



Trellech Primary School

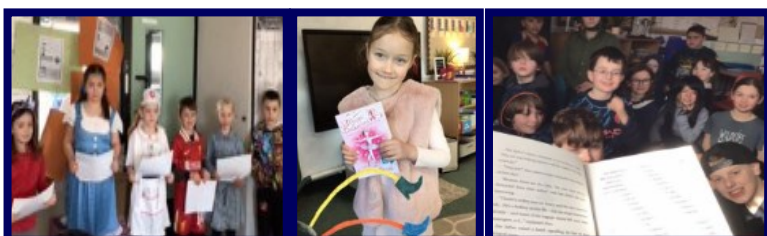
Eisteddfod

We were blessed to start Spring Term Two with our whole school Eisteddfod on Tuesday. The celebration was full of music, dance and song as well as art, handwriting and creative writing. The children were a credit; supporting and celebrating each others achievements. We were very impressed with the standard of entries from all the pupils and choosing winners for each event proved a great challenge. The winner of the Bardd for 2025 was Haydn (Y6) and the Musician of the Eisteddfod was awarded to Grace S (Y6) . Congratulations to Wye the winning house of the Eisteddfod for 2025.



World Book Day

Thursday saw the school come alive with Books, characters and pupils showing themselves in ‘This Is Me– Express Yourself!’ outfits. Pupils completed a range of fun literacy activities including a whole school ‘Readathon’. A special diolch must go to our PTFA who donated book vouchers for the wining reading cushions in FP and reading area in Y3– Y6. The team also organised a Wonkerific Chocolate Bar sale with some containing Golden Tickets– congratulations to the winners who will have treats for their class including watching a movie, non uniform day, arts and crafts afternoon to name e but a few!



Busybodies

We would like to welcome BusyBodies to the school site as they officially open next week. The building provides a very special environment for our youngest community learners.

Angelman Syndrome Day

Thankyou for your support in raising awareness of Angelman Syndrome by wearing something blue or bright. Coming together for such day’s highlights the special school community we have here in Trellech.



Dark Skies Project

We are very pleased to share that we have had our new lighting installed over half term as part of the Dark Skies Project funded by Welsh Government. Research shows that light pollution is extremely detrimental to human health and wellbeing and can cause serious health issues. The Dark Skies project aims to reduce light pollution, supporting businesses and communities to become more ‘Dark Sky Friendly’ by using ‘Dark Sky Friendly’ lights. As a result we will look forward to having new external lights to minimize the impact of light pollution and save energy by up to 80%. I hope you all as a community notice the benefits of this.

Comic Relief

Comic Relief takes place on Friday 21st March. Children are invited to come to school in their party clothes so that they can be part of the theme ‘Let’s Party Like Its 1985!’ Donations can be made via Parent Pay.



Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

Tues 11th Mar: See How they Learn Parent Workshop (Rec Parents)

Tues 8th April: Saplings Spring Performance 9.30am (Y2/ Y3)

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.

Come and celebrate!

Monday 24th March 2pm - 4pm

We are holding a celebration to mark the end of a significant phase of our school garden project. Working with Keep Wales Tidy, a group of volunteers and our amazing children have built an allotment area, laid wild flower turf, planted an orchard as well as more than 800 bulbs throughout the grounds and in pots. ACE Monmouth and the Narth gardening club have also provided funding and we received trees from the Woodland Trust and the Tree Council. We are extremely grateful for every contribution which we have used to enhance our incredible grounds.

Join staff, governors, volunteers, representatives from Keep Wales Tidy as well as Adam Frost BBC Gardeners World presenter, author and garden designer who will be dropping in to enjoy the celebration with us.

You can also see Adam live at the Savoy Theatre, Monmouth later on the 24th where he will be talking about his life as a gardener and his new book. Tickets area available via the theatre website.

Please confirm attendance via email.



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

We are very aware of the ever-growing importance of being Digitally 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.

Upbeat Music

Y4 and Y5 began their sessions this morning, we are very much looking forward to observing their progress and final performance at the end of term!



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Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da, I hope you had a lovely half term and an opportunity to enjoy all of the lovely sunshine. It was great to welcome the children back to the second half of the spring term. I'm not quite sure where all of these weeks are going and how quick the year has gone already. We've had quite an exciting week full of lots of new experiences. The children celebrated their first Eisteddfod and World book day in school. The Eisteddfod was a huge success and I want to take the opportunity to say how hard each and every one of the pupils worked in their contributions to the different categories. Deciding the winners was so hard as they were all so deserving. A big thank you to you at home for also supporting your children in completing the homework entries. The cakes looked amazing and smelt delicious along with the bunting which will be displayed in our classroom. For world book day, the children enjoyed entering the 'design a library cushion' competition. We based our cushions around a reading theme by choosing different books we enjoy. In Mathematics and Numeracy, we have been looking at ordering and correctly sequencing the different days of the week using the story of the hungry caterpillar. We thought carefully about the different days and the food the caterpillar ate on each day to help us remember the sequence. We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming both you and the children back on Monday for a new week.



Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da, we hope you had a great half term and have been enjoying the Spring sunshine. Dosbarth 1 have had another busy two weeks in school. We have been preparing for Eisteddfod; writing poems about Wales, handwriting our song, using clay to make our Welsh Knots and learning a Welsh dance. Thank you for all the homework entries of decorated cakes and bunting you made during the half term. This week we performed in our dance in Eisteddfod. On Tuesday which was great fun. Tuesday also saw us making, flipping and eating pancakes, which we all decided were delicious! In maths this week we have been learning how to double numbers to 20 using dominoes, dice and numercon to support our learning – we have really impressed our teachers on our maths skills this week. In Welsh we have started reading a book called Bwyd; Food which we have really enjoyed, and we have been learning to say which foods we like to eat and which we don't like. We really enjoyed our session with County in the Community this Monday as the sun was shining, and we were able to play the games and learn new skills outside. A gentle reminder for all PE kits to be in school ready for next Monday so we can enjoy PE safely outside, thank you. We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day making mini books, designing cushions and we even enjoyed a book marathon across the school reading with every teacher. We sent our beautiful daffodils home a little earlier than planned on St David's day as they have already bloomed with many more buds to bloom. Have a lovely weekend!



Dosbarth 2 Prynawn da, hope you have a restful half term. Thank you very much for all the wonderful entries for our Eisteddfod. Beautiful photography, bunting and baking. It was a pity I had to send them back home! Eisteddfod was a complete success, pupils demonstrating a wide range of talents. Before half term we were very busy with our singing, art, handwriting and poetry for the Eisteddfod. The pupils worked extremely hard. Our numeracy has involved revision of partitioning, doubling, halving, number bonds and times tables. We have also been writing down numbers to and above 1000. In Literacy the pupils have been writing free verse poetry including stanzas, alliteration and similes. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading these. Our first Forest School of the year involved making 3d dragons from natural materials.



Dosbarth 3 Prynawn da, over the last few weeks we have explored a variety of engaging topics and activities that have fostered creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration amongst the children. In numeracy, we delved into the concept of symmetry. We engaged in activities that allowed the children to create their own symmetrical designs, reinforcing their understanding through hands-on practice. The class explored the data collection information gathered during the Spring Bulb project and have used this to create pie/bar charts using their amazing DCF skills on the HWB. This week we have had very exciting news, linked to our bulb project as some of the crocus bulbs have started to bloom. The children will be using their observation skills to measure the flowers and continue to monitor the temperature and rainfall. In our art sessions, we experimented with charcoal to create stunning landscape drawings. Children learned various techniques such as shading and blending, which helped them capture the beauty of the mountains of Trellech. In literacy we have investigated Kenning poetry and discovered the unique structure of this poetic form and explored various examples. They participated in engaging activities by using their thesaurus skills to up level words and generate their own inventive Kennings to describe the Welsh Dragon. The poems were fantastic and were a big part of our other activities used to participate in the Eisteddfod. We all thoroughly enjoyed the Eisteddfod, and the children were a fantastic audience and showed encouragement and celebration for all those involved. I was very proud of the class for this!



Dosbarth 4 What a lovely, fun packed start to the Spring Term-Eisteddfod Celebrations and World Book Day. The weather has been great too, so nice to see a bit of well-deserved sunshine for us all. The children made Welsh cakes with very little support, so we are sure they are going to want to make some at home now they can see how easy it is. Each group gave the other tips on how to make a tasty Welsh Cake-it's all about the texture, not too thick and not too thin, don't add too much flour or too much egg! Our Literacy this week is creating a comic strip. We identified the specific language and text features and compared them to storytelling. They are not quite finished yet, but we have a feeling they are going to be amazing. Eisteddfod is always such a lovely event with children singing, dancing and displaying a variety of work. World Book Day was lots of fun and the children looked fabulous. Thank you as always for your support. Each class had a chapter read to them in another class with another teacher. We really need to encourage our children to read for pleasure, so they see it as a real adventure rather than a chore. Plus, it greatly improves children's life chances, confidence, spelling, writing skills, creates an imagination beyond their dreams and so much more. The children also created plans for a new library that desperately needs revamping. In Expressive Arts, we are creating a Spring picture in the style of the Therese James. This Welsh artist has given us tips on how to recreate this and the specific paints to use. Hopefully, we will do her proud, as she wants us to photograph the finished paintings. Next week is Science week-so another fun packed week ahead. Thank you for your support.



Dosbarth 5

What a busy and exciting time Dosbarth 5 has had! We thoroughly enjoyed preparing for and taking part in our Eisteddfod, where we focused on the myth of Taffy Morgan. The children worked hard to create their own endings to the story, showcasing fantastic use of figurative language, as well as well-structured paragraphs and expanded noun phrases. Their creativity shone through! For the artwork we drew inspiration from Rhiannon Roberts, exploring colour blending techniques while depicting their own versions of Wales. It was wonderful to see so much care and attention going into each piece. Additionally, many pupils entered the competition with their musical instruments and homework – congratulations to all our winners for their fantastic efforts! Looking ahead, we are excited to focus on writing a travel blog about our recent residential trip to Cardiff. Keep an eye out for the websites we'll be creating! We also had a brilliant time celebrating World Book Day. Thank you for the wonderful costumes; it made the day all the more special as we indulged in everything related to books. In PE, we've started hockey lessons and have been grateful for the sunshine to play outside and develop new skills. Meanwhile, in ICT, the children have been busy bringing a scene from our class novel to life in Minecraft, complete with screen recordings of the playscripts they wrote earlier this term. It's been brilliant to witness all the collaboration! Let's keep up the fantastic work, Dosbarth 5!

Dosbarth 6

Prynhawn da, I hope you enjoyed your well-deserved break over the half term. Over the past two weeks, Dosbarth 6 has been busy with lots of exciting and creative activities! We started by working on a free verse poem about Cante'r Gwaelod for the Eisteddfod, where the children showcased their poetic skills and imagination. Alongside this, the class has been creating beautiful artwork, transferring images from A4 to A3 with great attention to detail. We also focused on perfecting our handwriting, with the children producing their very best versions of the Welsh National Anthem. As part of our ongoing topic, "Myths and Legends," we've begun exploring diary entries, starting with the story of the Welsh Dragon and bringing it to life through writing. In addition, we had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! The children completed a series of fun activities related to literature, from book-themed quizzes to creative storytelling. We've also started our new topic in science all about the skeletal system, bones, and their functions. The children have shown great interest in learning about how our bones support and protect us, and we're excited to explore this fascinating subject in more depth. It's been a wonderful couple of weeks filled with creativity, learning, and a love of reading!



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Trellech Teas is back at Trellech Church

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Dates for your diary are every other Friday:

8th & 24th January

7th & 21st February

7th & 21st March

4th April 2025