



Week Ending—Friday 19th April 2024

# Newsletter



## Trellech Primary School

### Welcome to the Summer Term....

....it is hard to believe that we are in the final term of the academic year! Our children are continuing on their learning journey and achieving so much in so many areas of school life. Our eldest pupils are preparing to make the exciting move to Year Seven, whilst our youngest learners are nearing the end of their first year in reception and preparations are already beginning for our new starters. The final term, like the others has many exciting events and opportunities in the calendar for our learners. From adventurous residential for our oldest learners, to visits to an ice cream farm for some of the younger pupils; as well further family engagement workshops, Sports Days and a Summer Term Performance by pupils in Oaks.

### Family Engagement Workshop: Welsh Second Language

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers to our first Family Engagement Workshop last week. To collaborate as a school community in developing this area of the curriculum is a huge benefit for our learners. We are very grateful to our Criw Cymreig along with Mr Green for overseeing the arrangements and activities for the workshop. It was a delight to share some of the performances from our Eisteddfod with you during the afternoon. We look forward to welcoming you to our Expressive Arts Family Workshop on Wednesday 1st May (further details to follow).

### Additional Books for School

We are very grateful to Daisy (Y3) who following her favourite author sharing that she was gifting a set to a school; contacted her. We are thrilled that Daisy was successful and we are now proud to add a series of 'Murder Most Unladylike' to our collection! Diolch yn fawr iawn Daisy and Family!



### 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.

The staff welcomed Rebecca Hall to their Professional Learning meeting this week to share with all staff key principles of play training. Rebecca explained how play is innate in children and should be freely chosen and pupil led. We look forward to continuing on our journey through play together!



### Polite Reminder

A polite reminder that jewellery including rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings can be a hazard in school. Wearing of jewellery can result in tearing or piercing of flesh. There is a potential for injury to the wearer due to inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people, clothing etc. There can also be a risk to other people especially at playtimes and PE lessons where injury could occur due to contact with jewellery worn by another person. We appreciate your support in not allowing jewellery into school, with the exception of small stud earrings. Please also remember to remove earrings on PE and swimming lesson days. Diolch for your continued support.

Can we also take this moment to remind you to send your KS1 children's PE kit into school for their PE lessons, if you are unsure which day, please check with your child's class teacher. Diolch.

## 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.

## Tennis Success

Lyra (Y6) had a successful couple of weeks over Easter with her tennis. She firstly competed at the Broms-grove 11U Grade 4 Competition where she came 4th in the singles, then went on to win the doubles with her partner Summer. The following week she got into the Lexus Junior National Tour Grade 2 11U doubles with her partner Lillian in Wrexham. This was a great experience with an opportunity to play against players of high ranking from across the nation. Following this Lyra then competed at the Penarth 12U Grade 4, gaining 2nd place. Congratulations Lyra!



## Breakfast Club

We continue to ensure improvements in our Breakfast Club provision. To enable our learners some 'quiet' spaces, this week saw the delivery of some very cosy beanbags. Further supporting our pupil well being on arrival to school.



As a result of the public engagement, the Health Board has now introduced the following revised opening times for our Minor Injury Units:

- **Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny:** Open 18 hours every day from 7am to 1am seven days per week.
- **Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Mynach:** Open 18 hours every day from 7am to 1am seven days per week.
- **Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan, Ebbw Vale:** Open 10 hours from 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) **(Unchanged)**

**Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport:** Open 24 hours seven days per week **(Unchanged)**

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## Dosbarth Reception

The first two weeks of our summer term have certainly been busy. As we come to the end of our Muck, mess and mixture topic, we have enjoyed participating in the final few activities. Reception have been busy in their science and technology lessons as they have been looking at bug hotels. They have been listing different equipment that they will need to make it, what bugs they think might live inside it as well as designing it and eventually collaborating in small groups to create them. Miss Light and Miss Ward have been really impressed with how resilient and engaged the children have been throughout completing these activities. We enjoyed our recent Commando Joe's session where we needed to rescue the bugs. Unfortunately, they had been blown out of their bug hotels from all the wet and windy weather. It was up to us to get them all back into the correct ones. In Maths, we have been looking at height and weight. The children enjoyed ordering different objects from shortest to tallest and tallest to shortest as well as using non-standard units like cubes to explore both our indoor and outdoor learning environment to freely measure the height of different objects. We then had a go at measuring ourselves too. We have been using our Welsh when looking weight to help us recap some of our Welsh foods and numbers. The children have been weighing foods to find out how many cubes they weigh. We enjoyed making sensible predictions before finding out the results. The children have continued to make great progress with their tennis sessions in P.E. We are slowly getting the hang of holding our rackets properly to support us in hitting, balancing and catching a beanbag. We are building our confidence using beanbags first before we use the tennis balls. Next week, we look forward to starting our new and final topic of the year which is Serenau bach (little stars). As always, on behalf of Miss Ward and I we would like to thank you all for your continued support. I can't quite believe we are already two weeks into the final term, it has flown by. Have a lovely weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

## Dosbarth 1

After a wonderful Easter break, Year 1 have returned with a 'spring' in their step! Easter celebrated new growth and following on from our height measuring activities we have extended this to weighing objects on scales after predicting and comparing. We thoroughly enjoyed getting our hands muddy and planting flower seeds, in the process we used lots of "bossy" verbs to help our instructional literacy lesson. The children created some beautiful, detailed and innovative designs for our bug hotels. We can't wait to see the completed hotels – all 22 of them! This week we have consolidated our knowledge about the days of the week and months of the year by repeating familiar rhymes and songs to remind us of the order of them. We created 'superhero' vegetable designs, identifying potential superpowers and have been taking advantage of any improving weather conditions by playing tennis outside. A lovely couple of weeks. Diolch yn fawr, Year One!

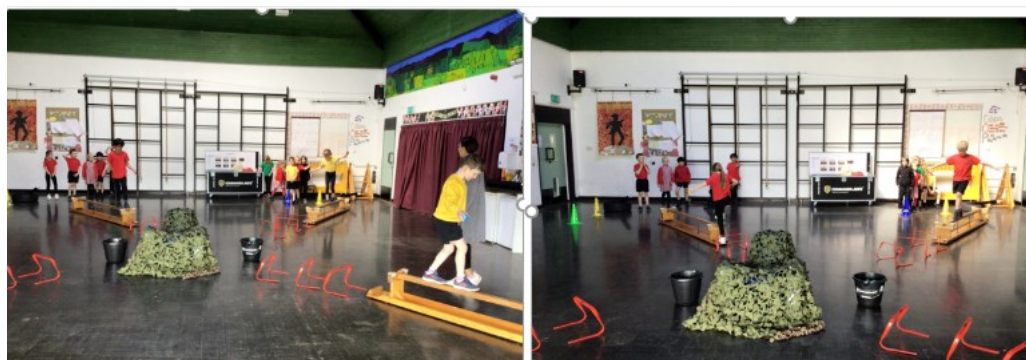


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Year One has had a fantastic week! Polltest class, eco class and cymraeg class of the week! Do join to our screen yr wyfynnau and pupils of the week too! 🌟



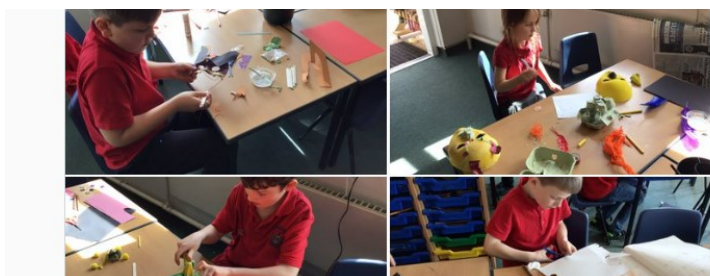
## Dosbarth 2

What a busy couple of weeks back! In our first week we showed off our wonderfully confident performance skills during our successful Welsh Taster afternoon with the song Dau gi bach (2 little dogs). In literacy we have used adjectives and similes to describe a setting; used commas for lists and apostrophes for possession. We have also written an explanation text on either the lifecycle of corn or a butterfly. In numeracy we have been interpreting data, problem solving and calculating addition and subtraction with money. The pupils enjoyed their cricket session in PE; striking a ball with a bat and had lots of fun in their Commando Joe session in which they had to navigate an obstacle course and not wake the sleeping giant. Great communication and teamworking.



### Dosbarth 3

We've had a busy first few weeks back in Year 3, finishing up our All Creatures Great and Small topic. We have explored how living things depend on each other for survival by looking at food chains, finding out what producers, consumers and decomposers are. In Literacy we have been learning to write kennings – a way of describing something without actually saying what it is – based on Old Norse and Anglo-Saxon poetry. We then used this to write a poem about an animal – some of us even challenged ourselves to write about more than 1 animal, or to create a verse to represent each stage of a food chain. When we were happy with our kenning poem, we used our ICT skills to present our work online in a collaborative document. In Maths we have continued our work on time, moving on to calculating the duration between a given start and finish time, and working out a start or finish time based on how long something lasts. We have been also practising lots of our Big Maths skills – such as multiplying by 10 and working out missing parts to 100 - to keep these on the boil. We worked collaboratively in P.E. to plan our own circuit training activities using various equipment, thinking about effective exercises to keep our heart rate up for the whole time. We enjoyed our Commando Joe's session this week, where we had to work together to retrieve photographic evidence from the poacher's camp to complete our Mountain Gorilla rescue mission.



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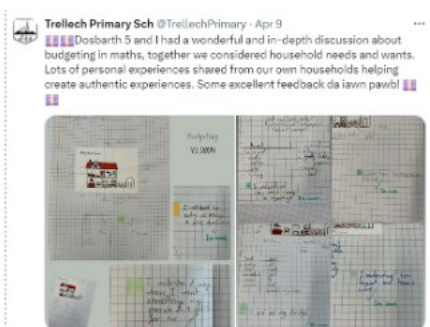
Welcome back to the Summer term! We have been busy this first few weeks already with finishing off our 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic- We made a hot chocolate drink in the style of the Maya- grinding cacao nibs and adding a little sugar and chilli. Some of the children found it delicious and others disgusting! We then melted chocolate and created various shapes, described the aroma, texture and taste? The children were then encouraged to write a list of words to help them with a rhyming couplet poem which we were very impressed with. Next week we will be commencing our new topic- **Rock around the Clock**. The emphasis will be on Expressive Arts. We will be asking the children for suggestions on what they would like to learn. The idea is to build up to the children creating a fashion show with something they have made/adapted/ for themselves. We thought, maybe looking at music through the ages and creating some sculpture art. Initially, in Literacy we are going to base our writing around a music video. We have focused on measures in maths, in particular length and capacity. Here we have looked at the relationships between different units and the ability to convert between them. This has mostly focused on lots of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, so keeping key skills on the boil! We have discussed setting ourselves personal goals in Health and Wellbeing sessions, including ways to help make these goals actually happen, e.g practising or joining a club. Ask us what goals we set- they were very varied! We have made a start on our Primary Cluster Fairytale Language Project- this year we are going to be learning to re-tell the fairytale Los Tres Cerditos (Three Little Pigs) We started by learning simple Spanish greetings such as buenos días, hola and adiós and looking at Spanish culture. It's an exciting project to be involved in and such a fun way to develop a new language. Thank you for your support.





## Dosbarth 5

Welcome back pawb! This fortnight we have been busy wrapping up our topic 'The Scented Garden' evaluating our science investigation into seed dispersal and completing graphs to reflect the data, they had to explain their findings and conclude the investigation. The children enjoyed writing haiku poems about rivers in a joint project by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales & Keep Wales Tidy. Our rivers are not always in the best of health, and this has been highlighted in the news a lot recently, whether it's visible pollution like litter, tiny pollution like micro-plastics or invisible pollution like chemicals, we are not caring for our rivers as we should. Ask us what we will do to make a difference. We have also been learning about playscripts, we enjoyed reading, listening to and role-playing myths about trees, The dancing silver birch a German myth and the trembling poplar a Greek myth, we then wrote our own myth in the form of playscript and considered stage directions. We created actions and enjoyed role playing in small groups outdoors using the woodland, trees and landscape. The children absolutely loved learning about budgets in maths, we had some outstanding conversations and reflections when learning about calculating a budget. We looked at spreadsheets and outgoings and considered what essential and non-essential items are. We also completed a payslip showing an understanding of the different elements. This week we have focused on position and direction, we read and plotted coordinates, translated shapes on a grid and plotted lines of symmetry. Everyone has really enjoyed our new sports in PE, tennis and rugby, we have been practicing our skills in these two areas. Dal a ti everyone! We have discussed body image and our relationship and attitudes towards food in our health and wellbeing sessions, we discussed food and drink advertisements and had some very interesting conversations. The children showed that they can read and understand a text in Welsh and created a story map, they reenacted parts of the story with a peer. We really enjoyed sharing our Welsh poem with the families at the Welsh Eisteddfod open afternoon. Bendigedig pawb! Some of us enjoyed sowing seeds and checking on the potatoes with Mrs Cornish, how lucky are we, we can't wait for our harvest. Home learning available on google classroom, have a lovely weekend.



## Dosbarth 6

It has been a whirlwind of a fortnight since we have come back from the Easter holidays. This has been the culmination of our topic of Beast Creator with lots more science and even a poetry competition. In literacy the children have researched and written balanced arguments on the topic of deforestation, using the skill of point, evidence, explain. The essays they wrote were wonderful, showing their opinion as a conclusion but really understanding how it is possible to see both sides and provide evidence to support their theories. Numeracy has seen the children consolidate their learning on reflective symmetry and then explore line and rotational symmetry. We then looked at time intervals and timetables, culminating in planning a return journey from Monmouth to Cardiff in time for a show, using current bus and train timetables. For science, we have been learning about cells, how they are constructed, what their function is and why we need them. After studying what blood is made up of, we even managed to make our own blood using some very unusual ingredients! See if you can work out what they are from the photograph. This is the last term for our year 6 children, so we have begun to talk about transition, with the new Head of Year 7 from Monmouth Comprehensive coming in to chat to the class about their new school. The children asked so many fascinating questions. Lots of fantastic teamwork was on display during Commando Jo as we followed the next mission set by Levison Wood – how to retrieve a limited amount of food from an area with unstable ground. To end the week, we finally managed to attend the cluster netball and football tournaments that had been postponed before Easter. The children all behaved wonderfully and showed real sportsmanship – da iawn pawb.

