



# Newsletter

## Trellech Primary School

### Whole School Eisteddfod

Last Friday, we held our annual Eisteddfod— it was a delightful morning celebrating our Welsh culture through song, dance, music, art and language. It was an honour to see the children displaying their talents in so many different ways and with such confidence! This year we had collaborative dancers performed from classes from across the school. Through the morning pupils supported one another and celebrated each others success. Our winners of the writing section were Thomas (Rec), Seren (Y1), Callum (y2) , Daisy (Y3), Isabelle P (Y4), Haydn (Y5) and Nia (Y6). Following these magnificent pieces, the winner of the Bardd for 2024 was Nia! In our musical competition we were very proud to listen to all the performances; particularly those who performed for the first time in front of such a large audience. Congratulations to Harry (Y6) who was honoured with being our musician of the Eisteddfod. As a result of all the competitions throughout the morning we were honoured to present the Eisteddfod Cup to the overall winners to Monnow.



### Comic Relief

Comic Relief takes place next Friday (15th March), children are invited to attend school in something red or something to make other laugh! During the day classes will collaborate to complete a lego habitat challenge. If you wish to donate this can be made via Comic relief directly: [Donate | Comic Relief](#)

### Anti Racism Workshops

We welcomed Deiniol from County in the Community along with retired Welsh Footballer, Nathan Blake to school last week. They delivered sessions to our Y4, Y5 and Y6 Pupils during the day. There were thoughtful discussions about why we should stand up to racism and show solidarity.



### EAS Cluster Anti Poverty Strategy

Last week, Mrs Peacock had the privilege along with some fellow cluster Headteachers to be involved in sharing our cluster journey of Tackling Aspects of Poverty. This was recorded and will be shared with colleagues from across the consortia. Our work in this area is still very much a journey and as a cluster we continue to work on.

### Year Five Cultural Residential

Our first Cultural Residential took place last week at The Urdd, Cardiff. Despite a national protest taking place on the day of our arrival and adding some additional planning a great few days was had by all! The opportunity to visit our capital city enabled our pupils an array of cultural experiences including a visit to the Castle, National Museum, Senedd, taking a water taxi as well as an unplanned meeting with the First Minister, Mark Drakeford whilst in their onesies. We would like to express our gratitude to Miss Whyte for arranging the visit, along with Mrs Voaden and Mr Snowton who accompanied the class, enabling such visits to take place.

### World Book Day: Sponsored Read

As part of our World Book Day celebrations the children took part in a sponsored read and had an opportunity to visit the book fayre. As a result of your incredible support we are proud to share that through sponsorship and book orders our target was surpassed and the total amount raised was: £825 in sponsorship along with £307.03 in book sales with the 60% donation equates to £1131.90 to spend on books, games and puzzles for the school. A huge diolch to Mrs Miles for overseeing the arrangements for the sponsored read and book sale.

## Autumn Term 2023

**Fri 15th March**– Y6 Cluster Netball & Football Event @Raglan

**Fri 15th March**– Comic Relief (wear red/ something funny)

**Tues 19th March:** Saplings (Y2 & Y3) Easter Celebration 10am

**Weds 20th March:** Netball Tournament @ Habs, Monmouth

**Thurs 21st March:** Annual Report to Parents

**Fri 22nd March:** PTFA Easter Event

**Fri 22nd March:** End of Spring Term

**Mon 8th April:** Summer Term Commences

**Mon 22nd– Weds 24th April**– Y6 Residential: Gilwern

**Fri 3rd May:** INSET—School Closed to Pupils

**Mon 6th May:** May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed

**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

## PTFA Update

Next Event -

Easter Fun After school

Friday 22nd March.

## World Book Day

Thank you for helping us celebrate our World of Books! The children looked wonderful and the variety of 'make do and mend' as well as bedtime attire and books that were worn was magnificent. The children completed a range activities to promote our love of learning. We are pleased to announce the winners of book vouchers for their book cover designs are: Matilda (Rec), Aria (Y1) Sonny Y2), Evie G (Y3), Annabel(Y4) Rose C (Y5) and Alfie (Y6)



Diolch to our PTFA for donating the book vouchers for this event.

## Sport Wales

We were honoured to receive a visit from Team Wales Gymnast Gemma Frizelle– she spoke to pupils in Oaks about her journey to the Commonwealth Games. Gemma then led a session for our Y4 pupils where they developed their skills using the hoop.



## Children in Wales Anniversary Event

Yesterday, Jacob (Y4) along with Danny and Emmett were invited to attend the 30th Anniversary of Children in Wales at The Senedd, where the book Pause Play Fast Forward was launched. We were very honoured to be part of this event; representing the Children of Wales. Da iawn boys for representing our school so magnificently.

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## Dosbarth Reception

Reception have enjoyed many different activities over the past fortnight. Last week we celebrated our first Eisteddfod. All the children looked fantastic and really enjoyed the morning. A huge thank you again, for the effort and time that went in to completing the homework entries. It really was difficult to choose the winners. This week, we have been looking at number bonds to further support our addition. The children took their learning outside and used chalk to complete a number bonds diagram. The children enjoyed working out what two parts they needed to make the whole. We also created a code for making Welsh cakes. To support us, we used trial and error to begin with. This meant that we had to instruct Miss Light and Miss Ward on how we **THOUGHT** you correctly make them. It allowed us to look at ordering and instructions and consider how detailed our instructions that we gave were. Let's just say that 'crack the egg' nearly resulted in an egg being cracked on Miss Light's head as she wasn't sure where or how to crack it. Thankfully, with some quick thinking, the children ensured that the egg was cracked carefully on the side of the bowl before being added in. We then used our instructions to create Welsh cakes today. The children really enjoyed it and I hope they tasted as delicious as they looked! We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. Again, thank you as the children all looked amazing and we had such a fun day. The children enjoyed talking about their favourite books along with designing their book covers. We have also been busy preparing for a very special day on Sunday... Mother's Day! We hope you all loved your pots and cards as the children worked so hard to make them. Whatever you're doing to celebrate, have a lovely day with your children and we look forward to hearing all about it on Monday. Happy Mother's Day all!

## Dosbarth 1

Last week in Y1 we celebrated the Eisteddfod in style! The children worked really hard on their handwriting and writing activities. We made beautiful, unique clay Welsh love spoons inspired by symbols representing important messages and following individual designs. We made Welsh cakes—DELICIOUS! We also made leek and potato soup, learning how to use instructional language and following recipes—culminating in tasting our delicious soup. The children wanted more than one bowl. St David's Day was a huge success where we joined the rest of the school in a morning assembly to celebrate together in our houses. The folk dance 'Patta-a-cake' Polka was performed by Y1 & Y3... it was so impressive. Da iawn pawb. This week we enjoyed forest school, learning about time (specifically hour and half hour) The children learned about capacity, measuring and sorting. They have also been making something special for Mothering Sunday. World Book Day has been inspirational, the children have dressed up as book characters or in their pyjamas and had a day of enjoyable activities, beginning with designing book covers.



## Dosbarth 2

Last week saw us enjoying another successful Eisteddfod in school. It was lovely to see the variety of talents being demonstrated for the different categories. There were great examples of handwriting, Welsh myth writing, sketches and collages, posters and photography as well as singing and piano playing. Da lawn Year Twos!

In literacy we have looked at the features of non-chronological reports and begun to plan our own. In numeracy, pupils have created fact families for multiplication and division, calculated number bonds to 20, carried out reasoning problem solving and used number lines to work out the missing numbers in both adding and subtracting sums. In Welsh we have been reading a story and understanding it. We braved the weather to visit forest schools where we revisited measuring to find the length, width and height of natural objects. It was the first time that we were all glad to leave there early as our hands were freezing and I think we were tired following Eisteddfod in the morning.

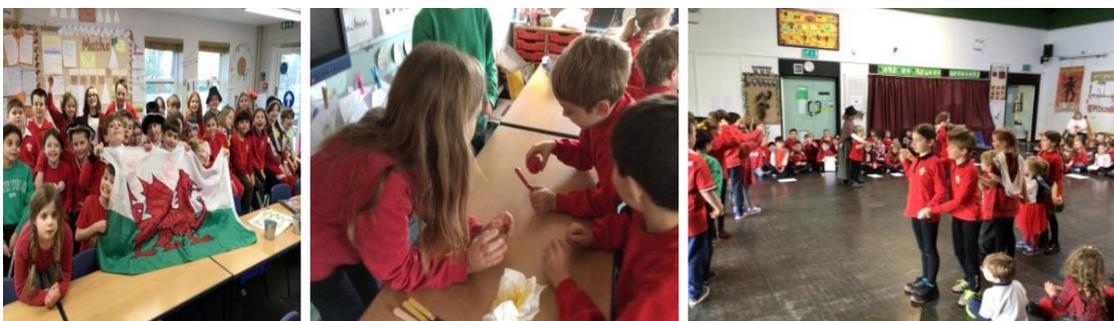
### Dosbarth 3

Last week we enjoyed taking part in our whole school Eisteddfod. The children all worked extremely hard on their classwork entries, and it was really hard to choose a winner! I was very impressed with all the entries from home as well, so diolch yn fawr to you for your help. We have continued to work hard on our Easter play, and the children are becoming a lot more confident with their lines and actions. In Literacy, we have been working on developing our creative writing skills, using different sentence openers in our retell of the legend of Dinas Emrys, and beginning to use a variety of techniques, such as similes and using our senses, to build our descriptions. We have been working on measuring in Maths, choosing which unit of measurement is appropriate for different objects and practising measuring accurately using rulers and measuring tapes. We have also started to convert between units of measurement – e.g. from metres to centimetres, so that we could compare lengths. We used these skills in Forest School to find out the lengths of different objects and had to think carefully about how we could measure a huge log (over 8 metres!) using just one metre stick. Our latest Commando Joe's mission saw us working in teams to retrieve evidence from the poacher's zone without being detected. We needed to do lots of strategising to avoid being caught!



### Dosbarth 4

Last week was Eisteddfod and the children worked hard with the various entries. It always amazes us how creative the children are. Thank you for the homework entries- it was so hard to choose just a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was a winner! Also, well done to the musical entries as I know some of you were so nervous, but we were so proud of you. We have focused on angles this week in maths- looking at the name and size of different angles, we have talked about where in the real world we use angles. Ask the children what they can remember! In Literacy this week we have been looking at grammar and punctuation and in particular the correct use of full stops and capital letters. Then we have been identifying homophones, prefixes and suffixes. We have discussed how a suffix or prefix changes the meaning of the word. This is quite a tricky concept but does help with spelling words correctly. Today is International Women's Day and the children have been finding out the significance of this day and why it is associated with the colour purple. We have been busy making Mother's Day cards in the style of Van Gogh; and the children have chosen their own resources to create their own designs. I am sure you will love them as some of them actually look better than Van Gogh!! Another Commando Joe session was completed. We had to build a road block to stop a group of invaders, so it needed to be robust! The other team will have to try and breach the roadblock. They could only move one piece of equipment at a time and that is only if the team could answer a question about Arthur Wharton. We had a fantastic day on Thursday for World Book Day- the children all looked amazing, so thank you for the effort you went to! It's these sorts of days that the children remember for years to come! Happy Mother's Day to all you lovely mums, grannies, nannies, aunties, nieces, step mums, cousins.....Thank you for your support.



**Dosbarth 5** WOW! I think I could fill a newspaper, let alone a newsletter with the details of our Cardiff Cultural Residential, the 1<sup>st</sup> held here at Trellech. It was touch and go regarding the protest which was scheduled for our arrival directly outside our accommodation and at our first venue, and we liaised closely with the Urdd & the Senedd leading up to the trip, both were fantastic. We made extra preparations beforehand including a special entrance, identifying closed roads and timings, allocated coach drop off point and staff collection as well as considering the journey for any possible congestion. We had the go ahead and left promptly at 9:15 and arrived safely at 10:20, no traffic, police presence at every junction and sadly no tractors... The children settled into the Urdd and were visited by Marie & Hannah from the Senedd who explained that we were the only school to be visiting and had to take an alternative entry, we had a wonderful tour and lesson, then explored the Senedd and saw democracy in action listening to the speeches and Welsh National anthem before a short visit to the public gallery. In the evening, we went bowling and had a fantastic time with our peers, we were supportive and encouraging and really enjoyed ourselves. On Thursday we had a gym session with Gwion after breakfast and then headed to the pier to find our boat, we absolutely loved our boat ride down the river it was smooth and gentle. We took a short walk to the National Museum of Cardiff and explored the exhibitions including the Evolution of Wales and Natural Science galleries. Ask us what our favourite part was. After lunch we went to the first floor where we walked around the historic art galleries. We then had a short walk to Cardiff Castle; Sam led us on a tour of the castle apartments. We enjoyed the Castle's spectacular Victorian interiors and learnt about the lavish decorations and the visionary people who created them. We walked back to the pier where we returned to the Urdd on the Princess Katherine. In the evening, we relaxed together and watched a film and had a special drop in visit from Mrs Peacock and First Minister Mark Drakeford who was visiting the centre. On Friday we had a leisurely breakfast following by packing, a room inspection and a lovely walk around Cardiff Bay where we experienced sunshine, rain, wind, hail and a rainbow! We had lunch and returned safely. A wonderful visit, the children behaved exceptionally well. A huge diolch to Mrs Voaden & Mr Smowton for accompanying us. A lifetime of memories made! Ps Happy Mothering Sunday to all.



**Dosbarth 6** Year 6 continue to amaze me with the wonderful work they are producing. For the Eisteddfod, all the children turned the Welsh myth of St Govan into a narrative poem and the results were fantastic. They needed to follow a syllabic pattern, rhythm and rhyme to retell the story and they all worked incredibly hard. Congratulations to Nia who won first place and became the Bardd and to Harry as the musician of the Eisteddfod. Our literacy now has a new text focus, "What Mr Darwin Saw" by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom. This is an extension of our previous text, looking at our topic through the eyes of Darwin. The children wrote a text message conversation between Darwin and a relative and have planned travel blogs for the Galapagos Islands. The art for the Eisteddfod was to create a new Welsh mascot. The children investigated what they thought a mascot needed (mass appeal, Welsh colours, friendly features) and then created their own. What a wonderful job they did, we even had a selection made using 3d modelling software. Our numeracy has focussed on perimeter and volume with lots of practical work. For forest school, we braved the rain to test our knot tying skills. The children were tasked with using natural material and their knowledge of knots to create a shelter for our class teddy "Bear Grylls". They were truly amazing, some even having movable front doors! The children have thoroughly enjoyed designing and planning their own investigations into natural selection based on Darwin's studies of finches. They were given a selection of equipment from which they needed to create their own experiment to investigate the question "How have finches evolved over time?". They are looking forward to using their methods to complete the investigation next week. The whole class was split in half this week for our Commando Joes session, with a focus on patience and resilience as the key skills. Using only the equipment from the CoJo box, the two teams had to build a covered tunnel from one end of the hall to the other to rescue each other – it definitely took team work! We were also lucky to have PC Norman visit us to talk about the structure of the police and listen to a message by the commissioner, Happy Mothers Day to all the special mothering figures who look after such special children.

