



Week Ending—Friday 3rd May 2024

Newsletter



Trellech Primary School

Family Engagement Workshop: Expressive Arts

It was a pleasure to welcome families and the community into school to share our Expressive Arts journey. It was a great opportunity for the children and staff to showcase some of the excellent experiences the children have here at Trellech. The Expressive Arts Area of Learning and Experience spans five disciplines: art, dance, drama, film and digital media and music. It was a pleasure to share small snippets of all 5 of these with you on Wednesday. A huge diolch to all our pupils who took part and staff for their effort and input and to Miss Light, Mrs Worrall & Miss Whyte for organising.



Digital Safety

Following recent communications it has been brought to my attention the importance of our role together as a school community with regard our learner's safety when using digital devices. Whilst we endeavour to keep our learners safe online whilst in school and teach them how to keep safe, we are unable to do this when they are at home. It is essential we work together in partnership. Please find the following information for parents that will help in ensuring we are all keeping our learners safe inc. specific guidance for Apps that your child/ren may be accessing:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

Children and Family Poverty Surveys

Children in Wales would appreciate your help in completing and promoting the Annual Child & Family Poverty surveys. The impact of poverty has a direct impact on young people and their education and it is important that we can gather evidence.

Survey for parents and carers

Playworks - Scrap store

The children have been really enjoying using the scrap store this week and have been extremely creative with the items on offer. They have been exploring and playing together, sharing and creating, and have been excellent at packing away too and looking after the items.

We are looking for additional items for this.....such as old telephones, musical instruments, pipes/ tubes, laptops, old plastic crockery, utensils and material etc.



Accessing School Site

Please can we remind all users of the school site to use the appropriate entry and exits. Some users have unfortunately not been adhering to this and as a result causing danger to our pupils and other vehicles accessing the site including school transport. Unfortunately if this persists it will be necessary to close the school gates to all vehicles except school buses at the start and the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

Celebration Events

During the Summer term we look forward to celebrating all the children's achievements from their final theme from the academic year. With this in mind please save the date to celebrate with us:

Rec- 17th July 2024

Y1- 22nd May 2024

Y2- Tues 9th July 2024

Y3- 16th July 2024

Y4- 4th July 2024

Y5- 3rd July 2024

Y6- 6th June 2024

More details including timings to be shared by class teacher in due course.

Spring Term 2023

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

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

Weds 1st May 9.15am: Expressive Arts Family Workshop

Fri 3rd May: INSET—School Closed to Pupils

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

Mon 20th May: Parent Sharing Day

Weds 22nd & Thurs 23rd May: Parent Consultations

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

July 2024: Dates to be shared via Class Teacher– End of Theme Family Engagement Sessions

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

Forthcoming Summer Term Events:

Trellech's Got Talent

Refreshments at Sports Day

Olympic Summer Event

PTFA AGM

Please look out for further information regarding these events in the near future. Your support is always appreciated.

Brooks Dairy

Thanks to Mrs Hockey, who helped to arrange the visit, year two enjoyed a morning at Brooke's Dairy Farm. They learnt about the process of making cheese and ice cream, visited the milking parlour and the cattle shed to see the Jersey calves. They had the pleasure of tasting some of the cheeses available but were more impressed with their tub of ice cream each. Smiles all around!! Diolch also to Mr Green & Mrs Llewellyn for organising.



Photography

Dosbarth 5 enjoyed a visit to Forest School this week where they began exploring photography. A beautiful afternoon with Dosbarth 5 in the Forest. We began exploring photography with the iPads. We considered angle, theme, location and began using filters too. Some of us even experimented with the rule of thirds. Bendigedig pawb! We have been invited to join in a local competition ... more details to follow in the next Newsletter!



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Dosbarth Reception

Reception have enjoyed the first two weeks of our new topic – ‘Serenau Bach’ (little starts). We have been looking at the story of ‘How to catch a star.’ We have explored the characters, setting and the problem in the story. We have learnt about what stars are and when the best time to catch them is. We also created our own constellations using different shapes. We had some excitement last Wednesday when a mysterious box arrived in our classroom. We soon discovered that it was from ‘boy’ the main character in our story who kindly sent us our very own class star. We then thought carefully about what we would use to catch our own stars if we could. There were lots of fantastic ideas and careful consideration surrounding the conversation of this. We then took our designs into our Commando Joes session and created them collaboratively in pairs and small groups. Although we’re so early into our new topic we have learnt so much already. I can’t wait to see where this topic takes us! The children have shared some wonderful ideas of what they would like to explore and learn for our class pupil voice. Needless to say, we will be very busy in our final few weeks of this term. Have a lovely weekend everyone!



Dosbarth 1

We have had a wonderful 2 weeks in Year 1. The Expressive Arts has blossomed as we have focussed on ‘reflection’. We have been learning how to play the glockenspiel and exploring the classical genre of music. Listening and ‘reflecting’ on the music has generated creative drawing and writing. Our focus on reflection has been widened in to our art activity, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh’s painting ‘Starry Lights over the river Rhone’. The children chose from a variety of mediums to capture reflections in the water. We were amazed by the independent choice of colours to represent the scene. We are looking forward to continuing our work on reflection. Have a lovely weekend everyone!



Dosbarth 2

During outdoor learning week the pupils engaged in a variety of activities. These included playing a game to learn about what seeds need to grow and what animals could eat them; learning batting skills with a cricket bat; using directional language to aid a blindfolded peer around an obstacle course in numeracy and sketching a landscape at Forest School. We have been coding Micro:Bits (which are very small computers) to display patterns and names in ICT lessons. The children thoroughly enjoyed doing this. We have written our own acrostic poems in literacy and been learning about capacity and volume in numeracy. For our expressive arts we have compared and evaluated two pieces of art by the Welsh artists Gayle Rogers and Martyn Evans. The pupils were able to notice the differences and similarities as well as notice the type of media used. They have also begun sketching out their versions using the style they preferred. Thanks to Mrs Hockey, who helped to arrange the visit, year two enjoyed a morning at Brooke’s Dairy Farm. They learnt about the process of making cheese and ice cream, visited the milking parlour and the cattle shed to see the Jersey calves. They had the pleasure of tasting some of the cheeses available but were more impressed with their tub of ice cream each. Smiles all around!!



Dosbarth 3

Last week we enjoyed outdoor learning week, taking part in lots of activities in our outdoor areas. We wrote poetry inspired by nature, looked for shapes in the natural environment and used our artistic skills to sketch a landscape. We also carried out investigations to see how fast we are compared to different animals and to explore solar energy as an alternative power source. This week in literacy, we have started to look at our new text 'Leon and the Place Between' (we are only looking at the first half for now...so please no spoilers!) We created and drew our own imagined 'Place Between', and we will use this to write a continuation of the story over the coming weeks. In maths we have been measuring volume and capacity through practical activities. We have also really enjoyed using the microbits, writing code to display a series of pictures and creating a musical tune. Very impressive work, da iawn pawb! Have a lovely weekend all.



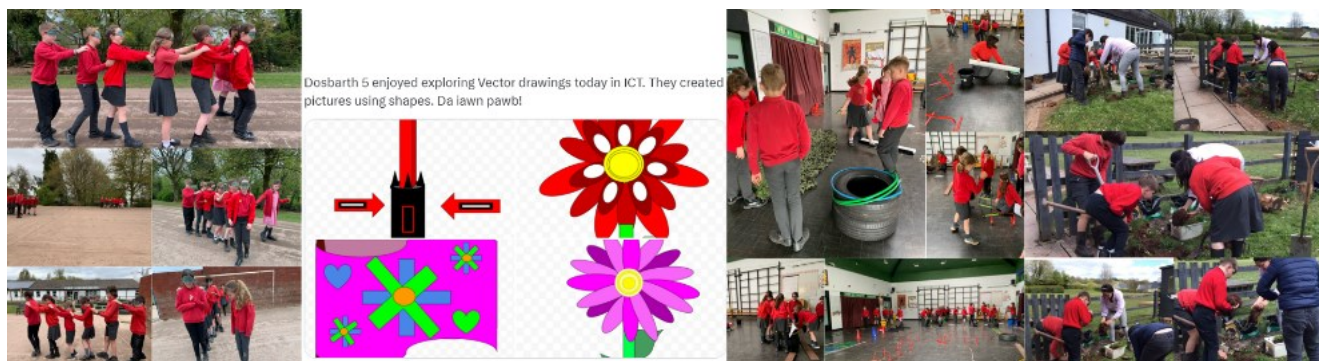
Dosbarth 4

We can't believe we have reached May! Hoping the sunny warm weather isn't too far away! We've had a great few weeks in Year 4, making a start on our new topic- **Rock Around the Clock**. This will focus on the Expressive Arts area of the curriculum, with plenty of opportunity to make links to all other areas. We have begun to plan and record a podcast during our ICT work based on informing people of the pollution and concerning state of the River Wye. Here we have discussed our target audience and the tone of the podcast. The children have thought about how to make it interesting and entertaining, despite the serious nature of the podcast itself. Last week we had a visit from Angela Jones who is a strong campaigner for clean rivers. She explained to the children how she has worked tirelessly on gathering information, data and holding those to account who disrespect our natural resources that nature kindly shares with us. Angela has appeared on many programmes such as Panorama and she regularly goes to Parliament with updates of the pollution in our local rivers. She loved the poems that the children have written, and she wants to display them at the Usk River Festival on the 1st June. Angela has also offered to take our letters that we wrote to the Senedd (no reply), to Westminster and deliver personally!! We have decided that we are going to go on a protest with Angela through Monmouth town in the near future! So, now we now need to make some banners so, if you have any boxes we can use to make the banners. We will let you know what's happening next. Remember the home learning blog is available every week via Google Classroom for extra information about the work we do in class. Thank you for your support.



Dosbarth 5

Another busy fortnight which welcomed our new topic 'Sparkle and Shine' this Expressive Arts focussed topic will give children opportunities to explore pictures, paintings and photography. We have continued with playscripts and enjoyed writing^{ss}, rehearsing and performing scenes from our own scripts, this week saw us delve into Shakespeare and we explored a variety of his plays (comedy, history & tragedy) with a modern twist. We have begun thinking about our own stories and playscripts inspired by Shakespeare. Ask us about some of the facts we learnt about Shakespeare. We have been working hard with decimals, we can now add and subtract decimals and are becoming more confident with tenths, hundredths and thousandths. We have been exploring vector drawings in ICT and learning about layering shapes to create pictures. We completed two missions in Commando Joes, we had to plan and create an assault course using the box of equipment and had to use our communication skills and give verbal instructions as the captain of the ship guided their team safely along the safe route. The children worked hard with Mrs Cornish to further develop our gardens, by planting herbs in our scented garden, they also began weeding and tidying up the edging as well as checking on the trees and other planted areas. We discussed our characteristics and personal qualities and shared with our peers their personal qualities as well as discussed how to keep build our own self-esteem as part of our health and wellbeing, we also discussed safety with online communities and how to be responsible and recognise when an online community feels unsafe or uncomfortable. We also wrote a script in Welsh about a monster titled 'Bwystfil' learning the pattern Mae ...'da fe (He has...) and Mae...'da hi (She has...). We also welcomed our class link governor Mrs Kersley to join a Welsh lesson where we showed and assessed what we can ask and answer in Welsh, attended Forest School where we looked out bluebells and continued with our development in tennis and touch rugby..... phew, exhausting just writing about it! Have a lovely restful bank holiday weekend and I will see you all on Tuesday.



Dosbarth 6

Year 6 have had an action-packed fortnight since the last newsletter, having had their adventure residential in Gilwern. We were fortunate enough to have favourable weather which meant evenings were spent playing games, having wheelbarrow races and playing cricket. During the days the activities consisted of paddle boarding, gorge walking, abseiling, climbing and walking up the Bloreng. I cannot express how proud I was of each and every pupil. They all gave every activity 100%, overcoming fears, encouraging classmates who were a little nervous and even remembering to look after the grown-ups who went with them! There were many laughs along the way, especially when emptying our wellies at each other after the water activities. On our return, we used all of the photographs taken during the trip and our ICT skills to make promotional videos for Gilwern. The results are incredible, and we will be sending them off to Monlife for them to look at. Our ICT are every growing as we have been learning how to programme and debug the Microbits we are lucky enough to have in school. All the children are confident in using loops and inputs, creating their own mini animations on them. We have now begun our new topic "Lights, Camera, Action" which will culminate in the end of year production. This is such an exciting time for Year 6 as they audition for parts and start learning lines. Literacy also has a film focus, as we have watched an animation and created character profiles, analysed themes and delved into how suspense is created. Numeracy has had a real-life focus as we have compared the difference between credit and debit cards, balanced bank accounts, compared jobs to salaries and budgeted for a month on a given salary (including rent, food, bills etc). Authentic learning in action in our classroom this week. In forest school, the challenge was to make camouflage dens than could fit one person – some were grander than others! Finally, for expressive arts we have studied the history of animation, how it all began, the advancements of CGI and made predictions of where we see the future of animation.

