



## Trellech Primary School

### Online Safety for Parents and Carers, 5:30pm to 7:00pm at Monmouth Comprehensive School, NP25 3YT, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

We are very aware of the ever-growing importance of being Digital-Safe when online. As a Cluster we have been able to secure a training for Governors and Safeguarding Leads as well as a Parent Workshop delivered by SWGfL. This will take place at Monmouth Comprehensive School on **20th March at 5.30pm**.

This online safety training session provided by [SWGfL](#) will furnish parents with an insight into popular technologies and how young people utilise them. Demonstrating the massive benefits and potential pitfalls, the interactive presentation provides parents with advice, strategies, and resources to help them understand and engage with their child's online lives in a healthy, positive, and productive way.

SWGfL are a charitable trust dedicated to empowering the safe and secure use of technology through innovative services, tools, content, and policy, nationally and globally. We are proud to be a world leader in online child safety, a founding member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety as well as an advisor to Governments and a partner in the UK Safer Internet Centre. Our vision: Everyone should benefit from technology, free from harm. [Subscribe](#) to our free monthly newsletter to receive our latest news, content and tips about Online Safety, Security and Educational Technology.

### Book Swap

We have been fortunate enough to receive funding from the 'Circular Economy Project' that has enabled us to purchase a bookcase for the use of the school community. The bookcase is positioned in the front reception area and has a selection of books for children and families to take for a read. Please feel free to browse and take or swap a book or puzzle. In order to enable us to manage this book swap if you wish to donate, please only donate 1 book—we do not have space to store more than this. I hope you enjoy a read. In addition to this please be reminded that we also have a selection of feminine products that maybe utilised by families available in the reception areas as well as the in St Nicholas Church entrance.

### Nursery Building

We are very proud to share that the construction of the Nursery Building on our site has been completed and the construction team have left the school site. The team will return later in the Spring to complete some external work including re-seeding the grass areas. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Busybodies to the building in the Spring Term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for patience and co-operation during this time along with the construction team; Speller Metcalfe who managed the site efficiently taking into account the needs of our school.

### Sport Wales

Last Thursday, we were honoured to welcome Charlotte Evans a member of Team Wales Commonwealth Swimming Team to lead an Assembly and Workshop. Pupils in Years Two to Six had the privilege of attending an assembly, they learnt about the Commonwealth, the variety of sports that take place in the Commonwealth Games as well as the Youth Games and Para-Commonwealth Games. Charlotte shared her journey to the Commonwealth Games and the commitment she has made in her determination to represent Wales. Year Three were lucky enough to take part in a training session led by Charlotte.

### Y5 Urdd Residential

This week our Year Five pupils have visited our capital city and stayed in the Urdd Centre in Cardiff Bay. They have been fortunate enough to visit St Fagan's, Cardiff Castle, The Senedd and The National Museum as well have a boat trip in the Bay and visit the Bowling Alley! We are very grateful to Mrs Maunder, Miss Whyte, Mrs Llewellyn and Mrs Lee who attended the trip and gave their own time to enable such experiences to take place for our learners.



## Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

**Fri 14th Feb:** PTFA Valentines Day Disco

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

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

**Tues 4th Mar:** Whole School Eisteddfod

**Tues 4th Mar:** See How they Learn Parent Workshop (Rec Parents)

**Thurs 6th Mar:** World Book Day

**Fri 28th Mar:** Café Cynefin

**Weds 9th April:** Pupil Reports 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.

## Eisteddfod

Our School Eisteddfod for pupils takes place on Tuesday 4th March, children are invited to attend school in traditional dress, red top or Welsh Sporting Top with school trousers, skirt or dress on the day. Children have been busy in school preparing for the event with their variety of entries. Children are invited to complete a Homework Entry for additional points for their house.

### FP Homework Eisteddfod Competition:

Design a Welsh Bunting Pennant and/ or Welsh Decorated Cup Cake.

### KS2 Homework Eisteddfod Competition:

A Monmouthshire Tourist Information Leaflet and/ or Recital of the National Anthem.

## World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6th March, children are invited to come dressed in their own clothes for the theme 'This is Me– Express Yourself!' Children will take place in a variety of reading activities throughout the day and PTFA have kindly donated books vouchers for one of the activities completed during the day. They will also be selling a golden treat at the end of the day with a prize winning ticket for a special treat! More details to follow.

## Pupil's Property

We are seeing an increasing amount of pupils bring personal items to school including Pokémon cards. We ask that these items are not brought to school as can often lead to upset amongst friends as well them getting lost and sometime damaged.

## Café Cynefin

Following today's Valentine Café Cynefin we look forward to welcoming you on **28th March** from 2.15pm for a cuppa and a chat with friends whilst being look after by some of our older pupils!

## Social Values Funding

We are extremely grateful to Speller Metcalfe as part of their Social Values work, our librarians were presented with a cheque for £200 to enable us to purchase new books for the children across the school.



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## Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da, as we approach the final week before half term, yet again the children have had another busy fortnight! We have started completing some of our Eisteddfod entries. We are very excited to celebrate our very first one in school. The children have been completing their handwriting entries based around a poem about the red dragon. It has been so lovely to see how hard they have all been concentrating and the efforts they have been putting in to make sure their handwriting is neat and tidy. We have also started our story re-tell entries. The children are looking at the story of the Red Dragon. We have had some excellent retells and I can already tell that it is going to be a hard decision to decide the winners already. In Expressive arts, we have also been designing our own Welsh Celtic knots to create the final piece using clay. Again, we have had some fanatic designs and I look forward to seeing the final pieces when we start to make them next week. The children have also enjoyed using lots of Welsh language this week. We have learnt the song 'Heno Heno' and have been learning different feelings and emotions in Welsh in order to respond to the question 'Sut wyt ti?' We have continued to work hard in our toots session with Mrs North and have absolutely loved the past three. It's been amazing to see how well the children are listening and responding to Mrs North as well as how quickly they have been picking up the new notes we have been learning each week. We're still very fond of the Mango song! In Maths, we have been looking at weight and mass and comparing the two by using fruit. The children have been making predictions about which fruit they think will be the heaviest or the lightest and why. There has been some rich and deep discussions surrounding this which has been excellent to hear and see. In P.E, the children have started to learn the 'Clych y Cymru' dance and have enjoyed collaborating with Year 4 in order to perform it at the Eisteddfod along with our 'Heno Heno' song. Most importantly, today we came together as a whole school to show our support for a member of our class that we are all so fond of and adore. Today was World Angelman Day. To show our support all the children were able to wear blue / colourful socks. We cannot express how grateful and thankful we are to Mrs Washbrook who very kindly provided myself, Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs Voaden, Mrs Body and all members of our class a pair of socks to wear today. Please join me again in sending a huge thank you to her. I'm sure all the children will be very tired after a busy week especially when it's ended with a fabulous disco! Have a great weekend and we look forward to welcoming both you and the children back on Monday. Take care, Miss Light



## Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da from Dosbarth 1! We have had a very busy fortnight, as part of mental health awareness week we listened to the story 'Tilda Tries Again' and discussed the 5 ways to wellbeing and how we can try and help ourselves during those tricky days/hours/minutes. We used the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' to consider, plan and set goals. We had very good discussions in our groups. In Literacy we have been retelling the myth of St Dwynwen, and have started learning about rhyme and how including adjectives can uplevel poetry, this has been quite tricky but we are determined to enter our poems into the school Eisteddfod. In maths we have been working on odd and even numbers as well as symmetry of shapes. We have been lucky to have our visitors from County in the Community teach us further skills in football as part of our health and wellbeing as well as Mrs North from Gwent Music continue to support and develop our skills on the Toots. We learnt a new song using the 'b' note which included 9 beats and 3 beats. We also sang a new song and slowed it down and sped it up. As part of our expressive arts we have been learning how to use watercolours and paint in the style of Welsh artists including Antony Evans. Diolch to our PTFA for a super Valentine's disco. We hope you have a lovely weekend, spring is upon us!

## Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da, during the last few weeks we have had a lovely time in Y2. In Literacy we have been learning about St. Dwynwen and the Great Race, linking with Welsh the Welsh Valentines Day and Chinese New Year. We enjoyed creating our own individual clay Welsh love spoons. Our skills in Expressive Arts have flourished as we have been comparing the work of 2 Welsh artists inspiring them to start creating their own 2D artwork in the style of their chosen artist. Numeracy has been focussing on weighing and comparing weights of different objects and sequencing which has been supported by using their times tables. We have been completing our National assessments in Reading, Maths Procedural and Reasoning and have been working hard and trying our best. Da iawn children for showing great composure undertaking your assessments! We can now finish our week with an exciting Friday, supporting World Angelman Day by wearing colourful socks and looking forward to a fun filled Valentine's Disco! Enjoy a wonderful weekend. A bientot Y2!

## Dosbarth 3

Prynhawn da, we have had such a busy two weeks in Year 3 and have achieved lots of amazing things. The children worked so hard to develop their sewing skills and complete their quilt class project. The children's finished product has been fantastic. We look forward to all the pieces coming together and using it in the class cwtch during reading time. In maths the children have been developing their reasoning skills by finding the important information and identifying the steps needed to achieve the answer. This is a very tricky area of maths, and I was so impressed with their perseverance and positive attitude towards the problems. The children have also used perimeter to plan a party of Leon from our class text and have developed rapid recall of their times tables. In literacy the children have explored different features of persuasive writing and used their numeracy skills to compare a leaflet and website of the same attraction using a Venn diagram. The children furthered their numeracy skills by creating an emotion chart of Leon's feelings in the class text. In topic the children have investigated and discussed the artwork of Kyffin Williams and will create their own versions in preparation for the upcoming Eisteddfod.



## Dosbarth 4

These weeks are just flying by and before you know it we will be in Spring. We have completed a lot of work on report writing this half term, both chronological and non-chronological. The newspaper report was quite a challenge as the children had lots to say about the mysterious box in our classroom, but they found it rather difficult to report the incident keeping in the third person as the reporter. We will be visiting this genre again to keep it on the boil. This week we will be retelling the Welsh Myth- The Lady in the Lake. The children have identified the specific features of a Myth and in particular various sentence openers to create effect. Last week the children created posters about themselves after following a live lesson to mark Children's Mental Health Week. This week has been Internet Safety Week, where the children have looked at how they use the internet. What is your favourite thing you like doing? How can you protect your identity? How to keep details safe and secure etc. At Forest School, we used natural materials to create a dragon. This will help us when we create one next week using various materials. In PE, we have completed some team games with the emphasis on core strength which the children enjoyed, albeit challenging. Our block of cricket sessions has now come to an end, we have thoroughly enjoyed them and look forward to building on this in the summer. Our outdoor P.E sessions will now go back to a Friday as of next week 21st February. This week we are going to learn a Welsh folk Dance with Reception Class ready for Eisteddfod. Thank you for your support.



## Dosbarth 5

We are fast approaching half term, and I am incredibly proud of all the children for their effort and commitment during the recent national tests. Their hard work and dedication truly shone through, and it is wonderful to see them growing as learners. In our literacy lessons, we have been delving into playscripts and stage directions. The children have shown great enthusiasm and creativity, and it has been a joy to witness their engagement in this area. In mathematics, we explored dividing by a given ratio and learning how to draw to a specific scale, which has broadened their understanding of practical applications in maths. I am also thrilled to share that our dragon eyes project has been completed! The children painted their designs, and they look absolutely fantastic. It's always inspiring to see their artistic talents come to life. The highlight of the past two weeks has undoubtedly been our residential trip to Cardiff. The children were a credit to our school and created wonderful memories during our time away. We had the opportunity to explore St Fagans, enjoy a guided tour of Cardiff Castle, take a scenic ride on a water taxi, and engage with fascinating artwork and fossils at Cardiff Museum. Furthermore, we walked along the barrage, received a guided tour of the Senedd, enjoyed bowling, and capped off our evening with a fun film night. We certainly packed a lot into just three days! Additionally, we have recently wrapped up our cricket sessions with Cricket Wales. This has been a fantastic experience, and many children have expressed a desire to continue playing with local clubs, which is wonderful to see. Our P.E will now revert to outdoor on a Monday and indoor on a Thursday. Thank you for your continued support.



## Dosbarth 6

Prynhawn da! Over the past two weeks, Dosbarth 6 have been busy with a variety of exciting activities! We have begun by writing character descriptions and are now moving on to creating a playscript. We have also started preparations for the Eisteddfod, where the children have been completing beautiful artwork, learning a song, and producing their best handwriting of the Welsh National Anthem. In maths, we've continued exploring fractions, learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide them, as well as converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. In P.E., the class has been perfecting their cricket skills, especially their excellent batting techniques! It's been a productive and fun couple of weeks!





# **Trellech Teas is back at Trellech Church**

**2.30-4.30 pm**

**Dates for your diary are every other Friday:**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February**

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**4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**