



Trellech Primary School

Nadolig Llawen from Mrs Peacock

As we come to the close of the Autumn Term, I would like to take the opportunity to send my sincerest greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

Your continued support over the last term is once again very much appreciated. Having been 'acting' as Headteacher for some time, this term saw my permanent appointment, with this bringing some stability and opportunity to continue to move forward with a clear structure and vision, which I look forward to building upon in 2025. I am sure you will agree that the pupils of Trellech have once again excelled themselves in many ways this term from performing on stage; for our very youngest learners, to leading our Harvest and Carol Service for our oldest pupils as well as introducing Café Cynefin, ringing the Church Bells, taking part in Forest Schools, visiting Shire Hall, completing Gwent Music class tuition, working with County in the Community, taking part in a Jambori to name just a few of the many activities from the last term. We have made an amazing start to our Trellech50!

In terms of school development, I am sure you will agree that the resources from the Keep Wales Tidy have had a huge impact on the school grounds; huge thanks to Mrs Cornish, Tom (KWT), parents and governors who have all volunteered to help the pupils develop this area— with plants already growing, I can't wait for Spring!

As you will also notice the nursery building, which will become the new home for Busybodies is making good progress. Whilst slightly delayed, work has begun outside as well as indoors to return the grounds to their original form. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Busybodies to the site in the Spring!

I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff for their commitment to teaching and learning along with the governors and volunteers for giving their time and enabling our pupils such positive experiences. It only leaves me to say diolch yn fawr and Nadolig Llawen to you our parents, carers and school community for your support, with best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year!



PTFA School Fayre and Enterprise Projects

Last week, saw great activity for our wonderful PTFA as well as our pupils who busy being entrepreneurial! It was lovely to see so many of you joining the Christmas Fayre on Friday evening, thank you for your support once again.

On behalf of the pupils we would like to say thank you for supporting their enterprise projects. It has been wonderful to see the calculations prior to the making element of their project. We are very proud to share that the total profit in each class is: Breakfast Club £76, Rec £95, Y1 £125, Y2 £205, Y3 £95, Y4 £76, Y5 £247 and Y6 £58. We are sure you will agree that the pupils are very pleased with their profit and are looking forward to selecting class items and experiences to spend their money on!

Monmouth Foodbank Donations

The charity committee have once again collected donations that have been shared with the most vulnerable families via Monmouth Foodbank. We are very grateful for your support and have donated was 35.55kg. Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Attendance

This week we congratulated Zac, Everestt, Henry C, Seren, Hamish Evie C, Eilir, Nico, Ellen, Ada D, Daisy D, Freya, Tobias, Sonny, Callum, Lauchlan, Henry H, Lowenna, Finn, Joshua L, Cleo, Annabel, Grace P, Isabelle P, Samuel, Grace S, Evie S, Olivia S, Ada S, Barney, Elsie T, Bethan & Rosie W for their excellent attendance this term

Parking

We continue to ask for your co-operation with parking safely and considerately particularly near our neighbours. We understand that parking is a challenge on occasion particularly with additional traffic associated with the nursery build, however please may we ask that we consider our neighbours. We have several incidents where members of the community have not been able to leave their drive as members of the school community have blocked their driveways. Thank you for your support.



Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

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

Tues 4th Mar: Whole School Eisteddfod

Thurs 6th Mar: World Book Day

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.

Digital Safety

As we begin the Christmas break and possibly the delivery of new devices, please refer to the school website (www.trellechprimary.co.uk) where you will find some up-dated links and guidance to help in keeping your child safe. Hwb also has a great deal of information that provides invaluable (<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online>) information on a range of topics.

School Grounds

As we approach another school break please may we ask that if you notice anyone on site that this is reported to the police. Trespassing on Local Authority property is a criminal offence and as you are all aware we have invested a great deal of time and finance into improving our stay and play areas, gardening areas and the huge investment in the Nursery Build. Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe.

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

Extra Curricular Activities

Spring Term sees lunchtime Choir and Minecraft clubs continuing as well as County Football Club for Y4, Y5 and Y6 after school each Monday. We are looking forward to Girls football and book club commencing.

Healthy Schools

Please may we remind families ready for the new year that children should only bring water to school to drink throughout the day. Squash and juice should only be part of a packed lunch at dinner time.



Reception Singing at Trellech Teas

Charity Committee: Monmouth

Foodbank Donations

Decorating the Wishmas Tree

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Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da, I think this has well and truly been the busiest fortnight we have had this half term. Where do we start? Last week we did our Nativity and performed three fabulous performances. I think you'll agree that the children were fantastic, and we were so incredibly proud. It takes a lot to stand on stage and say lines as well as sing to so many people when you've only been in school for a term. Thank you all for joining us and supporting the children. We were also lucky to perform our Nativity songs to the wider community at Trellech Teas. The children enjoyed spreading lots of festive cheer and joy. Again, thank you for joining us. I think the best part for the children was enjoying the delicious cakes which were well deserved after a busy week. We then finished our week with the Christmas fayre where we sold our class items. In total, we made an incredible £95. I hope they look lovely hanging from all your trees. This week we completed our parent session where we made Christmas cards for the community. Thank you for attending. All the cards look great and have now been delivered by all the children. Reception enjoyed their Christmas party with Year 1 where they were surprised by a well-known visitor ... SANTA! Santa gave us some yummy treats to enjoy too! The children did lots of dancing and played pass the parcel. Our week finished with a trip to see the pantomime where there were lots of smiles!! On behalf of Miss Light, Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs Body and Mrs Voaden, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support. I am so proud of all of the children for completing their first full term in school. We can't wait to see what more the children achieve in the New Year. For one last time for this year ... Take care all!

Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da ac Nadolig Llawn pawb! Dosbarth 1 have had a very busy two weeks as I know most classes have. We performed our Nativity 3 times last week, a dress rehearsal performance to the whole school Tuesday, then to families and the community on Wednesday and Thursday. We were very busy completing enterprise projects including snowman soup aka hot chocolate, candle snowman gifts, sweet cones and our hand painted and decorated bell decorations. We used our maths skills to count amounts of sweets and marshmallows, make patterns on the terracotta bell, fine motor skills to put, tie, wrap and make as well as calculate simple costs and profit. We enjoyed buying our items at the wonderful school fayre last Friday, diolch to the amazing PTFA volunteers, the hall was bustling and the children really enjoyed themselves, we can't wait to find out the total profit!! We wrote letters to Father Christmas which consolidated our understanding of informal letters as well as identify formal and informal features. This week we have enjoyed making and writing Christmas cards, as well as creating calendars for our families. We have enjoyed a beautiful carol service in the church with our families and the community led by Y4 ac Y5. We especially loved listening to our talented musicians and really loved the sing language carol. We had a great time at our Acorns Christmas party with Dosbarth Derbyn dancing, laughing and burning off energy. We consolidated some skills in maths with christmas themed activities and compared and contrasted Christmas cards as part of our RVE. In Welsh we wrote a short letter to Father Christmas telling him our name, age and what we liked using Dwi'n hoffi... hopefully he will understand them! We shall soon find out. A huge diolch for your support this term, have a restful break and we look forward to seeing you all in January. Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!



Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da ac Nadolig Llawen! Well, that first term certainly flew by. This last fortnight the pupils have enjoyed the last forest school of 2024 and displayed so much stage presence during our mini-Christmas performance. Despite being so tired and excitable at this time of year the pupils were really confident with their singing and Welsh script. The pupils have been busy writing a diary entry as if they were a busy Christmas elf, ensuring first and third person and the past tense was used. In numeracy we have been learning to recognise coins and making given amounts of value. As part of our enterprise the pupils have been really creative and productive. A huge thank you to Mrs Worrall for her guidance and artistic expertise in the making of the products. I am really pleased to say we made a whopping £205!!! A massive thank you to the parents and PTFA for the classroom resources. It has been a good start to year two and we now look forward to an even better 2025. From all of us in Year 2 have yourself a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Dosbarth 3

Prynhawn da. Dosbarth 3 have had a wonderful festive two weeks, filled with lots of enriched learning opportunities due to the Christmas Enterprise project. The children chose their ideas as a class and then made salt dough wreaths, snow globes and lollypop stick decorations. There was certainly a buzz of the Christmas spirit in the class as the children developed their creative skills whilst also collaborating and helping each other to achieve the final products. As part of the project the children used their numeracy skills to budget prices and discussed what they would like to do with the profits. In our outdoor PE sessions, the children have also been developing their leadership and team building skills over the last couple of weeks by making their own group obstacle courses. It was fantastic to see the class enjoying the obstacle challenges and developing their teamwork, perseverance and determination skills. It was lots of fun and there was lots of laughter along the way too. In literacy, the children have been developing their DCF skills by researching Christmas around the world and sharing interesting facts they have found with the rest of the class. We have also investigated a collection of Christmas cards to find the most popular design. The children chose their own categories and used their tally chart skills to collect data. The data was then transferred into amazing bar charts. Thank you for your continued support over the first term. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dosbarth 4

Phew!! We got there. How much can you fit in, in a fortnight? We made calendars, cards, a little pressie to take home, planned, designed enterprise products, sang in a carol service, watched the younger children perform in their Nativity, had a party and finally went to the Pantomime at the Savoy. We did manage to fit in some Literacy based on the story- How the Grinch stole Christmas. We identified the language and text features of effective instructional texts and then created our own on how we can steal Christmas. Now it's time to spend time with people you care about, do the things you enjoy, eat food that you love, watch TV, make someone laugh or smile, stay in your pyjamas all day and most of all make time for yourself. Have a lovely Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. See you all in 2025. Thank you so much for supporting us



Dosbarth 5

Pynhawn da ac Nadolig LLawen! I can't believe that we are now at the end of our first term in Year 5. The children have accomplished so much in our topic of On Our Doorstep, really getting to grips with the area around them, both now and in World War Two. The last two weeks have been a whirlwind of enterprise, instruction writing, costings, analysing World War Two Christmas cards, carol service rehearsals, pantomime, parties and craft. Dosbarth 5 worked incredibly hard on their enterprise products, costing them out and the potential profit. Diolch for all the materials that were kindly donated and for purchasing their products. In literacy we have been analysing the features and purpose of instructions and written our own instructions in the style of the Grinch "How to steal Christmas". For forest school, we used natural materials to make 3D model of Trellech landmarks, the results were amazing. I am incredibly proud of our speakers and musicians in the carol service this week. You spoke and played with such confidence, bendigedig. Thank you for your continued support, may I take the opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.



Dosbarth 6

Prynhawn da, it's been a creative two weeks in Dosbarth 6! We started our new Star Write focus on instructional texts, beginning with writing instructions for making jam sandwiches. The children had lots of fun reading out their instructions and following them step by step! We followed this by writing instructions on how to make our Christmas Enterprise product, sock snowmen. In maths, we've been learning about tetrahedra and square-based pyramids, exploring their properties and constructing models. At forest school, we embraced the festive spirit by designing and making Christmas decorations. Using our ICT skills, we told a story through photography, combining angles, lighting, and editing to create impressive pieces of work. It was delightful to see skills being combined so effectively. We had the pleasure of attending St. Nicholas Church and ringing the bells—it was an incredible experience that will not be forgotten. Thank you to everybody who attended and purchased our Dosbarth 6 Enterprise products from the Christmas Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many people attend. Thank you for a lovely term and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas!

