



## Trellech Primary School

### Diolch!

I would just like to say a huge thank you for all your kind words following my appointment of Headteacher here in Trellech. It is a privilege to be appointed such a role in such a special community school. As I have said to many of you, this gives the school some stability, enabling us to continue on our journey of improvement enabling continued opportunities for our learners experiences, skills and knowledge, whilst ensuring we 'Nurture, Inspire, Achieve' together. Mrs Peacock

### Cluster Cross Country

On Tuesday, forty of our Year Three to Year Six pupils attended the cluster cross country event at Monmouth Leisure Centre. We were very proud of their attitudes to such opportunities, many finding a love for running on a damp autumn day. Well done to you all. A special thank you to Mrs Phillips who oversaw the arrangements for the day along with Mrs Body, Mrs North and Mrs Marsh who attended the event with the pupils. Without our wonderful volunteers such events would not be able to happen.

### Minecraft Club

Last week saw two of our Year Five pupils launch a lunch time Minecraft Club for the Year Three and Year Four pupils. It is a privilege to witness such enthusiastic leadership skills develop in our pupils. The first group of attendees were treated to an introduction to the app and began developing their digital skills.

### Charitable Work

As many of you will be aware the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics is a charity close to our hearts and our Colour Run last academic year raised valuable money for this charity. Bethan in Year Six is continuing the work by creating cards with monies raised being donated to FAST UK— if you would like to find out more please use the following link: [www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-washbrook-1727619910544](http://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-washbrook-1727619910544) Well done Bethan— we are so proud of you.

### Caffi Cynefin

On Friday, we saw the launch of Caffi Cynefin led by our Year Five and Six pupils. Thank you to all of those that were able to attend— it was a wonderful afternoon enabling our community to come together and have a chat!

### Golden Assembly

On Friday we come together to celebrate our achievements both in and outside of school. Last Friday, saw our first celebratory performance of our pupils. Wilf played the guitar as we joined and left assembly. It really was an honour to hear such playing and see the children enter the hall with such respect. Thank you and well done Wilf— we look forward to more performances in the coming weeks.

### Yellow Day: World Mental Health Day

We all came together with a splash of yellow to mark Mental Health Day. The pupils completed tasks during the day to consider their own mental health and things that make them feel good and looked magnificent in their splashes of yellow .



### Shwmae Day!

Lots of work taking place this week to celebrate Shwmae Day! Di awn bawb— longifarchiadau Dosbarth tri— Making shwmae from different materials!



## Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

**Thurs 24th Oct:** PTFA Disco for Pupils

**Fri 25th Oct:** **Cluster INSET Day** (School Closed to Pupils)

**Fri 25th Oct:** End of Half Term

**Mon 4th Nov:** Autumn Term 2 Commences

**Weds 11th Dec:** Acorns Nativity am (Rec & Y1)

**Thurs 12th Dec:** Acorns Nativity pm (Rec & Y1)

**Fri 13th Dec:** PTFA Christmas Fayre

**Tues 17th Dec:** Christmas Service @ St Nicholas Church led by Y4 & Y5

**Weds 18th Dec:** School Christmas Dinner

**Fri 20th Dec:** Whole School visit to The Savoy Theatre, Monmouth

**Fri 20th Dec:** End of Autumn Term

**Mon 6th Jan:** Spring Term Commences

**Mon 6th Jan:** **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

**Mon 10th– Weds 12th Feb:** Y5 Residential Urdd, Cardiff

**Mon 10th– Fri 21st Feb:** National Test Window (Y2– Y6)

**Fri 21st Feb:** End of Spring 1 Half Term

**Mon 3rd Mar:** Spring 2 Commences

**Weds 9th April:** Pupil Report Published

**Fri 11th April:** End of Spring Term

**Mon 28th April:** Summer Term Commences

**Weds 30th April– Fri 2nd May:** Y6 Residential to Gilwern

**Mon 12th May:** Sharing Session

**Tues 13th & Weds 14th May:** Parent Consultations

**Fri 23rd May:** End of Summer 1 Half Term

**Mon 2nd June:** Summer Term 2 Commences

**Weds 4th June:** FP Sports Day 1.30pm (Reserve Date 11.6.25)

**Thurs 5th June:** KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm (Reserve Date 12.6.25)

**Fri 27th June:** **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

**Weds 2nd July:** Move Up Day

**Weds 2nd & Thurs 3rd July:** Y7 Taster Days @MCS

**Mon 21st July:** **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

**Mon 21st July:** End of Academic Year.

**All INSET Days have been allocated with the sixth date confirmed as Monday 6th January 2025**

## Parent Consultations & Sharing Session.

Thank you for joining us for our sharing sessions and parent consultations last week. It is always a pleasure to welcome you to school and share the progress your children are making. For those of you that I have spoken to, thank you for your comments– they are always appreciated and help in our further development as a school.



## Food Bank Donations

We are very proud as a school community to support such worthwhile projects such as Monmouth Food Bank. It is a privilege to receive such messages of gratitude:

Please extend our sincere thanks to your head teacher, staff, children and parents and especially to you for the efforts you have all made in collecting donations for Monmouth and District Food Bank. The total weight was a staggering 90.2 kilos.

In the difficult times we find ourselves in and when there has been a reduction in donations generally, your generosity will help us to fulfill our parcels going forward. I also must thank the lovely children who helped to carry everything to my car.

So thank you again, not only from me but also from our Trustees and volunteers and above all from our very grateful clients.

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## Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da, another fortnight has come to an end, and we are quickly approaching the end of the term! Where have those first 8 weeks gone? The children have nearly officially finished their first half term in school, and what a first half term it has been. The children enjoyed their first session of Commando Joe's on Tuesday. The children had to work collaboratively as a team. We spoke about what makes a good team... listening, talking and taking it in turns. We had so much fun and can't wait for our next session to continue developing those skills. We also enjoyed our first session at forest school last week. We spoke about the different forest school rules, especially around the log circle and enjoyed exploring the Forest to become more familiar with our surroundings. Although the rain tried to dampen our spirits, we all came back smiling looking forward to the next session! We have also started looking at Gayle Rogers, a Welsh artist. The children enjoyed appraising her work, thinking about what they liked, what they could see and how it made them feel. We also explored her art to spot what 2D shapes we could see within it for our Maths. The children spotted lots of the different shapes and were able to recognise what they have been used to make. For example, a circle for a sun or car wheel, a square for a window and a rectangle for a door. As it is our final newsletter before half term, on behalf of Miss Light, Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs Voaden and Mrs Body we hope you have a lovely half term. Before then, have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



## Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da, or should I say Shw mae! We celebrated Shw mae day on Tuesday by greeting one another, learning the Shw mae song and colouring Shw mae posters. Dosbarth Un have had another busy two weeks with a range of activities being completed both inside and outside the classroom, even though it has been rather wet lately. This week in Literacy we have been sequencing the story of Stickman and using our time openers including First, Then, Next, After and Finally to retell the story in our own words. In maths we have been looking at the properties of 2d and 3d shapes, learning their names, how many sides and corners they have, what shape the faces are. We have been on a shape hunt inside and outside the classroom identifying both 2d and 3d shapes and sorting them independently. We have used playdough and straws to make our own 3d shapes, which was great fun. Autumn has arrived in Year One classroom and we have really been enjoying looking at the different sized pumpkins and using them to create our own pieces of art. We have been enjoying our Commando Joe missions this time they had to identify and collect food sources which will help the group survive, they had to collect these items whilst attempting a course and couldn't step on the ground. In PE they have been learning how to catch a ball accurately, not as easy as it may sound. A huge diolch to Mrs Cornish for teaching us how to plant bulbs correctly this week, we can't wait to watch them grow. Photos of the activity were taken by the children. Have a lovely weekend and let's hope for some dry weather!



## Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da! What a busy fortnight in Year 2. We've had Parents evenings, sharing books, Harvest festival, Forest schools....Unfortunately, I wasn't there to see Year 2's harvest song performance but the critics say how wonderful it was!! I am so proud of the children learning the songs and actions so quickly. In Numeracy we have been recognising hundreds, tens and units, creating fact families, ordering numbers, recognising numbers more than and less than and working hard at our x2 tables. The pupils have enjoyed rewriting the story of Greta and the giants; using time and question starters. We have celebrated Shw mae day (Welsh for Hi! How are you?) with singing, art and language games. Mrs Cornish has visited us and the pupils enjoyed planting bulbs for spring.



## Dosbarth 3

Dosbarth 3 have continued over the last two weeks to amaze me with their love of learning and enthusiastic ideas. We have visited the forest school area whilst the sun was shining and had a lot of fun exploring. The children used their problem-solving skills, building fantastic dens and creating a variety of drinks, such as hot chocolate. The sensible way the class walked over and back was exceptional and I was extremely proud of them all! In our literacy the children have completed their newspaper reports and have used a success criteria to show their strengths and look for key features. It was lovely to see the children sharing their work and giving lots of praise and positive feedback to each other. As part of the class text, the children have designed their own rooms for the treehouse and have used their numeracy skills to budget for the materials needed. The children have investigated the properties of the different materials and in groups tested the materials based on the group's ideas. Once tested the children shared their findings so that when it came to building their rooms they could make an informed decision. In numeracy the children have continued to develop their place value understanding by creating bar models. The children have also explored grid references in preparation to use with our map work next week. As part of the Shw mae celebrations the children were given the mission to create the word, Shw mae using anything in the classroom. I was amazed with the outcome. The children used dice, jumpers, scissors, wellies and much more. We can't wait to display them around the classroom to remind us to use the phrase.



## Dosbarth 4

The weeks are just flying by, and we know after half term, the time will just disappear. It was lovely to meet you all last week for Parents Evening and Mrs Phillips sends her apologies. We were really pleased with the effort the children put into their diary entries from the perspective of the boy from Flotsam. We used the Success Criteria to help us ensure we didn't leave any important language and text features out. We have made a good start this week with the use of adjectives to describe the beautiful under the sea creatures, together with identifying place openers to enhance our narrative writing. We began this week with finding out how Jews celebrate the festival of Sukkot which takes place on the 16th of October this year and lasts for 1 week. The Sukkah plays a big part in this celebration of Sukkot. (A temporary structure that must have two and a half or three sides, to remember the huts the Israelites built when wandering in the desert for 40 years). We celebrated Shwmae Day on Tuesday with lots of Welsh speaking and friendly greetings to others around the school; together with using various materials to create posters. Shwmae Day is a day where everyone is encouraged to start every conversation in Welsh, aiming to show that the Welsh language belongs to us all regardless of Welsh language skill levels. We made a start on some paper sculptures in the style of Charles McGee this week, as we were unable to go to Forest School due to the awful weather. We are really impressed with how intricate and interesting these sculptures were. Well done to our 10 athletes who took part in the Cluster Cross Country event on Tuesday morning, representing our school impeccably. We have had a great afternoon at the Jambori in Pontypool today, the children really enjoyed the music, and it was great to celebrate with children from other schools. Have a lovely weekend.



## Dosbarth 5

Dosbarth 5 continue to be extremely busy as we continue with our topic "On Our Doorstep". We have carried out lots of practical maths to measure length, capacity and weight, whilst honing our skills of estimation. This culminated in estimating the distances between various place in Trellech and then measuring them using digimaps online. Some estimates were incredibly close and in one case, absolutely spot on! Having studied the differences between the three states of matter (solid, liquid and gas), dosbarth 5 have planned and carried out their own experiment to test which materials are soluble. It made us consider the accuracy of our methods and how important the variables are. Lots of great learning about solutions and understanding of how the particles react. For literacy, we have been learning about writing non-chronological reports about the human skeleton and the skull, based on the skull that the main character in our novel discovers when he is evacuated. Learners could choose to present their work on paper or digitally and it was wonderful to see them consider the impact of the layout and format of their report. We have learned about the importance of an ARP warden during World War Two and how to keep safe during an air raid. Even a small village like Trellech had to abide by the rules of "lights out" to keep the country safe. Ten of our class competed in the cross-country competition with Mrs Phillips and showed themselves to be wonderful ambassadors for the school. Everyone gave their all and we are so proud of you. Staying healthy and active, we have played round robin football games with Newport County this week and have also begun our swimming lessons. Finally, we have continued with our photography by investigating how perspective changes our photographs and the impact of using edits and filters to create a desired effect.



## Dosbarth 6

Shwmae. The weeks are flying by as we continue to delve into our topic, Trellech though the Ages. In literacy we have been continuing with our book 'The Letter for the King' and have started to develop our own adventure story by creating our own characters focusing on their personality and appearance. They are going to be wonderful. In P.E, the children have relished in the opportunity to start Trellech Leaders Award. They have fully emersed themselves in the experience, working in small groups to reflect on their own practises. In Expressive Arts we have been exploring artists in the Victorian Era, focusing on portraits. The children have chosen an artist to inspire them to create their own portrait. In the future weeks, we will be looking at how to construct a portrait and the different skills required to paint on a canvas. On Tuesday we celebrated Shwmae day with a Welsh themed morning. This included the children coming up with the most inventive way to write Shwmae. It was marvellous to see all their inventive ideas. Whilst we celebrated Shwmae day, ten of our class competed in the cross-country competition with Mrs Phillips. They showed incredible perseverance and were superb ambassadors for our school. Finally, we have continued with our photography by investigating how light effects a photograph. We are really looking forward to next week.



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INCLUDES ENTRY,  
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SWEETS £1  
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# Arolwg Preswylwyr Sir Fynwy 2024

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Dyddiad cau: 31 Hydref 2024

# Monmouthshire Resident Survey 2024

Monmouthshire County Council wants to hear from you about living in Monmouthshire, your experience of your local area, your views on the council's services, and how we can improve things to make the county an even better place to live.

Closing date: 31 October 2024



# COST OF LIVING ADVICE EVENTS

Free family activities: food sustainability, play and craft sessions, pumpkin decorating, and more.

The Community Development Team have teamed up with partners to run a series of events across Monmouthshire to help residents, join us for support, advice and ideas to help with the cost of living.

### PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- Citizen's Advice
- Local foodbanks
- Severn Wye Energy Agency
- Warm Wales
- Welsh Water
- MCC Council services
- DWP (Department for Work and Pensions)
- Gateway Credit Union

### EVENT LOCATIONS AND DATES

Tuesday, 29th October  
Bridges Centre, Monmouth  
11am-4pm

Wednesday, 30th October  
Chepstow Drill Hall  
11am-4pm

Thursday, 31st October  
Abergavenny Market  
11am-4pm

More events to follow!

Anyone can fall behind with bills and get into debt, but it's NEVER too late to seek help and advice, you may be surprised at how much can be done to help you get back on your feet!



MCC Community Development Team. For further advice and support: ☎ 01633 644644  
✉ CommunityDevelopment@monmouthshire.gov.uk @ monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters



COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

**FAMILY RAG WREATH WORKSHOP**

Rockfield Community Centre, Monmouth  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm. £10 per person, £18 - 2 people. Suitable ages 5 and

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