



## Trellech Primary School

### Grow a Pound

At the end of the Spring Term we launched our 'Grow a Pound' Initiative to support the refurbishment of our school library and replenish our reading books. The children spent some time in school planning business opportunities, developing an understanding of profit and loss.

The children have amazed us all with their inventive business plans from bake sales, making biltong, creating 3D printer egg holders and making cards to name but a few of the amazing businesses. We are very proud to share that to date the pupils have raised a magnificent amount, that is still being counted! This will make a magnificent difference to our reading provision for learners as we continue to promote a love of reading here in Trellech.

We would like to extend our gratitude to you as families for supporting your entrepreneurs, without your support these amazing businesses could not happen. We will update you as we begin to invest in these important areas.

### Cluster Netball and Football Event

Year Six attended the cluster netball and football at Raglan Primary School and Raglan Football club at the end of the spring term. Miss Tucker, Mrs Body and Mrs De-loyd were impressed with children's behaviour, skills and support for each other. It is always a wonderful opportunity for our cluster pupils to come together as many of them progress to MCS in Year Seven.

### Musical Showcase

As our workshops with Gwent Music and Upbeat Wales came to a close we were delighted to invite parents and carers to share in the skills that had been developed. Acorns (Reception and Year One), gave a wonderful performance to their audience using their toots led by Mrs North. Oaks (Year Four and Year Five) then showcased their drumming skills later in the week. Such an impressive performance such tremendous skills and concentration being displayed. A surprise opportunity was given for the families to have a go ended the session which enabled the whole audience leaving with a huge smile on their face! Well done to all our wonderful musicians.

### Monmouthshire Play Conference

At the end of the Spring Term we were delighted to be invited to present at the Monmouthshire Play Sufficiency Conference at Bridges. Lucy and Theo attended the conference and shared our playtime scrap store provision and the impact it has on our pupils each day as well as the Stay and Play provision after school for the community. Colleagues from across the authority and beyond were treated to the journey of play here in Trellech. Congratulations Theo and Lucy for presenting at the conference.

### Easter Showcase

We were treated to a Easter Performance by Saplings (Year Two & Year Three). Every child performed and sang with such great confidence. It is such a delight to observe all our pupils have an opportunity to perform on stage throughout the academic year. The pupils were able share a very important message at Easter through great acting. A special thank you to Mr Green, Mrs Sulway and Mrs Worrall for helping the children prepare for the performance and to our families for once again providing costumes for the event.



### Year Six Leavers Hoodies

Our Year Six were presented with their Leavers Hoodies on Wednesday prior to their residential to Gilwern. We are very grateful to the PTFA for providing these for our pupils— I am sure you will agree they all look very smart!

## Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

**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.

## Year Six Residential

This week has seen our Year Six pupils attend their residential to Gilwern. They faced some challenges including Climbing, Caving, paddle boarding and completed a Trellech50 activity to climb a mountain!

The pupils were a credit to themselves and their families. Such events could not take place without the commitment of staff and volunteers– a huge diolch to Miss Tucker, Miss Whyte and Mrs De-Loyde for attending the residential and giving their evenings and nights.

## Wye Valley Hedgehog Monitoring

We were very fortunate to have Molly from The Wye Valley National Landscape Team to deliver a workshop for Year Three and set up a monitoring station in the school grounds as well as enable some of our pupils (and Staff) to take a monitoring station home to observe movement in their gardens. We look forward to welcoming Molly and the team back to share the findings later in the term.

In addition to this the team are running events during Hedgehog Awareness week (4th-10th May), with one being **Archie's Hedgehog Hunt in Ross on Wye at St Mary's Church!** The events will aim to highlight the importance of protecting hedgehogs in the Wye Valley, and will educate communities about how to help hedgehogs in your own garden. A perfect afternoon activity for primary school children and young families. Links for more information and to register a place:

Session 1 (3:30pm): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/archies-hedgehog-hunt-at-st-marys-church-tickets-1335011739049?aff=oddtcreator>

Session 2 (4:30pm): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/archies-hedgehog-hunt-at-st-marys-church-tickets-1335024567419?aff=oddtcreator>

## Sharing Session and Parent Consultations

Following the sharing of pupil reports at the end of the spring term, we would like to invite you to attend parent consultations to discuss these on either Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th May with your child's teacher. A link will be shared to book an appointment in readiness via Schoop.

In addition to this we invite you to our Sharing Session on Monday 12th May. This gives you an opportunity for your child to share their achievements with you, through the day there are five sessions that you may wish to attend. We are able this time to offer an after school session in addition to those within the school day. Please indicate your attendance via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/WWZjXd4bxW>

Please be assured that pupil books will be available at both sharing sessions and parent consultations.

## Summer Term Family Engagements Sessions

14th May: Maths & Numeracy

As a school priority providing our pupils authentic opportunities to apply maths skills– we invite you to come and see this in action on Wednesday 14th May 9.15– 10.15am. Following a brief introduction by our numeracy lead you will have an opportunity to see maths in action in the classes. Please confirm attendance via:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YeJ6hN6bJU>

Further Dates

3rd June: DCF

18th June: LLC- Reading & Spelling

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## **Dosbarth Reception**

Prynhawn da, welcome back to the start of our Summer and final term. I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break, and it has been lovely hearing about all the exciting things that they have been up to over the course of our first week back. Before the break, the children spent some time learning about the Easter Story by re-telling and sequencing it. In Mathematics, we looked at height where the children ordered and compared different objects, before measuring the heights of each other using chalk and cubes. We built an understanding of correctly using the terms taller and shorter along with the tallest and shortest and how we knew that. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for attending our toot performance. The children were amazing, and we were so proud of them. We finished our final lesson of football playing small games against each other. The children worked well as a team whilst demonstrating the skills that we had focussed on leading up to the final session. This half term, we will be beginning to prepare for our first sport day! This week's Mathematics has focussed on creating and recording a collection of marks or tally's based around our eye colours. The children have recorded and counted their marks to further record the totals as numbers too. We're looking forwarding to incorporating some DCF into our Mathematics next week by creating pictograms to record our results in a digital form too. We have also started our first lesson of woodwork this week. We have looked at how to stay safe and how to correctly use some of the tools when using a hammer to hit a nail into wood. I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoy the sunshine while it's here! Take care, Miss Light

## **Dosbarth 1**

Prynhawn da, the children really enjoyed the week of the run up to Easter which included lots of crafting and fun. They made lovely chick Easter cards, decorated and folded little Easter baskets and really enjoyed making Easter nest cakes to take home with Miss Ward. They enjoyed working together as a team and spending time with one another being mindful, helping each other and sharing kind comments. Dosbarth Un also really enjoyed their final toots lesson and performance for families where they showed the skills they had learnt over the term, a huge diolch for joining us. This week we have been discussing our Easter holidays with one another, sharing one or two of our favourite parts and discussing who, where, when, what and why... they have been using past tense, chronological order and time openers to start thinking about a recount. In maths they have been looking at capacity and using non-standard units to measure, compare and estimate amounts. They really enjoyed our first tennis session where we focussed on catching a ball, they had to catch the ball with two hands, one hand, alternate hands and then catch with a clap in between, they worked really hard on concentrating and making little confident throws which made for the better catches. In Welsh we have been creating bar charts using J2e, we have collected data on our favourite hobbies in Welsh using a tally chart and then added this data onto a bar chart to show which hobbies are the most popular in class. We had a great time at Forest School this week, it was a hot walk to the forest but lovely and shady once we got to the woods. We had great fun using natural materials to create our own inventions from bridges to bird houses, we were very creative. In Health and Wellbeing we have been discussing how our actions can impact others around us, identifying acceptable and unacceptable behaviours both in school and at home. We were really good at knowing what is acceptable and what is unacceptable and how these behaviours might upset others.

## Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da. I hope you have all had a fantastic Easter break. Our new topic is "How does it work? Full of energy". It will involve lots of science including light and electricity. Before Easter the pupils were revising coin recognition, making amounts and adding and subtracting money. In literacy they completed their version of an alternative fairy tale and in Welsh they enjoyed reading a Welsh text and demonstrated an understanding of it by answering questions in writing and verbally. This week we have looked at dividing numbers, so we have carried out lots of work on our times tables to help us. In literacy we have been learning about the use of commas and apostrophes. We have started learning past tense vocabulary in Welsh and we have also been making the most of the warmer weather to practise for our upcoming sports day, carrying out rehearsals for the 100m and the egg and spoon race. In science the pupils enjoyed our rainbow experiment. They were able to carry out some interesting dialogue as to how the rainbow was made with felt pens, kitchen roll and water and spoke about their observations. It was great to hear them use scientific language such as 'absorbed'.



## Dosbarth 3

Prynhawn da and welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely half-term break and are enjoying the sunshine. Before finishing the Spring Term, Year 3 were extremely busy completing a variety of tasks. One of their most outstanding accomplishments as a whole class, was the fantastic performance of the Easter Story. Here the children spoke with confidence and sang beautifully to create a truly magnificent play. We were all very proud of them indeed! The children continued the Easter theme by making crosses out of natural materials, discussing the main events and the similarities between the accounts within the Gospels. In literacy the class completed their letters to Monmouthshire Council with suggestions of possible ways to reduce pollution. The children have been exploring the project over the last few weeks, which has engaged the class in developing a range of literacy, numeracy and scientific skills. It was also wonderful to see the children developing super coding skills using Scratch Jr to create a Welsh animation.

We started the Summer Term with a pupil voice sharing session, here the children have made amazing suggestions concerning what they would like to explore within the new topic of 'Inventors and Inventions'. There were lots of ideas, full of tasks to develop their skills throughout the curriculum. We are looking forward to exploring the new adventures! The class has also begun their new PE topics of football and gymnastics. Next week the children will complete a variety of tasks based on VE day and continue with the Literacy topic based on the short film, 'The Shirt Machine', exploring explanation texts.



## Dosbarth 4

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy some of the fine weather. The new term has certainly started off with some glorious sunshine. We are all very excited about our new topic for the Summer- **Listen Up!** The book we are using to base our Literacy on is, **Mother Earth is Weeping by Claire Donald**. This book is beautifully illustrated, uplifting and inspirational, a book of hope for earth's future guardians. **Listen Up**, conjured up lots of ideas; ranging from anatomy of the ears, making a telephone, experiments to determine how sounds are made to looking at environmental issues- such as global warming, pollution, greed, recycling and so much more. So, lots of interesting things to think about. When we were discussing what we would like to learn, some enthusiastic children had even made up a rap about pollution. On Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, Usk River Festival is taking place at the Usk Island 10am-3pm and we have been asked to submit some poetry, songs etc to perform at this festival, so it would be lovely if some of you can attend. The event is free entry with lots to do- workshops, local music, choirs, wildlife films from the Usk, River Art, Poet's corner, parade, local food and drink and lots more. Next week is VE Day, so lots of interesting activities planned to celebrate this important event, including some singing and dancing.



## Dosbarth 5

Welcome back to the new term! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. Dosbarth 5 is excited to dive into our new topic, "Playground Pioneers," which has a strong foundation in science and technology. Before the Easter holidays, our class engaged in writing business pitches and recording them in preparation for the Grow a Pound initiative. I cannot express how proud I am of the children's hard work and creativity—many thanks to all parents, grandparents, and relatives for your invaluable support! Together, we have raised a remarkable amount of money, which will contribute to the renovation of our library and provide us with new books. This project has encompassed real-life skills, and I truly believe we have a class full of budding entrepreneurs who may one day shine on "The Apprentice!" In literacy, we have started a captivating novel called "Cogheart," learning about the fascinating characters and the setting of Victorian London with a steampunk twist. Numeracy has seen us tackling division with remainders, as well as exploring different types of averages, including mean, median, and mode. Science has had us looking at gravity and whether the weight of an object affects the gravitational pull. We've also finished recording our shadow puppet play depicting the legendary fight between the red and white dragons, culminating in the red dragon's proud place on our Welsh flag. As for PE, we wrapped up the term with an exhilarating hockey match, and we are now looking forward to tennis. We can't wait to share our learning with you as we embark on the final term of Year 5—this year is certainly flying by! Many thanks for your continued support.



## Dosbarth 6

What an incredible time at Gilwern we've had. We've faced fears and experienced challenges. The trip began with climbing and abseiling including going up over the structure and down the other side. The children belayed for one another and some used the abseiling course. The second day saw them travelling to a cave. The children had to help each other with their equipment and putting on their safety helmet and belts.

The caving began with a very wet and small entrance. We crawled through to an opening which saw us wading through knee deep waters. We completed challenges along the way including the Donald Duck - ask us about it. After lunch we traveled to the canal where we learnt how to kneel and stand on a paddle board. We enjoyed a silent disco after dinner. The final day included mountain walking. We have been blessed with the weather. Overall we've had a wonderful experience.





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# GARDENING HELP NEEDED

Our little gardeners need your help!  
Can you spare an hour on a Wednesday afternoon?  
No gardening expertise needed - just a willing pair of hands.

### What you need to do:

- Complete your DBS at Reception
- Email [kcornish74@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kcornish74@yahoo.co.uk)

### What next?

- Have lots of fun
- Receive weekly updates on progress

Help needed between  
12.45-3.15pm on  
Wednesdays



### What are some of the benefits of gardening?

- enhances literacy and numeracy
- links to the curriculum including - science, environment, geology, climate etc
- supports mental and physical health and wellbeing
- expands knowledge of how to grow food and where it comes from
- develops resilience, patience and so much more

# VE DAY TRELLECH TEAS CELEBRATE WITH US



TRELLECH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR  
BELL RINGING VINTAGE SINGALONG  
**THURSDAY, 8TH MAY**  
**2:30PM – 4:30PM**

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# VE DAY 80TH ANNAVERSARY

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