



Trellech Primary School

Keep Wales Tidy

The commitment and transformation of our school grounds towards the end of the half term was phenomenal! With many hands a staggering amount of work was completed. This work couldn't have been completed without our amazing volunteers led by Tom Ward– Jackson and Mrs Cornish. A huge thankyou to Miss Jones, Mr Hagg, Mr Dennies, Mr Holtam, Mrs Catto, Ms Nutman, Mr Hockin, Mrs Knight, Mr Wall, Mrs Kyte, Mrs Kersley, Mrs Marsh and Mrs Williams– Young; along with Alfie, Reggie, Tilly, Callum, Lauchlan, Hermione, Lowenna, Elinor, Marlowe, Casper, Rose Mollie, Archie, Osian, Grace as well as Uma who spent the first day of half term transforming the area. We look forward to the continued progress in the coming weeks in readiness for reaping the benefits in Spring.

Stay and Play Area

Our friends at Playwood have installed the shade sail and transformed the area over half term (with the help of Isabel Y4). This area has been developed using funding from Play Wales as well as wood and bark from our own school grounds, We are very much looking forward to seeing this area being utilised each Wednesday after school by our families, despite the evenings drawing in.

Smartphones

As a cluster of primary schools we are working with MCS to develop consistent approaches to the use of smartphones. As pupils progress to Secondary School the use of smart phones, particularly on social media and groups such as WhatsApp has resulted in a number of safeguarding and wellbeing incidents particularly involving younger students being in unmonitored groups or having unfiltered access to social media sites. We strongly recommend that younger students do not have smartphones, and instead have more basic call/text phones like [this one](#). The minimum age for any social media platform such as TikTok or WhatsApp is 13 years old. The world of digital access is a really tricky one to navigate with your child, and we are happy to help wherever we can. You can also read more about how to help your child keep safe online [here](#), and check the appropriateness of a range of sites [here](#). There is also a parent-led movement called Smartphone Free Childhood that a number of parents in the Monmouth Cluster are already involved with - [click here](#) to find out more.

Cluster INSET: DARPL

Friday 25th October, saw the Monmouth Cluster of Primary Schools along with colleagues from MCS receive PL to support our cluster vision to promote Diversity and Anti Racial behaviours, ensuring equality for all. We were privileged to have the PL delivered by Chantelle Haughton (DARPL Director & Principle Lecturer: Cardiff Met), Leon Andrews (Darpl & Llanwern High and Colleagues from Show Racism the Red Card. We look forward to sharing our cluster work as the work progresses.



Gardening Volunteers transforming the grounds.



Stay and Play Area developed by Playwood

Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

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 (9.30am)

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

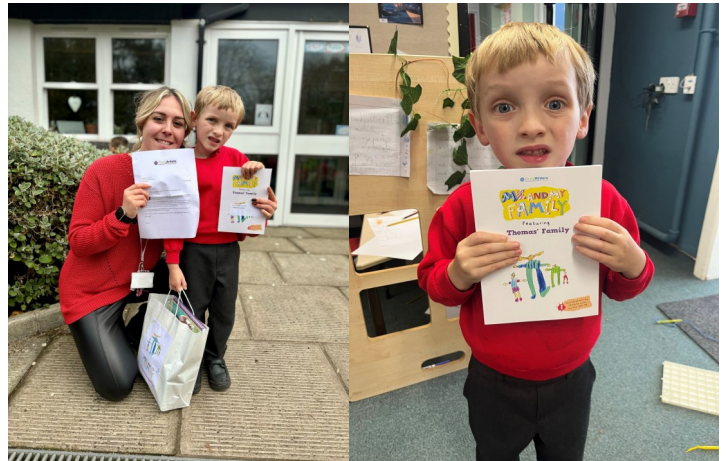
Mon 21st July: **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

Mon 21st July: End of Academic Year.



Artistic Achievement

Our current Year One class entered a competition when in reception with Miss Light to draw their family. These were published in a book along with those from pupils across the nation. We are very proud to share that Thomas' drawing of his family was published on the front cover. Congratulations Thomas!



Children in Need

Next Friday (15th November) is BBC Children in Need please can children where something yellow, spotty or something to represent your superhero for the day! During the school day children will take part in a variety of events including a Pudsey daily Mile to support this worthwhile cause.

If you wish to make a donation this can be made via ParentPay using the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=16898>

We look forward to seeing a splash of colour next week whilst supporting this worthwhile cause.

PTFA Halloween Disco

Our wonderful PTFA held a spooktacular disco prior to the half term break. Both Foundation Phase and Key Stage All pupils had great evening with dancing, games and treats! Thankyou for supporting such events which enables all our children to come together outside of the school day. We look forward to the future forthcoming events.

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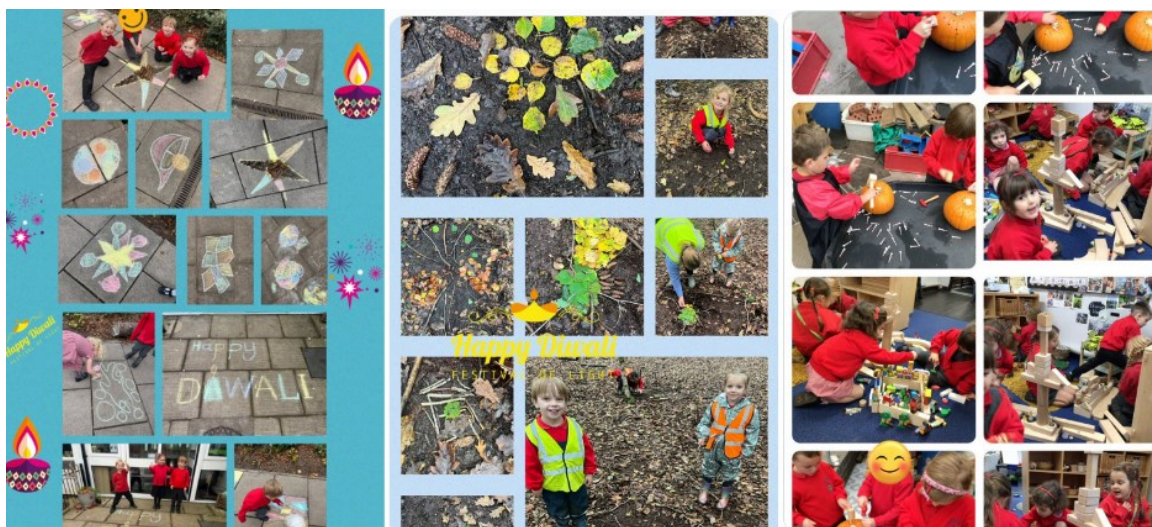
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Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da ac croeso I nol ... Good afternoon and welcome back to the second half of this term. I hope you all had a lovely break and some well-deserved rest. This term is certainly set to be yet another busy one with the preparation of upcoming festivities. Before the half term, the children enjoyed spending the week learning about Diwali. We learnt a song, performed a dance, created Rangoli patterns using both natural materials and chalk as well as learnt about how the festival is celebrated along with the story of Rama and Sita. The children did really well with retaining the information and shared lots about what they had learnt during whole class and small group discussions. When creating the Rangoli patterns using natural materials, we enjoyed collaborating with Year 1 at the Forest. This week, we have begun to learn our Nativity songs in preparation to start rehearsals next week. We have been looking at 'how many altogether?' in Maths to continue to subtly introduce and build an understanding of addition. We've also been experimenting with colour mixing and have made our own colour charts. In P.E this week, we have started to create a dance based around the life cycle of a poppy as we prepare to learn about the importance of Remembrance day next week. Have a lovely weekend all! We look forward to welcoming you and the children back on Monday.



Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da and welcome back to Autumn term 2. We ended the term with a wonderful Halloween themed disco with thanks to our fantastic PTFA, we danced and laughed and enjoyed time with our friends. In literacy we completed our recipe using time openers and then we made apple crumble following the instructions step by step. We measured the ingredients, peeled, chopped and took turn to stir before it was time to put it in the oven to cook. Once it was ready we all enjoyed a portion with our milk. It was delicious! All the classes were envious of the smell of the crumble cooking. We enjoyed our forest school session with Reception, it was finally not raining for the first time, and we managed to stay dry, we made patterns to celebrate Diwali. It was nice to work with children in Reception. In maths we were working on describing and making whole and half turns using positional language, they enjoyed a variety of activities. As part of our RVE we learnt the story of Rama and Sita and made salt dough Diwali lamps to celebrate Diwali. The salt dough didn't dry over the half term, so instead of painting and decorating them this week we used clay to re mould and create our diva lamps... take 2! In literacy this week we have been talking about fireworks and bonfires, the children planned and wrote a firework poem using onomatopoeia, they really enjoyed using onomatopoeia words. E.g. bang, pop, whizz. They also wrote their own bonfire night recipes using bossy verbs. We hope you have a lovely weekend.



Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da. Here we are in the second half of the Autumn term. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable break and the children are ready for a busy several weeks. The pupils have rewritten the story of Greta and the giants, demonstrating a variety of time openers and some question openers also. They have been doubling numbers using the doubling diamond method and revising work covered so far in numeracy such as ordering numbers, partitioning, creating fact families and adding and subtracting single digits. In Welsh we have been developing a wider range of questions and answers such as 'Beth yw d'enw di?' (What is your name), Sut mae'r tywydd? (How is the weather?) and Beth wyt ti'n hoffi? (What do you like?). Pupils have been developing awareness of online safety by creating posters to help others use technology carefully and sensibly. The Halloween disco was amazing and the pupils looked fantastic in their spooky costumes.



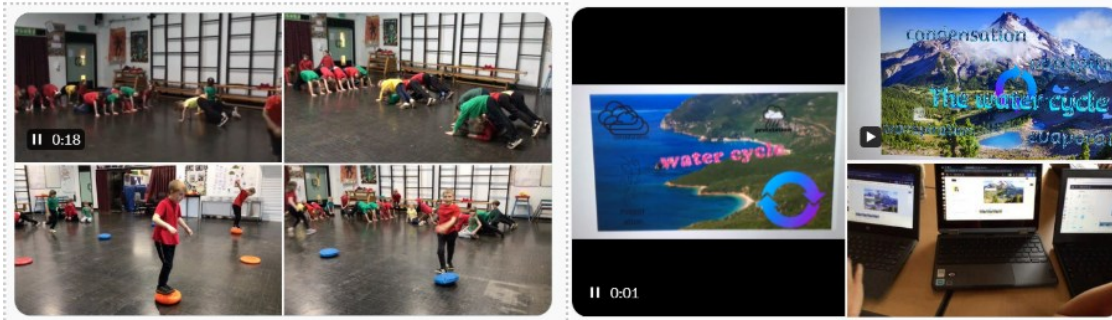
Dosbarth 3

Prynhawn da. The first half term has certainly flown by with lots of fun and super learning. The children have continued to develop their place value skills by linking different concepts together using 'If I know, then I know' explanation skills. Here, the children are using known strategies and number facts to develop their mental maths skills. The children have also explored co-ordinates and used this within their outdoor PE sessions and literacy tasks when planning their story. To aid their ideas, children created their own rooms for the 13 Story Treehouse. There were so many amazing ideas such as fountains, slides and much more. Using their imaginative characters the children have planned and written fantastic short stories with lots of quality language and a variety of sentence starters. In preparation for their stories the children recorded a news bulletin describing the events within the story. I was so impressed how the children not only planned and wrote their bulletin but then went onto record, edit and import the videos into iMovies. We are extremely excited to be part of this year's Spring Bulb Project which is led by Cardiff Museum. Each child within the class has planted a crocus and a daffodil bulb to be cared for throughout the coming months until they bloom in Spring. The class has been given a calendar to note down the temperature and the rainfall each day. Once the data is gathered this will be submitted to the museum who will use the information to explore climate change in Wales. We are delighted to be involved in the project as it is so important to our environment.



Dosbarth 4

Welcome back to our second half of the Autumn term! We hope you had a good break and feeling refreshed for the busy term ahead! It's been lovely to welcome everybody back and a particular welcome to Toby, who has joined our class. This week in maths we have got straight into reading from and plotting a line graph- these are a real step up from a bar graph, but the children have worked really hard and focused on accurate plotting. We are keeping mental maths on the boil too, with regular practise of place value, doubling, halving, times tables etc. In our Health and Wellbeing sessions, we have been discussing different emotions and what may trigger these for us. We likened our different emotions to a thermometer- at times we can feel red with anger and frustration etc. However, we can regulate ourselves to try and get back into the green, where we feel happy, calm and content. P.E will continue to take place on a Wednesday and outdoor P.E on a Friday where we are starting a block of netball now till Christmas-we will try and work outside as much as possible, so please ensure children are suitably dressed for this each Friday. We were very impressed with the children's Literacy before half term- writing a short story with the use of place openers and adventurous vocabulary. In Literacy this week we have written Remembrance Day poems with an emphasis on the use of personification and rhyming words. These poems were quite poignant and emotional to read. We also created sketch notes to illustrate our understanding of Remembrance Day. It was Divali during half term, so in Expressive Arts we used our knowledge of colour and symmetry to make Rangoli patterns. Forest School is starting to get a bit chilly now, so please can you ensure your child has warm clothing, together with wellies. We collected some sticks in the forest ready to make some Christmas decorations. (Not sure what yet, but you can guarantee a stick is always useful!). At Forest School, the children surprised us with their teamwork, strength and communication whilst creating a Sukkah. This is a temporary hut that is constructed for use during the week-long Jewish festival of Sukkot. Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.



Dosbarth 5

Welcome back after half term, it has been lovely to welcome everyone back to class. Before half term we began planning a video book trailer for our text we are studying called "Valley of the Lost Secrets". We analysed what would make a captivating trailer and would make us want to read the book, then planned out the trailers using a storyboard. This week we have made them come to life using Adobe and AI to create the specific images we needed. The results were fabulous with everyone paying such close attention to the success criteria. In numeracy, we finished our work on timetables and are now more confident in calculating time differences using a timetable. We then moved onto triangles and 2D shapes, learning how to identify them, draw them accurately using a protractor and ruler, tessellate them and reflect them. Year 5 have definitely been keeping fit and healthy with swimming lessons and Newport County and have even started to design a fitness gadget for the BBC gladiators in a national competition! For Welsh, we have begun to tell the time, focussing on o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. Using our topic of On Our Doorstep, we have been learning about how ships were targeted during World War Two to disrupt the supply chain. We likened this to the game "Battleships" so year 5 have created their own digital game of battleships using scratch. Their coding skills improved dramatically during the week as they learnt how to code different sprites and turn the screen into a playable game – arddechog blwyddn 5. For science, we have completed the experiment into the solubility of different materials, analysing the results and deciding why we think they dissolved as they did. There were lots of great ideas of how we could change and improve our experiment if we did it again. The children showed themselves to be incredibly respectful with their tributes to Remembrance Day by creating some stunning digital art and blackout poems. Forest school begins next week for dosbarth 5. Have a lovely weekend.



Dosbarth 6

Prynhawn da, I hope you all had a wonderful, well-deserved week off. A new half a term, a fresh start. Before half term we had a fun filled week learning all about symmetry and rotational symmetry in maths. In Literacy we continued developing our stories, exploring different sentence structures whilst touching on similes and metaphors from our previous learning. Our next step is to write our stories. I can't wait to see how they turn out. In science, we explored the separation of matter. We conducted an experiment to investigate different separation techniques. We have continued with our photography topic by exploring angles and light and how they impact photographs. To keep fit and healthy, we have been participating in circuit training with Mrs Fawsitt. As Young Sports Leaders, we have continued to develop our knowledge of leading. Focusing on the importance of rules. We had fun teaching our games to other groups in the class. In Welsh we have been developing our language patterns by learning to respond to Dw i'n gallu... (I can...) Dw i ddim yn gallu... (I can't). We added verbs to the end and practiced in small groups. We played 'bounce' to enhance learning. We enjoyed bouncing the questions to each other. Have a lovely weekend.



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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
11 am-4pm

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

Thursday, 31st October
Abergavenny Market
11 am-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!

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

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