



Trellech Primary School

Parental Engagement LLC Session

This week we were delighted to welcome so many families to our final Engagement Session. It was a pleasure to share the journey of our SDP Priority for Literacy aligned to spelling and reading.

Our school community shared our journey of Spelling & Reading with a presentation by Mrs Miles followed by the opportunity to see the application of the skills in action in action class. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff and pupils for welcoming our families into their classes for this session. We hope you have found these engagement sessions a positive experience and look forward to welcoming you to school in the new academic year.

Grow a Pound Initiative

We are so grateful to the families and carers who supported our pupils with the Grow a Pound Initiative. After much counting we are very pleased to announce the grand total raised by our pupils is a staggering **£3042.92**. The children showed a range of entrepreneurial skills through some very ingenious business plans! The money is going to be used to refurbish the library to develop a space that promotes a love of reading for our pupils as well as replenish our reading scheme books. Thank you all for your magnificent support with this initiative.

Wye Valley Hedgehog Project

Last week, Molly (Nature Recovery- Wye Valley AONB) and Dylan (Hedgehog First Response Unit) led our whole school assembly sharing their work within the Wye Valley and protecting our Hedgehog population. Year Three had completed their project and monitored the movements of hedgehogs across our area, we were so pleased to be gifted a hedgehog home and tracking tunnel that we will continue to monitor hedgehogs in our school grounds. A special thank you to Mrs Sulway who oversaw this project, liaising with Molly and the families who kindly monitored hedgehogs in their gardens.

Curriculum Review

Each year we evaluate our curriculum provision and are keen to hear the views of all stakeholders. This helps us ensure we meet our needs of our learners in our locality in line with Curriculum for Wales. We would appreciate if you were able to take a moment to complete a short survey to ensure we take account of your views as parents and carers. Please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/DQwC9K2BND>

Uniform and PE Kits

We continue to strive for equality for all our pupils here in Trellech. We have a uniform to ensure that feeling of the school community and togetherness. It is important for all pupils to attend in school uniform including on Forest School days; when long outdoor trousers should be worn to protect legs with uniform polo shirt and jumper.

During staff reviews of our curriculum offers, the current arrangements with regard PE Kits has been discussed. Currently pupils from Y3 upwards wear PE Kits to school on the designated day. This should be a PE T-shirt (green, red or yellow) with PE shorts (suitable length) or tracksuit trousers/ full length leggings. We are noticing an increasing number of non- PE t-shirts being worn, which unfortunately doesn't promote the aimed sense of togetherness and equality for all. We would welcome your views on this current arrangement as we begin to prepare for the new academic year. Please take an opportunity to share your views in readiness for the new academic year: <https://forms.office.com/e/DQwC9K2BND>

Please be reminded jewellery or toys should not be brought to school in case of damage or injury.

House Bears

We were delighted to receive some very generous bears earlier in the week. Max, Daisy and Poppy delivered some beautiful bears that their Grandma had made by upcycling school uniform. We therefore now have house bears for Usk, Monnow and Wye. We are so grateful and this reflects the special school community that we are part of.

Our House Bears joined us for their first event today— celebrating KS2 Sports Day!



Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

Fri 27th June: **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

Weds 2nd July: Move Up Day

Weds 2nd & Thurs 3rd July: Y7 Taster Days @MCS

Tues 8th July: Y2 Visit Beacon Trigg Point (Trellech50)

Weds 9th July: Acorns (Rec/ Y1) visit to the beach (Trellech50)

Weds 9th July: Y3 Visit to Caerleon

Weds 9th July: Oaks (Y4,5,6) Showcase 1.30pm

Thurs 10th July: Oaks (Y4,5, 6) Showcase 6pm

Fri 11th July: PTFA Summer Fayre

Fri 18th July: Leavers Assembly 9.30am

Mon 21st July: **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

Mon 21st July: End of Academic Year.

Mon 1st Sept: New Academic Year Commences

Mon 1st Sept: **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

Tues 2nd Sept: Autumn Term Commences for Pupils

Tues 16th Sept: See How they Learn Session 1 (Rec Parents)

Tues 23rd Sept: See How they Learn Session 2 (Rec Parents)

Tues 30th Sept: See How they Learn Session 3 (Rec Parents)

Weds 1st Oct: Flu Spray Vaccination (Rec– Y6)

Tues 7th Oct: See How they Learn Session 4(Rec Parents)

Thurs 9th Oct: Colorfoto Individual & Sibling Photographs

Fri 24th Oct: **Cluster INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

Fri 24th Oct: End of Autumn Term 1

Mon 3rd Nov: Autumn Term 2 Commences

Fri 19th Dec: Whole School Christmas Show at The Savoy, Monmouth

Fri 19th Dec: End Of Autumn Term

Mon 5th Jan: Spring Term Commences

Fri 13th Feb: End of Spring Term 1

Mon 23rd Feb: Spring Term 2 Commences

Fri 27th Mar: End of Spring Term

Mon 13th April: Summer Term Commences

Fri 1st May: **Cluster INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

Fri 23rd May: End of Summer Term 1

Mon 1st June: Summer Term Two Commences

Mon 20th July: **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

Mon 20th July: End Of Academic Year

Year Four Cluster Sport

Last Friday our Year Four Pupils attend the Monmouth Cluster Sports at Usk Primary School. They all had an opportunity to collaborate with peers from across the Monmouth Cluster as they completed a variety of events in mixed groups. We are very grateful to MonLife for overseeing the event along with Mrs Phillips and Mrs Sims for attending the event with the pupils.

Schoop

Please ensure you have access to schoop, this will enable up to date information is received promptly. Log in details are available via the school office.

Sports Day

Unfortunately , the weather wasn't kind to us for our KS2 sports day or the reserve date and therefore the difficult decision was made to cancel this event. It seems a week can make a huge difference and the challenge of high temperatures and prolonged sun would have been our challenge this week.

However, this morning we were able to run our sports event ensuring all the pupils had an opportunity to complete their events. We held this first thing this morning and were blessed with slightly cooler temperatures and cold cover. At the end of the event and combining FP and KS2 scores from both events we are pleased to announce our Sports Day results for 2025: Congratulations to Monnow who were our winners this year with Usk second and Wye third. Congratulations to every pupil for your achievements and a special thankyou to our staff who arrange these events.

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Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da, Reception have enjoyed continuing to learn about their new topic of 'Curious Minds' this past fortnight and how different objects make light reflect. The children are building an understanding that reflection of light means when light bounces off an object into our eyes to help us see. We also thought about how light reflection can change when light is reflected on smooth and rough surfaces. Again, the children explored the fact that when light bounces on a smooth surface it reflects in one direction and different directions when reflected on a rough one. Reception also continued to learn about 3D shapes where they were able to recall previous learning and classify between 3D and 2D shapes. They participated in a shape hunt before naming and classifying it into the correct category. This week we have been making and labelling our own 3D structures. Some of us have used iPads to take pictures of the structures before using a paint tool on the picture to label it digitally. In P.E we have been playing bean bag rounders. The children have been working on their communication and teamwork skills. For our final Forest School, we enjoyed a teddy bear picnic with Year One in the sunshine. It was the perfect way to end our final session for this academic year. I hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing both you and the children on Monday. Take care, Miss Light



Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da, what another busy two weeks we have had in Year 1. We are continuing our learning journey as we head through the summer term. In maths we have been busy collecting data through the using of voting and tally charts, we have been finding out favourite foods, sport and hobbies and recording these and turning the data into bar charts and pictograms which has been great fun! In literacy we have been learning about non-chronological reports and linking them with our health and wellbeing, writing our reports on ways to keep fit and healthy. We have been learning about using titles, sub-headings, introductions, pictures and facts correctly when writing our reports. In science and technology, we have been learning about shadows and how shadows are made by blocking the light. We drew around our bodies to see the different shadows and made different shapes making them big and small. As part of our expressive arts we have been creative on the Chromebooks this time looking at logos on Adobe through HWB, this is much more exciting, and we can even create our own pictures from words. We also had fun at our last forest school with our Teddybear Picnic. Paula from Grazing Management helped us across the field and then spoke to us about the cows in the field and how they are helping the diversity of the meadows, encouraging the growing of native wild flowers. Our teddys had a great time too!! We have been very blessed with the weather again this week, we hope you enjoy a warm weekend.



Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da, During the last fortnight we have been very busy. In literacy we have completed short stories, written a kenning poem and begun work on an instruction text in our literacy lessons. In numeracy we have been revisiting measuring length and capacity. The pupils designed a 'new schoolyard' using a bird's eye view plan with measurements included and have created their own drinks for a 'party' working out total capacities. We have continued learning Welsh past tense patterns. In Expressive Arts we have been creating Fathers' Day Cards based on the art of Gustav Klimt. The pupils produced wonderful designs demonstrating great artistic skills. The pupils have also focused really hard when carrying out reading, spelling and numeracy assessments.



Dosbarth 3

Our Literacy over the last two weeks has been truly inspiring, as the children have been using their imagination skills to create their very own 'Shirt Machine' stories. It's wonderful to see the children express themselves so creatively and enjoy writing. We've also begun exploring the features of non-chronological reports. This ties in neatly with our theme on Inventions and Inventors, particularly focusing on the Romans. The enthusiasm displayed by the children when discussing ancient Roman inventions has been infectious, and I can't wait to see their final reports! In Maths, we have been busy investigating multiplication practically and delving into understanding the purpose and use of the greater-than (>) and less-than (<) signs. Additionally, the children have been developing their mental maths skills, especially in linking addition to subtraction as a vital checking tool. In P.E, Year 3 has thoroughly enjoyed developing their football skills. Our focus has been on ball control and dodging, which has helped them become more agile on the pitch. As part of our topic work, the children collaborated beautifully, selecting appropriate materials to create replicas of the Roman underwater heating system. It's incredible to see their problem-solving abilities as they work together. In our forest school sessions, we continued to strengthen our collaboration skills by working in small teams to build a tower using natural materials. It was heartening to watch the children persevere together, adjusting their ideas to succeed in their tasks. As the weather continues to shine, please can the children bring a drink and hat to school. Diolch.



Dosbarth 4

What a busy couple of weeks we've had together! In our Literacy lessons, we've been diving into the fascinating life of Jacqueline Auriol, the French aviation pioneer who shattered boundaries by becoming the first European woman to break the sound barrier in 1953. We've discussed her remarkable achievements and explored the features of autobiographies and biographies. The children have enjoyed creating timelines to research her milestones, illustrating just how inspiring her journey has been. In Science, we've been investigating the measurement of sound. We conducted an exciting experiment to observe how sound travels through different mediums. The children learned how to use an equation to calculate the speed of sound and even worked out its average speed—science in action! This linked brilliantly with our trip to the Aerospace Museum on Thursday- we had a great day and really enjoyed... Our Forest School session was lovely! We navigated a new safe route, kindly shown to us by a lady from the grazing management team, who also shared interesting facts about the rare breed cattle. In PE, our theme was Movement of Rivers! After brainstorming words related to rivers, the children created innovative dance phrases, which they then refined in pairs before performing them for the class. Their creativity brought forth some intriguing shapes, levels, and movements! We had a fantastic day at Usk last Friday for the Year 4 multisport event- so lucky with weather after disappointment on Thursday with sports day being cancelled. The children enjoyed taking part in lots of different events from javelin to benchball, rugby to cricket. They were all a credit to you and our school- da iawn blant. Thank you for your continued support.



Dosbarth 5

What a busy fortnight we have had, even though we experienced the disappointment of our sports day being cancelled due to inclement weather! In our Literacy and Health and Well-being sessions, we have been delving into the rights children possess under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This inspiring exploration led us to formulate our own bill of rights for the mechanicals from our novel "Cogheart." To further develop our persuasive writing skills, the children crafted formal letters to the Prime Minister, advocating for the need for this bill. They discovered and enjoyed various writing techniques such as flattery, evidence, and even veiled threats, resulting in some truly impressive letters. Additionally, we wrote non-chronological reports about automatons that showcased their creativity and understanding. In Numeracy, we concentrated on calculating volume using the formula $\text{length} \times \text{width} \times \text{height}$, as well as investigating the relationships between time measurements. The children are now grouped for our "Playground Pioneers" topic, where they are enthusiastically brainstorming ideas for playground equipment based on a design brief. It's wonderful to observe them collaborating and considering the accessibility of their designs for all children in our community, irrespective of age or ability. Excitingly, our scaled designs have begun in 3D modelling software, and we look forward to sharing updates on this soon! In PE, our focus has been on sprinting and reaction times, as we practice how quickly we can react when the whistle is blown for a race. Additionally, we are joining Year 6 as they put the finishing touches on their play, "Mission Implausible," contributing our voices to the chorus and engaging in some fantastic acting. We also had the pleasure of a visit from the fire service, who shared valuable insights about how to keep our homes and ourselves safe. Thank you for your continued support!



Dosbarth 6

Prynhaer da, we've had a busy two weeks in Dosbarth 6! Our end-of-year performance is coming along wonderfully, and I am incredibly proud of the progress the children are making. We've also started writing an explanation text on how to become a spy, which has inspired a great deal of creativity among the children. They were particularly proud of their work, leading us into a descriptive writing exercise focused on a sense or character related to spies. In mathematics, we have been exploring graphs and analysing results, with the children enjoying the process of creating their own data based on everyday activities. During P.E., we've continued with our tennis topic, where the children have been eager to showcase their skills while engaging in small games. I look forward to the weeks ahead and am excited to create lasting memories as they approach their final days in Dosbarth 6.





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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

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

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Open Day!



Invites you to visit our setting, explore our environment and chat to staff.

We have spaces available for children aged
2-4years from September 2025.

Date: 6th July 2025 Time: 11am-12.30pm

To book your visit please contact:

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