



Trellech Primary School

Extreme Weather Procedures

Thank you for your support and understanding this week when we had an unexpected arrival of snow. In the event of extreme weather such as snow or an emergency where the school has no water for example we will communicate to parents and carers via Schoop. Where there is a need to close the school the decision will be made in collaboration with the Chair of Governors and the Local Authority. Where the decision needs to be made early in the morning due to weather conditions we will also liaise with Passenger Transport and ASC Phillips who help us in ensuring the safety of our pupils as they travel to and from school. As I am sure you can appreciate closing the school fully is not something that is done easily but a decision made to safeguard our pupils, staff and community.

Children in Need

A busy day was had by all last Friday as Charity Committee supported BBC Children in Need. All pupils completed Run for Pudsey during the school day with their reading buddies. As a whole school community we are very proud to share that together we raised a huge £115 via Parentpay donations and an incredible £1526.40 via the Run for Pudsey Sponsorship making a huge total raised for Children in Need of **£1641.40!** Thankyou!

PTFA Contributions

Our pupils continue to benefit from the funds so generously raised at events such the Summer Olympics, Discos and School Lottery. This term their efforts have enabled Year Three and Year Four to attend a Jambori in Pontypool hosted by Urdd and this week saw our Year Five pupils visit and join a workshop linked to their learning about life in WWII. As a school we are very grateful for the contributions that enable such learning experiences to take place. Di-olch yn fawr!

Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers who support the school with gardening, reading, swimming and forest school to name but a few. However, we are grateful for more! If you think you have an hour or two to spare from time to time please contact Mrs Shaw via the school office who can help in ensuring you have the correct information to complete your DBS (an essential requirement when volunteering in school). In the coming weeks, primarily each Wednesday we are looking for some additional hands to complete our garden area. We appreciate time is precious but even an hour or so will help complete the construction of the larger items (shed, poly tunnel etc).

Whizz Bang Show!

Year Six were invited to attend the Whizz Bang Show at the Blake Theatre last week, hosted by Haberdashers. The show was mesmerising and the pupils behaviour was exemplary. As we are challenged with additional transport costs to attend such events, on this occasion Haberdashers very kindly provided the transport for our pupils to be able to attend, for this we are extremely grateful.

Spellar Metcallfe Assembly

Last week, we welcomed our colleagues from Spellar Metcallfe to lead an assembly on Safety near construction sites. We were fortunate enough to be joined by Buzz and her friend Norman to deliver these very important messages.

Financial Literacy

We have welcomed staff from the Principality Building Society and Barclays Bank to deliver sessions to our pupils from Year One to Year Six helping our pupils to understand budgeting and accounts. Such valuable sessions that are essential for our adults of the future.



Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

Thurs 5th Dec: Y3 PBuzz Performance for Parents- 9.20am

Mon 9th Dec: Y2 Family Engagement: 2.30pm

Weds 11th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am (Rec & Y1)

Thurs 12th Dec: Acorns Nativity 2pm (Rec & Y1)

Fri 13th Dec: Rec– Trellech Teas

Fri 13th Dec: PTFA Christmas Fayre

Mon 16th Nov: Rec Family Engagement: 2.15pm

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

Care and Share

This week, Miss Light launched our Expressive Arts, 'Care and Share' Assemblies. These assemblies will take place on a Thursday and give our pupils to perform their talents to the school audience. To launch the start of these assemblies we were treated to a wonderful performance by Year Three who have been learning the PBuzz with our colleagues at Gwent Music as part of Welsh Government Funding. Any child who wishes to showcase their talents in Share and Care, should inform Miss Light.

School Choir: Lunchtime Club for Y5 & Y6 each Friday 12– 12.30pm – Diolch to Mrs North & Mrs Shaw for facilitating this.



TRELLECH PTFA INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

Pre loved Christmas Jumper Sale

Each year 1 in 4 Christmas jumpers gets thrown away or never worn again, we can change this.

BRING YOUR OUTGROWN CHRISTMAS JUMPERS TO RECEPTION FROM 25TH NOVEMBER

ON WED 4TH DEC AND FRI 6TH AT 3.15PM COME AND PURCHASE A NEW TO YOU/PRELOVED JUMPER.

All jumpers £2



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Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da. Reception have had yet another busy fortnight filled with exciting learning opportunities. Last week, we spent a lot of time looking at the importance of Remembrance Day along with focussing on the poppy, the different parts of it along with the life cycle of one. We have been able to create a dance focussed on the life cycle along with re-creating them through art. The children have a great understanding that they start as a seed, to a seedling, to buds and eventually a poppy. We then worked collaboratively at Forest School to create a whole class poppy using natural resources. We then held another two minutes silence to show our respects. In Mathematics, we have been focussing heavily on addition within 3,5 and 10. The children have been learning practically using cubes to create sums and have progressively built up the confidence to start showing a sum in a written form which is just fantastic! The children also enjoyed celebrating Children In Need last week. They did an amazing job participating in Run Pudsey. A special thank you to Year 4 for helping us complete this. We continue to work hard in practicing for our Nativity by learning our songs and some of our lines. I would like to take the opportunity to share some key dates for the diary. On Friday 13th December at 2:15pm, we will be going to the church to spread some festive cheer by performing some of our Nativity songs at Trellech Teas. Please feel free to come along and support. On Monday 16th December at 2:30pm, we will be holding a parent Christmas card session which we would love for you to be able to attend. The session provides the opportunity for you to sit with your child and create some Christmas cards which we will then deliver as a class to our local community. I will Schoop some further information about these days, if you haven't already received some. We have also looked at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs.' The children needed to help the pigs decide whether they should re-build their houses using sticks and straw or whether to stick to bricks. We also designed and built some new ones for them along with creating a video to send to the wolf to help him change his ways. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming you and the children back on Monday. Diolch!

Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da, we have had a lovely, albeit cold few days this week. The children have been busy subtracting and adding in maths within 30, completing fact families and completing repeating patterns. In literacy they have been writing letters to the blue fish as part of the learning using the text 'The Rainbow Fish'. They know that a letter requires a date, address, a sign on and off such as dear and from. Da iawn pawb. Mrs Cornish joined us this week and helped us plant bulbs and seeds, we can't wait to watch them grow. Last week saw us complete the Pudsey run for Children in Need, we ran the daily mile numerous times with Dosbarth 6 ac Dosbarth 2. We learnt about Armistice day and the meaning of poppies, we created a poppy using natural materials during outdoor learning. In Welsh we have been learning about likes and dislikes, we created a tally chart. Ask us 'Wyt ti'n hoffi...?' Have a lovely weekend.



Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da. What a really exciting couple of weeks we have had! The pupils have really enjoyed their visit from The Principality Building Society learning about bank accounts and budgeting - hopefully budding accountants of the future!! The pupils have created 'Tree spirits' out of mud and natural objects to decorate the trees at Forest School. This was really messy but so much fun. We have also celebrated Children in Need with a Pudsey Run. Da iawn year twos on running 128 laps altogether. Amazing! We have been planning the rewrite of the 'Owl Babies' story, writing sentences with time, question and 'ly' openers. In numeracy we have been recognising the properties of 2D shapes such as vertices, parallel lines and symmetry. We have started to create our Model Tudor houses and I am looking forward to seeing the finished products.



Dosbarth 3

Prynhawn da. We have had such a fantastic two weeks filled with lots of practical learning and investigations. The children have continued to develop their place value jotting skills by exploring addition and subtraction using 3-digit numbers and fractional values in shapes and numbers. Following pupil voice feedback, the children wanted to use their fraction skills to make pizzas. The class therefore had an amazing afternoon using fractions and number skills to weigh out the ingredients to make the pizza dough. Working in groups the children used amazing cutting skills to chop the healthy toppings and divide them between each other.

It was so lovely to have the opportunity to seize the season and incorporate the unexpected snow in Year 3's learning too. The children investigated shapes by catching snowflakes and discussing what they could see and how each snowflake was unique. As part of our topic, "Love where we live" the children sculpted Trellech village out of snow and used problem solving skills to make igloos. There was lots of excitement in Year 3, as one day we returned from breaktime to find someone has been in the class and it was now a scene for a police investigation. The children worked in groups to find clues and come up with a suspect list. This will continue next week, and we look forward to finding the mystery visitor and sharing it with you.



Dosbarth 4

Well, the last 2 weeks have flown by and what a surprise to get some snow on Tuesday- much to the delight of the children. The weather has certainly got much colder this week, so can you ensure your child has a hat, and gloves, especially for Forest School. The children completed their leaflets this week, advertising River Wye activities. We looked at various leaflets for ideas and magpie the ones that we thought would entice the reader. We started a new book this week- Journey by Aaron Becker. The theme of this book is an emotional and spiritual rewarding experience of stepping off the known into the unknown. We had a visit from Barclays bank, where they gave the children an insight into managing a budget, understanding the terms-debt, credit, scam, service charge etc. The children listened carefully as they tried to work out why the young boy who had an amount of money to spend, spent more due to the hidden charges. Forest School was a cold one but that didn't hinder the children's enthusiasm for making various shapes and measuring their perimeter. It is important at this time of year that children have warm clothing for playtimes and outdoor activities. Lots of excitement this week for the commencement of swimming sessions. Soon, we will be making Christmas creations to sell at the Fayre. As much as possible, decorations will be made from recycled materials to cut down on costs, make a profit for our class and make the most out of natural materials. If you have any empty kitchen rolls, thinnish cardboard (like the packaging from amazon parcels) smallish baubles, any nice foliage that would be gratefully received. Enjoy your weekend.



Dosbarth 5

What a fun filled two weeks of learning we have had in dosbarth 5. We have been incredibly fortunate to join with E-sgol and the Goethe Institute to start our German lessons. We even managed to get our singing of the Auf Weidershen song played to everyone on the course – over 900 pupils across the country! Amazing work! We have now finished our swimming lessons, and everyone has made brilliant progress, through refining techniques and gaining confidence. Our literacy has seen us writing and recording a news reel about the blitz in true 1940's style. They have focussed on what would make the script suitable for the time period as well as making sure they have used the 5 W's (who, what, where, when, why). We have also been analysing the features of a diary entry and have planned a diary for a child living through the blitz. Children in Need was a wonderful day for us, running with our reading buddies and creating eco Pudsey's in forest school. We are incredibly grateful for all your donations and dosbarth 5 ran a total of 210 laps between them. Using a series of primary sources, we have investigated the roles of the Civil Defence Corps in World War Two, what their job involved and the items they would have needed to complete their job properly. The highlight of our week this week has been the visit to Shire Hall for the sirens and shelters workshop. Many thanks to the PTFA for funding this wonderful opportunity for us. The children put their investigative skills to the test by analysing sources and trying to match their objects to different people. Cont....

They were then fortunate enough to go into the underground shelter of the Shire Hall and experience what it would have been like to stay in one and how people fed and entertained themselves whilst there. Our maths has seen us tessellating shapes and exploring 3d shapes and their respective nets. Using their knowledge of nets, the class have recreated a building in Trellech, having to analyse the 3d shapes of the building and then select/create the nets to make it. This has made us look very closely at the buildings on our doorstep. We then used this knowledge to help with our expressive arts as we followed a tutorial from Welsh artist Helen Elliot. They used her style of contemporary colourism to draw their own home. Have a lovely weekend.



Dosbarth 6

Prynhawn da we have had a wonderful two weeks in Dosbarth 6. We started the week delving in to poem 'Anthem for Doomed Youth' by Wilfred Owen. We have used spoken poetry techniques to bring it to life. After this we moved on to adapting and created our own poetry. They were wonderful. Following from this we are starting to investigate letter writing. We had the pleasure of inviting Jacqueline Wilson into our classroom through a virtual webinar. We thoroughly appreciated this experience; it was incredible to meet such an established author. In expressive arts, we started and finished painting our loved ones. The children were emersed in the experience and they thoroughly enjoyed painting on canvas. We had a visit from The Principality Building Society to learn all about bank accounts and budgeting. It was refreshing to see the enthusiasm from all the children. Last Wednesday we were invited to visit Monmouth Haberdashers to experience several captivating science experiments, it was an unforgettable experience. Have a lovely weekend.

