



Week Ending—Friday 10th November 2023

ESTYN Inspection

Thank you to the whole school community who came together during our Inspection. From completing ESTYN questionnaires, attending the parent meeting to stapling displays and mending guttering it was very much appreciated. It was a clear example of the importance of the whole school community coming together—diolch yn fawr! The report will be published on 28th December 2023 and available at: [Latest inspection reports | Estyn \(gov.wales\)](#) from this date.

Parent Governor Ballot

At the beginning of this week Mrs Peacock and Mr Hockey (Chair of Governors) counted the ballot papers for the vacancies for Parent Governors on the school Governing Body. We were delighted with the huge number of papers returned and are pleased to announce that Mr Tom Cookman (Seren: Y1) and Mr Ed Webb (Arthur: Rec) will join the governor panel. We look forward to working alongside our new governors and thank all the nominees who showed a huge commitment to the school.

Parent Workshops

Our final two workshops take place this month, your attendance at these sessions is always appreciated in sharing and supporting the work we do in school. Please use the following link to register your attendance at our remaining workshops.

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

Friday 17th Nov: Maths & Numeracy

[Parent Workshops \(office.com\)](#)

Or using the QR Code;



Rights and Values Committee

On the 20th November, Trellech Primary School will be celebrating World Children's Day coordinated by the United Nations and Unicef. It is an annual day of action by children, for children, encouraging them to engage in global issues that are important to them. To mark the day, we would like all children to come to school wearing **blue** and the Rights and Values Committee will be organising activities to help children understand the importance of their rights.

Newsletter

Trellech Primary School



Football Festival at Cwmbran Stadium

Prior to the half term break 9 of our Y5 & Y6 footballers attended the EFL Football Festival at Cwmbran Stadium. The festival was organised by our friends at County in the Community. A great day was had by all, with some great skills being demonstrated. Mrs Fawsitt and Mrs Goodyear were impressed by the skills, attitudes and behaviour demonstrated by all. Mrs Peacock was delighted to receive the following email from one of the sponsors from the day:

Accent on Education sponsored yesterday's football tournament that Trellech Primary School attended.

Our staff were assisting with the organisation throughout the day and watched all of the matches.

I just wanted to pass on how impressed we were with the behaviour of the Trellech players and with the sportsmanship they showed, especially by ensuring they shook hands with the opposition after every game regardless of the result. They were polite to the referee's and other officials and it was a pleasure to host them.

They were an absolute credit to the school and I would be grateful if this message could be passed on to the staff and players if possible.

Stay and Play Initiative

Stay and Play will continue this half term weather and light dependent! It is such a delight to see families coming together at the end of the day enjoying time and the space together. We are in the process of purchasing some equipment specifically for these sessions and the reading hut and marking making shed that was secured through community funding have been delivered at the end of this week.

Pupil Committee Meetings

During our Pupil Committee Meetings we have been fortunate to have had visitors join us. Geraint Roberts (Road Safety Officer for Monmouthshire) joined Mrs Phillips and the JRSO committee to discuss their priorities for the forthcoming year and Jack Harris joined Miss Whyte and our Health & Well Being committee to discuss our sport and breaktime provision. They have decided in groups on games and activities to share with the children and began creating a timetable to lead play and lunchtime on both yards. We are excited to begin our work supporting the children with their play. Diolch to Mrs Body & Mr Webb for supporting our ideas. It is wonderful to see the contributions of all our committees and the impact they are making around the school.

Autumn Term 2023

Fri 17th Nov: Maths & Numeracy Workshop

Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need

Fri 17th Nov: PTFA School Disco

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

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

SSCE Forces Festival

On Wednesday some of our pupils attended the East Wales Forces Festival accompanied by Mrs Voaden. A great day was had with lots of activities and experiences shared.



PTFA Update

The new PTFA committee is up and running!

Thank you to all our new and continuing volunteers; PTFA committee officers are:

Ann North - Joint Chair

Bex Goodyer - Joint Chair

Rhian Hockey - Vice Chair

Laura Sims - Secretary

Treasurer role is yet to be filled- please do get in touch if you think you can help. Thank you to Fanzi Down and Emma Darlow for all your hard work fulfilling this role over the past few years.

PTFA committee members

Ceri Jones - Funding and Grants

Becky Evans - Advertising

Joanna Kersley

Clare Catto - Trellech's Got Talent

Annabelle Holtam

Helen Rees - Lottery

Carys Moses - Event catering

Corella Williams-Young - Sponsorship

There is also a helpers group for those who are able to help out at events but would prefer not to be on the committee, if you think you could help please email trellechprima-ryptfa@gmail.com

Upcoming events-

Friday 17th November- Autumn disco, tickets via parent pay.

Thursday 30th November - Adult wreath making, afternoon and evening sessions, tickets are limited, further details and booking info coming soon.

Friday 15th December - Christmas craft fayre after school.

Coming soon- Preloved Christmas jumper and Nativity costume sale- any donations greatly received from 20th November in collection tub at school reception.

Criw Cymreig

Phrase of the week: Ble mae.....? – Where is?

Welsh speaker of the fortnight:

Rec– Y6: Rose (Y6)

Class of the Week: Dosbarth 6

Vehicular Access to the School Site

We continue to ask for your support with regard accessing the school site.

We would like to express our gratitude for your support in accessing the school site safely at the start and the end of the school day. Over half term the lines were repainted, enabling users to clearly identify designated areas for disabled spaces and buses. We will continue to use the current system and monitor the situation. Ensuring the safety of our children is at the forefront of any decisions made.

Dosbarth Reception

Reception have had a lovely first week back. Miss Light and Miss Ward enjoyed hearing all about the exciting things that the pupils got up to over the half term. As we enter the final weeks of the Autumn Term, we are looking forward to getting started with our Christmas Nativity.

This week the children have continued to work hard in Read Write Inc to learn the new sounds. We are really focussing on our presentation and trying hard to sit all our letters on the line. In Maths, we have started looking at simple addition (0-5) and beginning to build an understanding of how it looks as a sum, with the addition and equals sign. This has provided the children the opportunity to continue to practice their number formation. Miss Light and Miss Ward were so impressed with all the pupils as they really challenged themselves this week.

We have also been learning about the significance of Remembrance Day through class circle time. As a class, we created mini poppy wreaths to decorate our class window as well as used tissue paper to create poppies for the display. We have developed a good understanding as to why it is so important. We also enjoyed another wet forest school with Year 1. The children re-imbedded some previous learning about the importance of friendships and what makes a good friend through creating friendship wands. This will support us further next week for Anti-bullying week. We are also looking forward to participating in Children in Need, so another busy week is ahead.

Miss Light would also like to thank you all for attending parents evening this week. It was so lovely to welcome you back into school. For some it welcomed the return of face-to-face meetings and for others the first experience of a parents evening. Thank you again for all the kind words shared about myself and Miss Ward. We do really appreciate it. Have a lovely weekend!



Dosbarth 1

Croeso i nol, welcome back after a much-needed rest at half term. The weather wasn't great but I hope you were able to enjoy the break.

Before we broke up the school had important visitors and I am really proud to say how well the pupils worked and behaved and this was noticed.

We have continued with story writing using the Clever Writer approach and we have also spent a lot of time on sentence structure, recognising that we really need capitals, full stops and to include a noun and a verb for it to make sense.

In numeracy we have been doubling using money and have classified 2D shapes and listed their properties. The pupils have made predictions about what will happen to eggs when placed in different liquids. This is linked to our work on teeth and how we need to look after them; the eggshell acting as enamel. In Welsh we have been reading a story, learning the related vocabulary and answering questions about the text.

Dosbarth 3

Welcome back – hopefully you all enjoyed a well-deserved week off and are rested and recharged ready for another busy half term! In Literacy before the break, we completed our work based on After the Fall. We explored a character's thoughts and feelings through drama activities, and used our wellbeing work to come up with some advice that we would give to Humpty Dumpty. We worked on developing our writing by using different sentence openers, and uplevelling and improving sentences in different ways, then put our skills into practice to write a retell of the story. Following this the children worked in pairs to create a stop-frame animation of part of the story – they needed to make a character, create the backdrop and plan using a storyboard, before taking a series of photographs using careful layering to put together the animation. So many different skills involved, and it was tricky at times, but the children were so supportive of each other and showed great perseverance and resilience. This week, we have been finding out about Remembrance Day. We have researched and made notes on what we read, then put together an information page to share what we have learned in a creative way. We have also explored poetry, learning the features of Haikus then writing our own on the theme of Remembrance. Using different tutorials, we have created our own poppy art with some really fantastic results. In Maths we have started to use different strategies to multiply numbers, and representing our multiplication in different ways – I have been so impressed with how quickly the children have picked this up. We are really enjoying our samba drumming sessions – we have continued exploring different musical elements, and putting together rhythm patterns to build a piece of music, and are looking forward to sharing this with you.



Dosbarth 4

Every term is just so busy, but we have a feeling that this one is going to be packed with lots of excitement and fun. It won't be long until we start practising for our Carol Concert, creating an enterprise project and designing and making Christmas cards. In Literacy, this week we have been identifying the different jobs that people did during stone age time- hunting, making tools, fire etc. We then compared these jobs to present day jobs and how things have changed. We also created freeze frames to act out the various scenes from Stone Age Boy. The children created poems using personification to celebrate Remembrance Day and we were very proud of their adventurous vocabulary. In Science, after completing an experiment as to how food is absorbed into their bodies, they drew and labelled the digestive system. We are still completing digital Art in the style of Alma Thomas's abstract style which is looking very bright and colourful. Maths has been lots of fun with looking at telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks; as well as reading information from timetables. Keep up the hard work Year 4!



Dosbarth 5

Wow! What a busy fortnight with a half term in between for good measure, the last week of term saw us share our school with some important visitors, and the children were a credit to us all. Sharing their learning, asking and answering questions and showing what super engaged learners we are. We enjoyed a bridge challenge in Forest school, working in small groups to create a natural bridge with a robust success criterion, we enjoyed walking over with Reception and are forming special bonds. We had a great session with our County in the Community football coaches as well as our third swimming lesson where we completed a swim safety test, we are all doing so well with our technique. In literacy we role played, freeze framed and wrote an informal letter, whilst learning more about Floella's journey to England. Did you know between 1948 and 1970 500,000 people left their homes in the West Indies to live in Britain. In maths we worked hard to complete multi-step addition and subtraction word problems. This week we have hit the ground running with our first story of the term in literacy, entering the BBC 500-word competition writing a short story of our choice focusing on character, setting and plot, we are keeping our fingers crossed one of us makes the final... In maths we have moved on to multiplication and division, beginning with multiples and factors. Everyone has worked really hard using resources to support them including one hundred squares. We had our final swimming lesson, a brilliant session with County and the Community and welcomed MonLife leaders on Thursday to support us as Playmakers to support all the children within our school community with activities, games and play during free time. I hope you all had a restful half term, we have an exciting half term ahead with the Y4/5 Christmas Carol Service, Christmas enterprise and all things winter. Diolch for your continued support.



Dosbarth 6

Year 6 continue to impress me with their creativity, kindness and enthusiasm for learning. Our last week before half term saw us sharing the school with visitors and the whole class showed what a credit they are to the school with the way they spoke and shared their learning so maturely. Our literacy saw us delve deeper into the novel "Wonder", writing a diary entry as if we were August using the skills of show not tell, fronted adverbials and figurative language. The results were amazing with the children using the writers voice so effectively. In maths the children created their own super athlete by testing, timing and ordering the skills of hand/eye coordination, agility, speed, strength and dexterity. We then analysed the food needed to fuel a super athlete and calculated the different foods we could eat for the recommended daily calorie intake. We have also been finding fractions of amounts and simplifying fractions using our knowledge of factors. For science the children continued their learning of the major organs of the body by creating green screen movies, projecting the major organs onto their bodies and describing the functions. We then looked at how we are made up of 46 pairs of chromosomes and made our own reebops (imaginary animals) using a random mix of chromosomes from each parent – the results were fantastic! Year 6 have investigated the advantages and disadvantages of kidney donation, both for the patient and the donor, discussing the issue in an extremely sensitive manner. Forest school saw us making sculptures of ourselves using natural materials and for PE we have begun learning how to control the ball in hockey. Da iawn year 6, keep up the amazing work.



Girlguiding
1st Wye Valley Brownies

Rainbows
For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.

Brownies
For ages 7 to 10

Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.

Guides
For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!

Rangers
For ages 14 to 18

Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.



AUTUMN DISCO

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

WEAR YOUR PARTY CLOTHES!

£3 per child
Includes Entry, Squash & Crisps
Info & Ticket Purchase on Parent Pay

Infants
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Juniors
4:45 - 5:45pm

Pre bagged Sweets (Vegan/Non)
£1
Glow in the dark tattoos **50p**

GLOW IN THE DARK TATTOOS

TUCK SHOP

Trellech Primary School PTFA
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1st Wye Valley Brownie Unit

I am really pleased to announce that our new Brownie unit has been officially registered and we are now up and running. We meet in the village hall in **The North** on **Thursday** evenings, **5.15 – 6.30 pm** and we are looking for new Brownies to come and join us.

We are open to all girls (sorry boys) aged 7 – 10 years old and you can find lots of information about Brownies and what they get up to at www.girlguiding.org.uk.

If your daughter is interested in joining, and you would like to find out more, go to the home page on the Girlguiding website where you will find a 'register your child' option. You just need to enter a few details, select '**1st Wye Valley Brownies**' as your preferred unit, your enquiry will pop up on the system and I will get back to you as quickly as I can.

If you would like to get involved in Brownies generally or might be interested in helping run the unit with us, either occasionally or more regularly, I would love to hear from you too.

To contact me or for any questions at all, please email me on 1st.wye.valley.brownies@gmail.com.

Brown Owl (Fiona Harling) & Little Owl (Livvie Harling)



Trellech Teas at Trellech Church

Friday 2.30-4.30 pm

Dates for your diary

1st & 15th & 29th September; 13th & 27th October; 10th & 24th November 2023.

**Christmas special on the
8th December 2023.**

5Museum Sleepover: The Romans AT HOME

You're invited to join an ancient adventure! Experience a fun-filled night at the Museum from your own home.

Tickets: £5 [+ Eventbrite fees] for the entire family.

Suitable for children aged 6 – 12

All materials and activities supplied for this event will be bilingual (Welsh & English) excluding the live call, elements of behind the scenes, and elements of the pre-recorded content. These elements will be delivered in the facilitators



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