



Official Allotment Opening

Last Monday, we were delighted to welcome Adam Frost (BBC Gardeners World) to Trellech to officially open our Allotment area. Our Ambassadors gave Adam a tour of the school grounds before he officially 'cut the ribbon' to open the gardens. He then spent time planting potatoes with Daisy, Oscar, Barney and Rochelle before being presented with some gifts for joining us and enjoying a cup of tea and some cake!

We were very proud of our school choir— who performed on the afternoon— their first public performance since they were established earlier in the year very kindly led by Mrs North and Mrs Shaw. I'm sure you will agree they all sang beautifully for the occasion.

A Keep Wales Tidy Grant along with funding from ACE Monmouth enabled the project to happen. Tom Ward-Jackson (KWT) along with Mrs Cornish led the project along with the children, governors and a huge group volunteers for who we are very grateful for. Many Wednesday's have been spent digging, wheeling barrows and building planters as well as an INSET day where pupils and their families came back to school for the day. For this we are very grateful and a testament of the special community we have here in Trellech. Diolch yn fawr iawn.



Trellech Primary School

Haberdashers Netball Tournament

We are very proud to share that two teams of netballers attended Haberdashers last week to take part in a netball tournament along with other cluster schools. Congratulations to all our players who showed great team spirit and skills. An amazing improvement this year with a 3rd place in the tournament. Pob lwc next week at the Raglan cluster event!



Community Kindness

It was a privilege to receive an email at the end of last week to share sincere gratitude to two of our year six pupils Frankie and Alak for their kindness from a member of our community.

'I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to two of your pupils. Along with two other students from MCS they moved a tree trunk that had fallen in the lane. As I drove home this evening from my afternoon of Bridge I turned off the main Trellech Road to drive towards Cwmcarnvan a tree trunk had fallen across the lane. These young people immediately came to my assistance and moved the tree trunk from the road, not only assisting me but many other drivers on their way home.'

Their help was so much appreciated that I wanted to write and tell you that you have two outstanding young people showing kindness and community spirit.

Please extend my sincere thanks to these students and thank you for fostering such positive and sense of community within your school.'

Diolch ac llongfarchiadau to Frankie and Alak for such kind actions and helping others we are very proud of you!

Honesty Bookshelf

Please be reminded that we have a bookcase in the main entrance with books and a small selection of puzzles for you to take and read or enjoy at your pleasure— these are free for you to take, just enjoy a read!

In addition, please note in the baskets there are also a range of feminine products for you to take for your use. There is also a small selection of products in St Nicholas Church if this is more convenient for you.

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.

Stay and Play Sessions

It is wonderful to see some lighter evenings and spring session enabling more members of the school community to join the stay and play sessions each Wednesday evening. Please may we ask for your support in remaining in the stay and play area and KS2 Yard. At this time we still have pupils on school site attending After School Club who access the outdoor area and field nearest the hall. It is essential that Playworks staff ensure the safety of the children in their care in this area of the school.

Promoting a Nut Free School

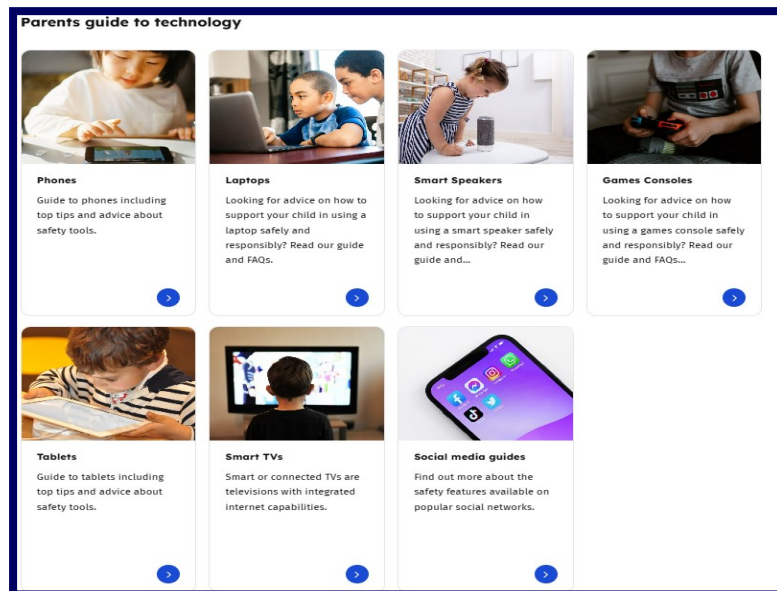
We continue to promote healthy eating in school with fruit and vegetable being eaten at break. These should be brought to school in a reusable container to reduce waste. At break children should not eat cereal bars, crisps, popcorn etc and pupils will be asked to place these back in their bag for lunchtime. **No nuts or nut products** should be included as a snack or part of a packed lunch due to the specific needs of individual pupils and the risk associated with coming into contact with nuts in any form. Your support in the ensuring the safety of all our pupils is much appreciated.

Online Safety

Following on from our cluster digital event we will share some important information to ensure we keep ourselves and our children safe when online. The session was led by SWGfL (<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents>) and the presentation can be found: <https://prezi.com/view/4GCKbcJhBJM2ZSCi3TGK/>

This week please be directed to [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Here you will be able to access a variety of tips advice, guidance and resources to support you in keeping your child safe online. Including links to a range of guides including social media guides that include age restrictions and settings that maybe utilised.



Save the Date! (Further details to Follow)

Summer Term Family Engagements Sessions

14th May: Maths & Numeracy

3rd June: DCF

18th June: LLC- Reading & Spelling

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Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da, another busy fortnight has passed with only a week left until the end of our second term... where has that time gone? Reception have been busy looking at subtraction using tens frames in maths as well as looking at money this week. The children have explored and classified different amounts of money to support their recognition and understanding of 1p, 2p, 5 and 10p coins. It allowed for an excellent authentic learning opportunity as the children enjoyed engaging in role play based around buying items in a shop for these different prices and working out what they could buy with the coins and what they couldn't. We enjoyed creating our Mother's Day cards using live drawing of daffodils and tulips. All the cards looked fantastic and so much effort went into them by the children to make them perfect and unique for each and every mum. We hope you enjoyed your special day, especially in the lovely sunshine. We have continued to work on our football skills where the children have engaged in scoring a goal and understanding the role of a goalkeeper when trying to save the ball. At forest school, we collaborated with Year 1 to make birds nests in the forest. Now that Spring is well and truly here, we hope our nests will home some of the lovely wildlife there. With the Easter holidays quickly approaching, the children have started to create their Easter cards and will be learning about the story of Easter next week. A gentle reminder that next Thursday (10th), we would like to welcome you in to school from 2pm to watch our collaborative toot performance with Year 1. Due to capacity, we do ask that only one parent or guardian attends the performance. For now, have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming both you and the children back on Monday for the final week of this Spring term. Take care, Miss Light.



Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da, we have had a great fortnight of good weather in Dosbarth Un. The fortnight began with a visit from Gardeners World presenter and award-winning gardener Adam Frost opening our allotments, we also enjoyed planting our seed potatoes with Mrs Cornish on Wednesday, they had been chitting on the windowsill for a while. Did you know that plants require water and light to grow healthy, we have been investigating healthy plants with an investigation into growing healthy cress, as well as learning how to eat healthily and keep ourselves healthy too. In maths we have been estimating and measuring weight with non-standard units and making comparisons. We have also been estimating and measuring capacity. In literacy we have been looking at story settings and described woodlands using the five senses. We also had an assembly as well as discussed, staying safe using the NSPCC video and resources to identify trusted adults that the children can seek if they need support. A gentle reminder that next Thursday (10th), we would like to welcome you in to school from 2pm to watch our collaborative toot performance with Year 1. Due to capacity, we do ask that only one parent or guardian attends the performance. Have a lovely weekend, our first in April.



Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da, at last we have been treated to some beautiful springtime weather. The pupils have really enjoyed a forest school walk. Please see X formally Twitter for photographs that I have posted. The school had a visit from Adam Frost and had a tour of the outside area taking in all the wonderful gardening the children have been a part of. We have enjoyed hockey sessions and county in the community outside. They have been using construction materials, weighing, creating models with junk materials and playing shop outside, making the most of the weather. A shame I have missed the start of some new areas in our lessons but so far: In literacy we have watched the 'True story of the 3 little pigs' by Jon Szeiscka. We have planned a story using the beginning, middle and ending format and have started to rewrite it in our own words in paragraphs. We will be creating our own alternative fairy tale later in the year. In numeracy we have looked at the time, and we have been revising money; carrying out coin recognition, making amounts and converting between pounds and pence. In science we have observed an experiment on colour absorption and recorded our observations. In Welsh we have begun to read a Welsh text and we are preparing to answer questions based upon it. The children thoroughly enjoyed their expressive arts time creating Mother's Day cards.



Dosbarth 3

Prynhawn da, we have had a very busy fortnight in Year 3, especially practising for our Easter Assembly. The children have worked so hard to learn their lines and throughout the week have developed amazing confidence when performing in front of others. We are looking forward to sharing the final performance with everyone next week. In Literacy the children have investigated adverbial phrases within their writing for our class text the Welsh myth, Branwen. They have written their own descriptive setting in Star write, edited their ideas and then used a success criteria to find evidence of the key features included. This is a tricky skill and the children all completed it wonderfully. In Numeracy the children have been using their estimation skills to round up and down to complete addition and subtraction problems. Within our authentic learning tasks, the children used their estimation skills to plan for an Easter picnic. As part of developing Welsh phrases in the class, the children used amazing DCF skills to create animations. Here, the characters use the phrases in both J2E and Scratch Jr. The collaboration within the groups to create the animations and debugging of instructions has been amazing. Have a lovely weekend all.



Dosbarth 4

We can't quite believe this term is coming to an end and we will soon be in our final term. We hope you were spoilt on Mother's Day and managed to enjoy the sunshine. The children worked in stages to create "Our Blossom Time" in the style of Therese James. I am sure you will find somewhere nice to hang the painting. The cards were in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe and we used a mixture of oil pastels and paint. During Health and Wellbeing sessions, we have been discussing signs of a healthy and an unhealthy relationship and what these may look like. The children have been very mature in their discussions and activities. We have also been using some resources from the NSPCC and their theme 'Stay safe- speak out.' Our literacy lessons have been based around the enchanting, Poetry Book- Lost Words. We spent time looking at the beautiful illustrations, together with finding definitions of words we were unsure of. (There were lots). We explained to the children that these words are disappearing from our language, and we need to create a spell to bring them back into our language. The children crafted acrostic poems, weaving words like ember, tinder pyre, etc. We created similes, metaphors and alliteration to write an Acrostic poem that began to dance off the page. Poetry requires abstract thinking and can sometimes feel intimidating. But Lost Words has encouraged creativity and emotional expression, allowing the children to articulate their feelings. This book has certainly fostered a deeper understanding of language and creativity. I am sure the children have told you about April Fool's Day! So much fun. I put 32nd of March on the board and most (not all), copied it down. We watched a video about penguins flying and basking in the Amazon, made them some brown e's, got them to plant some donut seeds. Lots of them wanted to take the spare one's home to plant! Then we had a nonsense spelling test and I got them to go outside on the yard as google maps were updating their images of the school grounds. Musically, we have been listening to Gustav Holst's Mars, which paints various images which are unique to us as individuals; together with dynamic colours and shapes. The children were then encouraged to draw images whilst listening to this powerful piece of music- which was very interesting. The instruments resound with purpose, and together we are discovering terms like crescendo, decrescendo, ostinato, and pulse. In small groups, the children were encouraged to experiment and express themselves through sound; composing their own melodies with a variety of instruments, unleashing their inner composers! We look forward to seeing you next Friday 11th April at 10.30am for a short showcase of their African drumming sessions. Thank you for your continued support.



Dosbarth 5

It has been lovely to be making the most of the warmer weather with some outdoor learning activities. The children have been relishing the opportunity to explore their surroundings while we immerse ourselves in our current topics. In literacy, I'm excited to share that we have completed our dragon reports. The children have done a fantastic job describing everything from the dragons' habitats and appearances to their diets. These reports will come together to form a fabulous class book titled "Dragonology," which we can't wait to share with you! We've also been diving into our "Grow a Pound" entrepreneur theme, where the children are busy creating their own businesses. They've been crafting business plans and identifying their target customer base. Keep your eyes peeled for the adverts they'll be creating soon—it's all very thrilling! In maths, we've been focusing on spotting number and pattern relationships and rules, before moving on to multiplying using the grid method. It was wonderful to witness so much perseverance from everyone in the class, and I'm proud of their progress. In PE, our hockey skills are continuously progressing, with lots of impressive techniques on show as we compete against each other in houses. The children's enthusiasm and sportsmanship were commendable! Last week, we teamed up with Year 6 for some exciting forest school activities. The children enjoyed creating dens with set criteria, and it was heartening to see such exemplary teamwork on display. Some of the dens were simply amazing! In health and well-being, we've been delving into financial literacy, learning how to track our income and expenditure. We also took the time to discuss safety, using the NSPCC video to identify trusted adults that the children can turn to if ever in need of support. Finally, our drumming sessions with Upbeat have been fabulous! The children have just completed their last practice ahead of our performance next Friday. We can't wait to welcome you to showcase the art of Taiko drumming!



Dosbarth 6

Prynhawn da, we have had a lovely two weeks in Dosbarth 6! The students have shown great enthusiasm and engagement in our recent activities. In literacy, we started developing our adverts, allowing the children to tap into their creativity and apply persuasive language techniques. They have been brainstorming innovative ideas and collaborating with peers to create compelling advertisements, which has sparked lively discussions and imaginative thinking. In science and technology, we've continued our in-depth exploration of the human skeleton. The students have been fascinated by learning the different bones, their functions, and how they contribute to our overall health. As we transition into writing a non-chronological report to present our findings, they are excited to organise their research and share what they've learned in a structured format. The project encourages them to think critically about how to communicate information effectively. Additionally, we've investigated the importance of sleep and how it can significantly impact our mental health and well-being. Through discussions and activities, the children have been learning about healthy sleep habits and the benefits of rest, which is essential for both their academic performance and personal growth. In physical education, we've continued to develop our skills in football and netball in preparation for the upcoming Raglan cluster event. The students have been working on their teamwork, coordination, and sportsmanship, fostering a sense of camaraderie as they train together. It's wonderful to see their confidence grow on the field as they prepare for this exciting opportunity to compete with other schools.





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3.30PM**

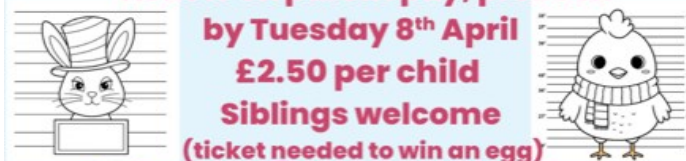
Tickets on parent pay, prebook

by Tuesday 8th April

£2.50 per child

Siblings welcome

(ticket needed to win an egg)



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Trellech Teas is back at Trellech Church

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7th & 21st March

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