remembered over the holidays.

Our Maths learning over the last few weeks has focused on place value – we have been working with numbers up to 1000 and are becoming confident representing and partitioning these in different ways.

We have also carried out baseline assessments in Big Maths, as well as practising our times table facts and number bonds for quick recall. As part of our topic 'I am the One and Only' the children have been finding out more about their family (many thanks to you for your help with this at home!) and have started to use our technology skills to create our family tree digitally. We created an 'all about me' silhouette filled with things that represent us, and have enjoyed sharing with each other to find out about our different interests and what makes us unique. Last week we had a fantastic time at Forest School, where the children collaborated with others in.

### **Dosbarth 4**

Our topic this term is- Memory Box. We will be focusing on our immediate environment- looking at Trellech in the Bronze age and how things have changed over time. Local historian and Archaeologist, Katie Churchill came in to talk to the children about Trellech and how archaeologists have been able to piece together evidence of how Trellech looked in the past. Katie brought lots of interesting objects and bones for the children to examine. The children were so enthused, with so many questions, which was just great. Fortunately, we were then able to visit the archaeological dig at Court Farm where Dr Mark Lewis from the National Museum in Cardiff explained to the children how to undertake a geographical survey in the field. Just so fascinating! The children were then able to have a go at digging, sieving and washing bits of pottery that they excavated with Katie Churchill.

A local Author, Margaret Iggulden is coming in to talk to the children on 25<sup>th</sup> September about her recent book which is all about a family living in the Wye valley in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; where they visit an archaeological dig site and discover a mysterious bronze mirror. We are currently reading this fabulous book and we will have an opportunity to purchase her books on the same day. (Schoop message to follow). In Literacy, we have been studying the picture book Journey by Aaron Becker. We have been describing the setting using interesting place openers together with adventurous adjectives and verbs. In Numeracy, we have been subtracting numbers by finding the difference, reading numbers up to 100 and beyond, and understanding each number's value. Thank you for your support.



## Dosbarth 5

Wow, what a fantastic first few weeks in Dosbarth 5! We began our topic 'Guess who?' with exploring ourselves and our peers through questioning and creating profiles and wrote a biography about a friend for our first star write of the year. This week we have been focusing on ourselves and have studied types of sentences, nouns and learnt how to infer and deduce information ready to write an autobiography. In maths we have been working on place value and have been using previously learnt knowledge to support us with numbers up to 1,000,000. We enjoyed learning two new country dances in our dance sessions and have been extremely fortunate to welcome members of Newport County on behalf of County in the Community to teach us skills in football as well as supporting us with keeping active. We enjoyed identifying trees, fruits, seeds and leaves in forest school and were extremely fortunate to take part in an archaeological dig right here in the heart of Trellech, where the extremely talented Kate Churchill and Dr Mark Lewis from the National Museum in Cardiff shared some exciting history with us, please ask us about it! We also began reading an autobiography by Baroness Dame Floella Benjamin which describes her journey in 'Coming to England' we look forward to studying Floella's experiences and comparing them with the journey of those that came to Trellech all those years ago and of course our own journeys as we develop and grow together. Diolch yn fawr for your support with home learning.



## Dosbarth 6

Year 6 have been incredibly busy with our new topic of "Who do you think you are?". It has been wonderful to see everyone getting to know themselves both mentally and physically. For literacy we have come to the end of our first book "The Barnabus Project" by the Fan Brothers which is a wonderful book about self acceptance and friendship. They have all used extended noun phrases, metaphors and their senses to write adventure stories extending the book and used inference skills to delve into the characters motives. We have researched our family trees, some going back four generations, and investigated the impact of where they have come from geographically on ourselves. Whilst getting to know ourselves better, we have examined the rights we have and then diamond ranked them according to we think are the most important. Year 6 are fortunate to have access to their own courtyard and we are busy trying to revamp it, making it a relaxing space to work and be mindful, whilst also creating a sensory garden. Using their addition skills, all the children have been adding up costings of what they would like to see in it. We have been very fortunate to have been given lots of seeds, pots and even an outdoor light, but if you have anything else that you would be happy to donate then please get in touch. For national coding week, we had a very interesting lesson discussing the ethics and bias of artificial intelligence and training an Ai bot to work for us. Thank you for engaging so much with our homework, it is lovely to see all the class so enthused.

### Busybodies

We were very saddened to hear that over the weekend Busybodies, based in The Babington Centre suffered a great deal of vandalism to their outdoor learning area. We have been able to support them in their plea for help to raise vital funds to rebuild such an important part of their environment. If you are able to support them in some way however big or small, we are sure they will be grateful. Donations can be made using the following link: [Fundraiser by Natasha Wilson : Restore the outdoor area of Busy Bodies Playgroup \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-by-natasha-wilson-restore-the-outdoor-area-of-busy-bodies-playgroup)



# PTFA & Charity Committee MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

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There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes served at the Macmillan coffee afternoon.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON**



Date: Friday 29th September  
Time: 2pm-3.15pm  
All parents are welcome to the Macmillan coffee afternoon



## **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**



### **Trellech Primary School Open Morning**

**Tuesday 10th October  
9.30am  
for parents & families of  
children due to start  
Reception in September 2024**



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



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## **AGM**

Annual General Meeting

Everyone welcome

Stay informed and help the school

**Friday 6th October  
3.45pm  
in the School Hall**



# Cymraeg yn y cartref

Welsh Entertainment  
for children



#Welsh@home



## Cyw on S4C

see the timetable on the Cyw website: [www.cyw.cymru](http://www.cyw.cymru)

6am - 12pm Monday to Friday

6am - 8am Saturday

6am - 9am Sunday



## APPS

- Dewin a Doti 1 a 2
- Cyw ar Wyddor
- Cyfri gyda Cyw
- Cyw Tiwb
- Byd Cyw
- Tric a Chlic
- Duolingo
- Sillafu Iaith Gyntaf
- Canu Selog
- Aur am Air
- Llyfrau Bach Magi Ann
- Magi Ann set 2
- Bys a Bawd
- Campau Cosmig
- Ar y Fferm
- Betsan a Roco yn y Pentref
- Llyfrau Hwyl
- Borrowbox

## WEBSITES

- **Miri Meithrin**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/mirimeithrin](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mirimeithrin)
- **BBC Bitesize**  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdm3nrd](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdm3nrd)
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## Would you like to speak Welsh at home?

#Clwb Cwtsh is a short, informal, fun-filled 8-week taster programme focussed on speaking Welsh with young children (and is aimed at parents to be, parents/carers, members of the extended family). Course start dates are **September 2023, November 2023, February 2024 and May 2024.**

You don't need any Welsh to join so what are you waiting for?!

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