



## Trellech Primary School

### Parental Engagement Numeracy Session

This week we were delighted to welcome so many families to our Maths and Numeracy Parental Engagement Session. It was a pleasure to share the journey of our SDP Priority aligned to our ESTYN recommendation (Oct 23) of:

*‘Provide worthwhile opportunities for pupils to apply their mathematical and digital skills with increasing sophistication in their work across the curriculum’.*

Our school community shared our journey of maths and numeracy with a presentation by our AOLE Lead for this area, Mrs Maunder 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 look forward to inviting you to our next Engagement Session on June 3rd at 9.15am.

### Cluster Services Children Launch Event

Last Friday, four of our pupils attended Raglan VC Primary School along with peers from across the cluster who have members of their families serving our armed forces. The day was a culmination of cluster project , working with Big Foot Education to produce a film of what it is like to be a child with a member of the family in the services. Every child contributed and shared their story. During the day the children completed activities led by Forces Fitness and the first viewing was presented to families, council members and colleagues from the Local Authority. We are very proud of our children who contributed to this, which will be shared as part of the Armed Forces Day Event at Caldicot Castle on 28th June.

### Rhosili Duo

On Wednesday, pupils from Year one to Year Six were treated to a performance by Rhosili Duo as part of the Wye Valley Music. It was a delight to hear the performances and learn about musical elements and the instruments. A true inspiration for our pupils ensuring we continue to inspire them and ensure they have great aspirations for their musical journeys.

### Caffi Cynefin: VE Day

Last Thursday, we were delighted to celebrate VE Day as a community. We were delighted to entertain our guests with singing by every child within the school across the phases, dancing by Year Four and recitals by Ester, Emmett, Rosie and River.

At midday the whole school came together to join the National Two Minute Silence. Every individual did this with respect and maturity as we remembered who served during World War II.

The school choir had the privilege to perform at Caffi Cynefin in the morning and at Trellech Teas in the afternoon. We are very proud of all the performances and express huge gratitude to Mrs Shaw and Mrs North who lead our choir.

### Cluster Cricket Festival

On Thursday, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Voaden took our cricketers from Year Three to Year Six to the cluster cricket festival. We are very proud of their engagement, skill and participation. Not only do such events enable our pupils to represent our school but also spend time meeting peers from across our cluster.



## Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

**Mon 28th April:** Summer Term Commences

**Mon 12th May:** Sharing Session

**Tues 13th & Weds 14th May:** Parent Consultations

**Thurs 22nd May:** Colorfoto– Class Photographs

**Fri 23rd May:** End of Summer 1 Half Term

**Mon 2nd June:** Summer Term 2 Commences

**Tues 3rd June:** DCF Family Engagement Session 2.15pm

**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)

**Tues 17th June:** LLC Family Engagement Session 9.15am

**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.

## 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. The monitoring has caused great excitement with lots of visitors to the area in addition to hedgehogs!

We look forward to welcoming Molly, Dylan and the team back to share the findings later in the term in a whole school assembly.



## Reminders.....

Please be reminded that along with all Monmouthshire County Council sites that no dogs are to be brought onto the school premises.

Please ensure all pupils have a water bottle, hat and sun cream and the wonderful summer weather continues.

## Curriculum Review

As we approach the summer term we are once again reviewing and building upon our curriculum offer. Our previous work has enabled our children to have a range of authentic learning opportunities and experiences providing them the skills that are central to Curriculum for Wales. As a result of such continual review and improvement the development of the Trellech50 is an example of our commitment to the opportunities children have whilst here in Trellech.

With this in mind we ask for your opinion to help shape future progress in our curriculum journey. Please find a link to a short questionnaire that will help inform our curriculum offer here in Trellech.

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

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Thursday 22nd May



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## Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da, Reception have had a busy start to the first Summer Term. Last week, we spent a lot of time learning about the importance of VE day and how it is celebrated. We also enjoyed learning and collaborating with Year 1 to perform our 'Sing for the king' song during the VE day cafe Cynefin. We would like to thank you for joining us on Thursday to hear us sing and celebrate. The children were amazing on stage when performing. In Mathematics, we have been looking at recording data using pictures and tally marks before recording our results this week by creating a pictogram. The children have worked hard to combine their Mathematics and DCF skills and have really impressed me with how independent they can be when using the devices to produce and save their own work. We have continued to practice for Sports day where we are making steady progress with learning the orders of the different races, especially how to complete the obstacle race. We have also been helping Mrs Cornish plant new seeds which we are looking forward to watching them grow as well as looking after them. Last week, we welcomed back the school chickens. The children collectively decided to name them Skye and Charlotte. A big thank you to Mrs Cookman for looking after and providing us with our new chickens. The children are looking forward to taking care of them and having new responsibilities. For our new topic of Curious Minds, we ended this week exploring and investigating what different sources give us light. We're looking forward to diving in deeper and learning more about this during our topic. For now, have a lovely weekend! Take care, Miss Light

## Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da, Dosbarth 1 really enjoyed celebrating VE day on the 8<sup>th</sup>, they watched a short assembly followed by a PPT and made some comments and asked some excellent questions which really impressed me. They enjoyed learning and collaborating with Dosbarth Derbyn to perform 'Sing for the King' during the VE day cafe Cynefin. In literacy they have been working on poetry, listening for syllables, learning about alliteration and how the words start with the same sound preparing to write a summertime poem. Over the last two weeks Year 1 have been learning about money, recognising the different coins, matching different amounts, buying items from our shops including TP Building Supplies and giving change up to 50p. We have continued to water and care for our plants and flowers in our outdoor area as the dry and sunny weather continues to ensure we are grow a healthy crop of the different vegetables we have planted. This week we enjoyed another sunny trip to Forest Schools, we are very pleased that it is shady in the woods so we can enjoy our time outside. We worked in pairs and small groups to create portraits and other pictures using natural material around us which was lots of fun. On Wednesday morning we welcomed you into school to see our maths activities, we all really enjoyed showing you our skills using money, identifying different coins, using coins to buy different items and to give change for amounts up to 50p, thank you for coming to see us. Next week will be continuing our learn with money, finishing our summertime poems and learning what a pilgrimage is. Have a lovely weekend, Miss Whyte and Mrs Cotton.



## Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da, what a very busy fortnight! We are being spoiled with the weather so that has really helped us. We have celebrated VE Day with a song which the children learned quickly and performed fantastically well. We have visited Forest school making nests and dens; used thinking skills and communication skills during a Commando Joes activity and shared our books with our parents. In literacy we have created an explanation text about how we see linking this to our topic of 'How it works'. In numeracy we have been using number bonds and number lines to solve word problems for addition and subtraction. In Welsh we have been learning past tense patterns to say where we have been and what we saw. The pupils have been carrying out some transition work ready for year three by accessing their Google accounts and adding images and text to Google Docs. The pupils are really enjoying their science; this week we have learnt how we have day and night and have created their own drawings displaying their understanding. In RVE we have been learning about Buddha and the four Noble Truths.



## Dosbarth 3

Prynhawn da, it has been lovely to see the sun shining over the last two weeks. We have had a fantastic afternoon in the forest school area where the children developed their teamworking skills to create nests. The nests then came under a stringent weather test to see if the nests would hold their shape. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activity and were all relieved when their nests completed the weather test successfully. In Literacy, the children have continued to explore the Shirt Machine video and have written fantastic explanation texts concerning how the machine works. Following this they completed self and peer assessment to identify the features in their work. The children were so proud of their hard work, which was wonderful to see. The children have created questions to ask Uncle from the video and have also used their cross – curricular numeracy skills to plan a train journey for Uncle to visit Trellech. In Maths the children have investigated analogue clocks and are practising reading the time using past and to. Year 3 have also been investigating forces within this term's topic, 'How it works', after discussing gravity, the children made paper aeroplanes. It was such a engaging tasks with lots of skills used to alter their designs to try to make the plane go further. As part of their VE Day celebrations the children performed the The White Cliffs of Dover, this is quite a tricky song to sing, however the children performance was absolutely amazing. I was a very proud teacher watching them all.



## Dosbarth 4

What a great start to the summer term. It was so lovely at Forest School, with a carpet of bluebells and the meadow starting to bloom with wildflowers. Before we went to Forest School, we completed a live lesson with keep Wales tidy, which showed us a range of various wildflowers. We were then able to name some of the flowers in the meadow. The children enjoyed VE day, and we learnt how this special day was celebrated 80 years ago. We also researched some important facts about World War 2. The children made some colourful bunting, learnt a dance, sang We'll Meet Again, designed a VE day invitation and created a power point about the war. It was a great day of celebration, and we are sure our ancestors would be proud of our performance during the Cafe Cynefin. In Literacy, we identified the language and text features of an informal letter and then wrote one to Mother Earth expressing our gratitude and concerns for the planet. This week we are building up to writing a letter to the Prime Minister about our concerns for the dreadful pollution in our local rivers. We had some very interesting conversations about the debris in the rivers and how we should change what we put in our toilets together with the destruction of an eco-system. In Numeracy, we have adding together various amounts of money using the compact method. We then moved on to paying for items with a set amount of money and working out how much change we should get. In Science, we have been identifying various sounds and how they are made. Sound stations were set up for children to experiment with how sounds are made and how we can change the pitch and volume. We then looked at how we hear different sounds and why in space you can't hear anything. Thank you for our continued support.



## Dosbarth 5

It is lovely to look back on a busy fortnight filled with learning and celebration. Firstly, we commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day, an occasion where our children truly shone. They looked fantastic and performed brilliantly during our Cafe Cynefin event, showcasing both their talent and dedication. In literacy, we took the opportunity to write poetry that marked this significant anniversary. Several students read their poems with such care and emotion during the Cafe Cynefin, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended. Additionally, our focus on narrative has seen the children penning diary extracts from the perspective of the main character in our novel "Cogheart." Their ability to understand and convey the character's motivations has been remarkable. In maths, we have delved deep into the world of data over the last two weeks. The children have been generating, interpreting, and recording data in line graphs and pie charts, presenting their findings in spreadsheets while utilising formulas. They even employed line graphs in their literacy work to chart the events and emotions of the characters. Our new topic, Playground Pioneers, has taken off enthusiastically. Year 5 have been exploring the concepts of gravity and air resistance, sparking many engaging discussions. We are also gearing up for Sports Day, practising races and learning a new obstacle course, alongside honing our tennis skills. To merge our learning in maths, PE, and ICT, we've embarked on an exciting project to create a Year 5 Super Athlete. In groups, we tested for agility, strength, speed, accuracy, and hand-eye coordination, collected data, and then merged photographs to create our Super Athletes. The results have been both entertaining and educational! As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we've created self-care calendars to help the children recognise the importance of looking after themselves amidst their busy schedules. To complete our fortnight, we have been making and testing out obstacle courses in forest school, it was fabulous to see such teamwork. Thank you for your continued support.

## Dosbarth 6

Prynhawyn da, what a lovely start to the Summer Term it's been! This term marks a very special milestone as it is the children's final term at Trellech, and we are all excited for the adventures and achievements that lie ahead. The atmosphere has been filled with enthusiasm and a sense of accomplishment as we continue to prepare for our end-of-Year 6 performance. The children have thoroughly enjoyed practicing their lines, developing their stage presence, and honing their acting skills. Their dedication and creativity have truly shone through in every rehearsal. We began this term by writing a recount of our trip to Gilwern. It was incredibly inspiring to see the children's perspectives on their adventures and to hear about their antics and memorable moments. Their descriptive writing captured the excitement and joy of the experience, showcasing their growing confidence as writers. From this, we moved on to developing autobiographies. This has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to delve into their past experiences, reflect on their personal growth, and share their favourite memories of school and childhood. It's been heart warming to listen to their stories and see how they cherish their journey so far. The children enjoyed reciting poetry for VE Day, with some bravely reading their poems aloud during the VE 80th anniversary celebrations. Their enthusiasm and confidence were truly inspiring. It's been a delight to see their pride in their work and the support they show each other during these performances. As we move further into this final term, we are looking forward to more performances, outings, and memorable moments together. It's a pleasure to witness the children's growth, confidence, and friendships blossoming during this special time. I am confident that they will leave Trellech with wonderful memories and a strong sense of achievement. This term promises to be a fantastic one, full of learning, fun, and new experiences for everyone involved. Thank you for your continued support.



# **BREAK THE RULES**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**BREAK THE RULES  
FOR ONE DAY**

**50P PER RULE BROKEN  
HAVE SOME FUN AND RAISE  
SOME MONEY FOR SCHOOL**

List of rules & more information will be coming home  
with your children  
PTFA Event: Charity No. 1101355



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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

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