



Trellech Primary School

Attendance

As you may be aware improving attendance of all learners is a priority for Welsh Government noting good attendance also has a positive effect on emotional and physical wellbeing. Establishing good attendance patterns from an early age is vital for social development. Following the publication of updated guidance from the Local Authority, the governing body have adopted a new Attendance Policy. This will be available on the website before the end of the Autumn Term. We appreciate that children become unwell and need time off due to illness but in order to strive for excellent attendance it has been agreed here in Trellech, across the cluster and LA to not authorise leave for holiday's. Special Leave forms must be completed and **only in exceptional** circumstances will term time holidays be authorised by the school (such as families employed by the Ministry of Defence or due to religious beliefs). When reporting your child's absence it is essential that you inform us of the reason for absence, this enables to track and monitor illnesses and medical conditions; on occasions it is necessary to inform Public Health Wales and seek specific guidance.

When attending school punctuality is essential to a positive start to the day. Children not attending Breakfast Club should arrive between 8.50 and 9am, after 9am the gates are closed and children should arrive via the main entrance. For many children coming in a different way and arriving in class after their peers can be a very stressful experience as activities have already begun. In order to support our pupils well being please support us in enabling your children a positive start to the day.

Gardening and Outdoor Developments

The last few weeks have seen significant changes in our garden areas as the raised beds have plants shooting, wild flower turf, fruit trees planted as well as a poly tunnel, shed, composter and fences constructed. Thanks to Tom (KWT), Mrs Cornish, Mr Hagg as well as governors and parents working with our children the development has progressed amazingly. Such projects are a true testament to the wonderful school community we have here in Trellech.



Extreme Weather Procedures

Thank you for your support and understanding last week when following an unexpected arrival of snow, Storm Bert presented the country and particularly our county huge challenges. As you can imagine it was a difficult decision with much reliance on the overnight forecast. Fortunately the forecast was kind enabling pupils and staff to attend school safely. Your cooperation and patience is much appreciated at this time— we are always mindful of the impact on your own circumstances. 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.

Christmas Enterprise

All pupils are busy working on their enterprise projects to raise monies for their own class. This project enables the children to apply their literacy, numeracy and digital skills as well as applying their creativity through the Expressive Arts. I hope you find the online brochure useful and the opportunity to preorder your items using the Google Form beneficial. There will be some items available at the PTFA Christmas Fayre but by placing your order early will ensure you secure your item! Please place your orders using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/CJ52W6bWjB> and send monies in a labelled envelope separately for each class. Thank you for your custom in advance.

Rhiannon Roberts

At the end of last academic year some of you may recall that our 'then' Ambassadors led a project to produce something bright and welcoming for the entrance to our school. We have now had the piece of work protected and a frame added by our special friends at Playwood. The team kindly came and installed the artwork for us and I am sure you will agree looks splendid as arrive at the entrance.



Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

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

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.

Free online code club

Cardiff Technocamps will be running a free online code club to pupils in years 4-8 . It will run weekly starting Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 4:30pm-6:30pm. For parents to register their child please complete the form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KCfHdzPMrP> or for further details please contact cardiff@technocamps.com

The life of Manor Wood

Last weekend some of our families joined an enthusiastic project group in The Narth who have written and collated information about social and natural history of our local woodland. The group kindly donated ten copies to the school. This is gratefully received and will support our learning of the local community and area. Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Parking

We appreciate that parking at the start and end of the school day can be a challenge but we ask that all people park respectfully not to impact our neighbours. The Lion Inn carpark not to be utilised for parking for collection of our pupils as we are sure you can appreciate the pub is a business and needs their spaces for customers. In addition to this if accessing the school site, please be reminded to use the entry and exit entrances appropriately and priority must be given to the minibuses. Safeguarding all our children is non-negotiable and on occasions vehicles need to be patient whilst the buses ensure the safety of our pupils. Diolch yn fawr for your continued co-operation.

Monmouth Foodbank

Thank you once again for your generous donations that we will pass directly to Monmouth Foodbank. To support those most in need this Christmas.



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Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da, where has this second half term gone? I can't quite believe we only have two weeks left and what a fun filled two weeks it is set to be! Some gentle reminders of the upcoming two weeks... We have our two Nativity performances on Wednesday and Thursday. Hopefully, you all received the key dates letter sent out by Mrs Peacock last week with the times attached. Next Friday (13th), we have our Trellech Teas visit to spread some Christmas cheer. Please come along to support the children from 2:15pm at the church. On Monday (16th) we have our parent session where we will be making Christmas cards for the community. We will be starting the session at 2:30pm. Please complete the schoop I sent out to confirm your attendance. This fortnight, we have continued to work hard practicing for our Nativity, we can't wait to perform it now! In maths, we have continued working hard looking at addition within 3,5,10 and even 15 for some of us! This week, we started to introduce some subtraction too with the children being able to identify the subtraction sign along with being able to write a subtraction sum. The children have produced some fantastic pieces of art based around Gayle Rogers. She is an artist who focusses on houses and different structures. We look forward to sharing them with you. At our last forest school, we took advantage of all the wet weather and enjoyed getting quite muddy in some big puddles within the forest when exploring it. We have also been working incredibly hard preparing for our school enterprise. We have been making snowmen and Christmas tree decorations which we are looking forward to selling at the fayre next Friday. A special thank you to Mrs Llewellyn for all her efforts in supporting the children with the creation of our items. Most importantly, I'm sure you've heard the news by now that we have been joined by a mischievous elf who has been causing all kinds of disruptions to our classroom. He will be keeping a close eye and reporting back to Santa each day. Have a lovely weekend all! Take care, Miss Light, Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs Voaden and Mrs Body!



Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da, we have had a very busy couple of weeks in Dosbarth 1. Last week we enjoyed forest school post storm, and we really enjoyed getting muddy, some of us were building flood defences whilst others were creating dams for wildlife. In Commando Joes we had support our peers to complete an assault course whilst blindfolded, we really enjoyed working as a team, afterwards we began designing our own course in groups. In maths we have been creating repeated patterns and have begun exploring place value using the numicon to represent numbers. This week we have been considering costs of our enterprise items and discussing profit. We have been very busy rehearsing our play, ensuring we project our voice, clearly and slowly for all to hear, we have been looking at positioning on stage as well as consolidating our dance moves. We are currently working on when we come in to say our lines which is proving more challenging, one week to go.... We are looking forward to our dress dress rehearsal on Monday. We have looked at formal and informal letters in literacy and have been enjoying reading the Jolly Postman. Monday 2nd we discovered a letter in our decorated classroom from the Elf! He has been making us smile all week, did you know our elf looks for and celebrates acts of kindness! Have a lovely weekend, we look forward to sharing our performance with you next week.



Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da, yet another busy fortnight in Year two. We have been using descriptive writing for an autumnal scene; using verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. I have been really impressed with the language used. In numeracy we have been carrying out surveys and creating tally charts based on the data. We have also started to interpret bar chart data by answering questions. In ICT we have been creating databases based on different rooms and gardens in our homes. Children have been working on their Tudor houses, making Christmas enterprise products and learning songs and words for their Christmas afternoon in Expressive Arts lessons. In RVE the children have been looking at Christian calendar events, ordering these or researching information about them. Although Forest School was freezing, the pupils worked really hard on their habitats for different animals to hibernate in.



Dosbarth 3

Prynhawn da, Dosbarth 3 have had such a busy two weeks developing a range of skills throughout the curriculum. In maths, the children have been using practical equipment to develop their multiplication skills and draw HTO tables to complete addition and subtraction problems using 3 – digit numbers. It has been lovely to see the children grow in confidence in their jotting skills and apply these to everyday tasks, such as budgeting for the prices of Christmas decorations in preparation for Enterprise Week. The children have also enjoyed exploring the outdoors and have made habitats in the Forest School area and prepared for Christmas by using natural materials to create the most amazing Advent candle wreaths. To continue with our topic, the children have developed their DCF skills and have researched landmarks that are important to them in their own villages. The children will use the images to create a flip book of their special places in Wales. It has been a very interesting two weeks in our Literacy tasks, as the mystery visitor continues to be an enigma. This week the children were left a suitcase containing lots of exciting clues, an old weighing scales, Cawl recipe, diary extract and tickets to board a ship. The children discussed their findings within groups and analysed the evidence.



Dosbarth 4

Christmas is quickly sneaking up on us all. We have started to create our enterprise products to sell at the Fayre and we believe you can pre-order as well. We have some lovely 3d stars that the children are quite obsessed with so, I think some of you may be having them made at home as well! They have also chosen to either make some Winter Bunting or a Nordic Christmas tree. These are all priced at £2.00 each. Any profit will be spent on resources for Year 4. We discussed the recent floods that have affected so many local people. We tried to think logically of where the flood water disappears to. It's quite hard to understand how it finds its way back into the rivers, streams and sea. The water cycle helped us to understand firsthand how some of the water evaporates back into the clouds. We have continued to focus on perimeter and area in maths, in particular some practical work and investigating. The children were challenged to come up with a shape where the perimeter was numerically equal to its area- we found some examples, but surprisingly not that many! Have a look on the home learning blog for more information. In Literacy last week, the children wrote a narrative based on the story- Journey using adventurous language. This week we have looked at the difference between a narrative and a free verse poem. Using previous taught language and skills, the children built up to creating their own narrative poem using rhyme and rhythm. We are soon going to be busy learning some carols ready for the Carol Concert during the last week of term. Hope you can join us. The children were introduced to a Digi map that provides access to maps and geospatial data. We have experimented with finding different landmarks and pinning specific places around the River Wye. In Forest School, the children had lots of fun making an obstacle course using natural materials. The children were very competitive and adventurous, and they never cease to amaze us with their creativity and imagination. Enjoy your weekend.

Dosbarth 5

Christmas is rapidly approaching and dosbarth 5 continue to be super busy in the classroom. We have now come to the end of our series of online German lessons with the Goethe Institute which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. They are now all able to have a conversation in German involving greetings, goodbyes, colours, animals and food – they are all fantastisch! In literacy, we have been learning about the features of a diary entry and written diaries as if they were writing after a night in the blitz. The writing was wonderful, showing such empathy and understanding of the timer period. In the same vein, we have also analysed the memories of an evacuee to Penallt, creating a character analysis of her background and experiences. Our enterprise project is now in full swing and we are very grateful for the orders we have already received. To tie in with our topic of World War Two and make do and mend, we are trying to reuse as much as possible. Dosbarth 5 are making rag wreaths, bauble wreaths and small gonks which they are very proud of. Following on from their initial study of Helen Elliot's art, we have now begun to draw notable buildings in Trellech using her style, ready for painting. We have been analysing the weather in Monmouth and creating a database of our results. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas service in St Nicholas church in the last week of term.



Dosbarth 6

It's been a wonderful two weeks in Dosbarth 6! We have been diving into some exciting topics, including exploring newspapers and learning about the effects of Storm Burt, using journalistic language and reported speech to create an authentic piece of writing. The children showed their artistic talents as they completed their beautiful canvas portraits of their loved ones. In maths, we've been delving into cubes and cuboids, using 3D nets to create some incredible sculptures that sparked creativity and teamwork. We also completed our ICT work by developing a story through photography, using angles, light, and photo editing to showcase our skills— the results were incredible! At forest school, we explored our natural environment and took a closer look at the fascinating creatures around us. We've also started creating our Christmas Enterprise creations, and we can't wait for you to see them! It's hard to believe there are only two weeks left of this term— it's flying by! Enjoy your weekend.





BROCKWEIR & HEWELSFIELD
PlayArea

Christmas
at the Play Area

Saturday 14th December
3.00 pm – 4.30 pm



Meet Father Christmas in his grotto!
Make your own tree decorations
(Small charges apply, all proceeds to the Play Area)
Post your letter to Father Christmas



Music from Lydney Town Band

Mulled Wine & Hot Chocolate & more.....
Mince Pies & Donuts
Sweets from Occasional Sweets



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29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the festive period approaches please find below an outline of key dates:

Thursday 5 th December	Y3 PBuzz Performance for Parents	School Hall	9.20am
Friday 6 th December	Café Cynefin: All Welcome	School Hall	2.15pm
Monday 9 th December	Y2 Family Festive Afternoon	School Hall	2.30pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Y6 Bell Ringing	St Nicholas Church	1.00pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Acorns Nativity: (Rec & Y1)	School Hall	9.30am
Thursday 12 th December	Acorns Nativity: (Rec & Y1)	School Hall	2.00pm
Friday 13 th December	Reception Singing at Trellech Teas PTFA Christmas Fayre	St Nicholas Church School Hall	2.15pm 3.30pm
Monday 16 th December	Rec Family Festive Afternoon	School Hall	2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Service led by Y4 & Y5 Acorns Christmas Party (Rec & Y1)	St Nicholas Church Bring Party Clothes	9.30am 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper/ Accessory Day School Christmas Dinner Oaks Christmas Party (Y4, Y5, Y6)	Donations for St David's Order in Advance Bring Party Clothes	1.30pm
Thursday 19 th December	Delivery of Community Christmas Cards (Rec) Saplings Christmas Party	Bring Party Clothes	9.30am 1.30pm
Friday 20 th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip Last Day of Term	The Savoy, Monmouth	10am
Monday 6 th January	Spring Term Commences: PL for Staff (School Closed to Pupils)		
Tuesday 7 th January	Spring Term Commences for Pupils		

We would like to thank you for your continued support and share our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.