



Week Ending—Friday 7th July 2023

## Transition Days

This week we have seen our Y6 pupils visit Monmouth Comprehensive School in preparation for the next exciting adventure on their educational journey. They have come back full of stories which will further develop their confidence in readiness for September.

This week we held our own transition day, it was wonderful to see so many confident smiles in their new classes, showing their enthusiasm and readiness for the new academic year. We welcomed new faces to some of our classes and Miss Light had the opportunity to welcome our youngest pupils to Reception. It was a pleasure to welcome our new pupils to Trellech, as they got to know the school and make new friends. We look forward to the new year.

## Celebrating 75 years of the NHS

This week pupils created, and Mrs Miles kindly delivered some cards and bunting to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the NHS. A small gesture from the school community to say thank you for all that you do for us. We were delighted to see it being displayed at The Grange Hospital.



## Reporting to Parents

Following our Sharing Sessions and final parent consultation we now look forward to sharing your child's final report for the academic year, at the end of next week. . As we have completed a full cycle of annual reporting we look to ensure the systems work for all. Please take a moment to complete the following form to ensure we meet the needs of the majority of our families. We have this year, held two sharing sessions, two Parent Consultations via School Cloud and shared information via your child's formal report in the Autumn, Spring and Summer Term. We look forward to your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/teYHq30rXQ>

# Newsletter

## Trellech Primary School



### Sunshine Radio

Some of you may have managed to Chris Bloomer on Sunshine Radio featuring our wonderful school on his evening show. If you missed it you can catch up on it using the following link: [Trellech Primary School, Monmouthshire - School Of The Week - Sunshine Radio](#)

### Supporting Angelman Syndrome

During the Y4, 5 & 6 Art Exhibition, refreshments were served and donations were made to support one of our families who are currently raising money for Angelman Syndrome. We are pleased to share we raised £150 during the event to support the work of this society.

This week we welcomed Ivor (Sibling to Bethan & Olwen) to complete his Daily Walk with Y1 and some Y4 pupils as part of their Daily Mile. Ivor and his family are walking daily to raise money for this worthy cause.

During the final week of term our Charity Committee are organising a Colour Run to raise money and awareness of Angelman Syndrome, something that they feel passionate about. Please support us in this final charitable event of the year. We will send further information regarding this early next week.

### Website & Marketing

We are pleased to share that our new website is now live and continually being updated by staff. We will begin to update the class pages as we approach the autumn term in readiness for our new year groups, but please take a look at our AOLE area to find out more about our curriculum. We hope you find it easier to navigate and locate information. A huge thankyou to Miss Powell and our Governors Mr Hockey and Mrs Kersley for their work in developing it. Please take a look: [Trellech Primary School - Home](#)

Some of you may have noticed our new banner at the front of the school. A huge diolch to Mr Wall (Marlow & Casper) for sharing his expertise in creating this for us.

### Deputy Headteacher Secondment

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed a Seconded Deputy Headteacher for September. Miss C. Whyte will join us from Shirenewton Primary School. Miss Whyte will teach in Year Five. We have very much looking to welcoming Miss Whyte to the Trellech Team.



### Summer Term 2023

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July:** PS3 Summer Performance: 1.30pm

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Y1 & Y4 School Trip

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 Cluster Swimming Gala

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July:** PS3 Summer Performance: 6pm

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Pupil Reports Distributed via Hwb

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 Safe Cycling

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Y2/ Y3 French Parent Sharing Session

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Y2/ 3 trip to Techniquet

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July :** Leavers Assembly—10am

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July—**End of Summer Term

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept—** Autumn Term commences: INSET Day School Closed to all Pupils

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Autumn Term commences for all Pupils

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct:** INSET— School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** INSET—School Closed to Pupil

### Keep Wales Tidy Poetry Competition

Jacob (Y3) was awarded 1st prize in the CPRW/ Keep Wales Tidy poetry competition for Years 3 and 4. The theme was Farms of the Future and he wrote a poem about hedgerows. He attended a special presentation evening at Bridges to receive his prize. Congratulations Jacob.

### Breakfast Club

Following the success of our Breakfast Club award and presentation at Westminster earlier this term we were delighted to welcome our MP, David Davies to Breakfast Club this morning. During our visit to London David took time to give us a tour of Parliament. It was a privilege to share our provision with him, sharing the wonderful start our children have each morning. We are very grateful to Mrs Light, Mr Webb and Mrs Richards for their commitment to ensuring our learners have a positive start to their day. A huge diolch to Playwood who delivered our new breakfast club benches as part

### Thankyou !

To our wonderful PTFA who have with your support enabled Y1 and Y2 to purchase further resources for the outdoor area. They have already enjoyed the chalk board and role play areas. How wonderful it is to see the areas of learning are looking and being utilised by the children.

### PTFA

Thank you to everyone who attended the disco last Thursday. Funds have recently helped towards the cost of; end of year school trips, the welly boot storage for classrooms and the chicken coop.

Don't forget you can also support fundraising by entering the school lottery. Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner for our school every week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot.

Visit [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) to buy a ticket.

Join us to celebrate the end of another great school year at our BIG SUMMER SOCIAL which will be held on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 5pm - 8pm** on the school playing field, please bring a blanket to sit on.

Please help us to avoid waste by buying tickets in advance via parent pay (also available on the door).

Tickets include:

Hog roast and a glass of Pimm's for adults

Hot dog and squash for children

Live band and music

Fun and games for children



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## **Class News**

### **Reception:**

Reception have had another lovely week. We have fully engrossed ourselves in our topic 'healthy, confident me'. We have harvested our vegetables we have been growing over the past few months and created our own potato salad. It was lovely. In Numeracy we have been looking at taking away an amount from another, the children have completed activities independently and together to support their learning. In Literacy, we have been looking at identifying capital letters and character descriptions. We are putting the final touches on our picnic preparations for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The picnic will start at 1:30. There is a limit of four adults per child. We look forward to celebrating with you soon. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Year One:**

In Year 1 this fortnight we have had a wonderful time in Year 2 with Mr Green for transition day. Back in Year 1 we have been getting very excited for our trip to Barry Island! We have written acrostic poems for the new Year 1s telling them all about the brilliant things we get up to, and in maths we have been sorting triangles according to their properties. This week we are creating wanted posters for either the wolf or pig from the story *Suddenly!* by Colin McNaughton. *We have planted some spider plants and are doing a great job of looking after them. Children have taken responsibility for checking if their plant needs water, and we have loved seeing some roots start to grow! Next week we will be joining Reception for Forest School on Friday (14/07/23) for a campfire. Let's hope for a dry couple of days! This means please wear usual school uniform on Monday as instead of Forest School we will be watching the Year 4, 5 and 6 play. As we near the end of the year, please could your children bring in a bag or a box (feel free to decorate an empty cereal box!) to take their work and books home in. Diolch!*

### **Year Two:**

In year two we have been redrafting a story that we have planned out; thinking carefully about any spelling corrections, punctuation, grammar and ways to improve sentences. In numeracy we have partitioned numbers to subtract them and taken away using the column method. The pupils used these strategies to solve written problems. Pupils have been enjoying using their French in the outdoor learning café and really impressing me with their grasp of Welsh language sentence patterns. We received a visit from the fire service and learnt how to stay safe during a fire. They stressed the importance of knowing our own addresses so it is really worth checking that your child knows theirs in the event of having to contact the fire service. Our collaboration with year 3 has been going really well and the children can't wait to show you what they have been learning about the regions of France.

### **Year Three**

In Year 3 we have continued working on our creative writing, using lots of different techniques to build imaginative descriptions. In numeracy we have been calculating perimeter of different shapes, and thinking about different methods we can use to do this. We have enjoyed learning French vocabulary to order food and drink in a cafe – I have been so impressed with their language skills! We have been collaborating well with Year 2 to find out about different regions in France, and we're excited to share our work with you next week. The children have also been enjoying our Grub Club sessions, and it is amazing many different skills we have used – following a recipe carefully, communicating with others in the group, adjusting amounts to make the right number of servings, and measuring ingredients accurately. We are in the process of putting together a Trellech cookbook so that your child can recreate our dishes with you at home.

#### **Year 4 :**

We hope you enjoyed our **Express yourself** afternoon. We have been so impressed with the children's creations and their own take on the skills of Picasso. Their artwork has created quite an impressive display and certainly brightened up our classroom. We will reluctantly let you have your child's creations at the end of term! Thank you so much for your generous contributions toward Angelman Syndrome. We are looking forward to our trip to Barry Island on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure your child wears school uniform, has a hat, sun cream on, bring a packed lunch and they can wear sandals. The PTFA have kindly agreed to pay for the bus, which is amazing. So, we thought if the children brought in £3.00 in a labelled envelope on the day, we can get them all an ice cream. In Literacy the children have been retelling the events of a story from a character's perspective. We have spent some time reviewing prior learning and looking at work from previous lessons (emotions graphs, prepositional phrases, similes, speech punctuation), reminding children they can look back at their work for ideas when they are writing. So much fun was had at Forest School when the children created instruments out of natural materials. The last Forest School will be on the last week of school now, as our next scheduled date will be the concert (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm). Don't forget their performance on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. In Numeracy we have been looking at a written method for short multiplication, e.g multiplying a single digit by either a two or three digit number (4x63 or 5x 127 etc) Ask your child how to set it out correctly and talk you through the steps involved. Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Year Five:**

As we head towards the final two weeks in Year 5 we are as busy as ever. Firstly I would like to thank everyone who attended the Express Yourself afternoon, I was very sorry I was unable to attend but I know the children were very proud of the art they produced and really enjoyed teaching the painting techniques too. I was really impressed with their paintings in the style of Monet and how much they had learnt, bendigedig! This week we had our last visit to Forest School for Year 5 where we had the opportunity to get very muddy, something which many of us really enjoyed. We created muddy faces on tree stumps or the tree trunks using mud and other natural materials from around the forest. I was very impressed with some of the art displayed during the afternoon. On Wednesday Year 5 had their taster day in Year 6, something I know they all really enjoyed and were very excited about when they returned to class, they even had the lunch in the courtyard and felt very grown up. We have also enjoyed preparing for our end of year performance of Abi Baba and the Bongo Bandits and have been busy learning the songs ready for the performances next week. We really hope you can join us on either Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm or Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm (children to be in school for 5.30pm please) Please can any remaining costumes be sent in on Monday ready for our dress rehearsal, thank you.

#### **Year 6**

The weeks seem to be flying by as we approach the end of term. For year 6 it is a very poignant time, with us reflecting on our years at Trellech, recalling our memories and preparing for the new adventures that await them. Thank you so much for attending our Expressive Yourself afternoon, where you had time to enjoy the wonderful artwork created by your children. Their attention to detail using pointillism has been fantastic and created such an impressive display. Your donations for Angelman Syndrome were very much appreciated. Rehearsals for our show "Abi Baba and the Bongo Bandits" are in full swing. We have been focussing on many skills during our rehearsals to enhance our experience of expressive arts. These skills include facial expressions, gestures, pace, tone, body language and diction. These have really helped to enhance our performances and focus our rehearsals. Our expressive arts journey continued this week with a visit from Gwent music, where we were treated to a music masterclass about dynamics, melody and harmony using saxophones, clarinets and flutes. All of our year 6 children have enjoyed two transition days to the comprehensive school, giving them a tiny flavour of the adventures that await them in September. Our final forest school of the year saw us making mud faces, either on trees or tree stumps – the results were amazing! We look forward to welcoming you to the afternoon concert on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm and again in the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Please could any remaining costumes be brought in as soon as possible. Many thanks for your continued support.







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