



## Trellech Primary School

### Parental Engagement DCF Session

This week we were delighted to welcome families to Digital Competency 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 Digital Technology with a presentation by Mrs Peacock 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 (Spelling & Reading) on June 17th at 9.15am.

### 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/JCKBWZnBSv>

### Grazing Management : Wet Meadow

The cattle have arrived at Wet Meadow and we are very much looking forward to seeing them on our walks to Forest School. We have liaised with the Grazing Management Team and LA Trips and visits Lead to ensure our Risk Assessments are in line with our routes to the FS Site. The cattle can be located using the following link: [grazingmap.nofence.no](http://grazingmap.nofence.no) In addition, some of the cattle need a name and we are looking for your help, please forward your suggestions to school.



### Class Structure 2025/ 26

In readiness for our move up day on Wednesday 2nd July where we welcome our newest pupils to reception and some of our eldest pupils will be taking part in transition to their secondary school in readiness for Year Seven. We are saddened to share that Mrs Phillips, Miss Whyte and Miss Tucker will be leaving us here in Trellech for new challenges, but thank them for all their contributions and wish them very best wishes for the future. I am pleased to share the staff structure and welcome Mrs Maguire, Mrs Sulway and Miss Smith to the team here in Trellech for the forthcoming academic year.

Reception: Miss Light

Year One: Miss Smith

Year Two: Mr Green

Year Three: Mrs Maguire (Deputy Headteacher)

Year Four: Mrs Cotton & Mrs Miles

Year Five: Mrs Sulway

Year Six: Mrs Maunder

LSA Support: Acorns & Saplings: Mrs Llewellyn, Miss Ward and Mrs Worrall

PPA: Mrs Fawsitt

1:1 Support & Interventions: Mrs Body & Mrs Voaden

Office: Mrs Appleton (Mon– Thurs) & Mrs Shaw (Thurs am & Fri)

Lunch Time Leader: Mr Webb

Breakfast Club Leaders; Mr Webb, Mrs Light & Miss Ward.

## Key Dates : 2024/ 2025

**Thurs 12th June:** KS2 Reserve Sports Day– 1.30pm

**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

**Tues 8th July:** Y2 Visit Beacon Hill (Trellech50)

**Weds 9th July:** Saplings visit to the beach (Trellech50)

**Weds 9th July:** Y3 Visit to Caerleon

**Weds 9th July:** Acorns Showcase 1.30pm

**Thurs 10th July:** Acorns 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

**Fri 24th Oct:** End of Autumn Term 1

**Mon 3rd Nov:** Autumn Term 2 Commences

**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 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

## 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: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Time: 11am-12.30pm

To book your visit please contact:

BusyBodiesPlaygroupTrellech@gmail.com

## Year Five Playmaker Conference

This week saw our Year Five Pupils attend the Monmouthshire Playmaker Conference at Chepstow School. They all had an opportunity to further develop and collaborate following their training earlier in the year. We look forward to their continued impact with their fellow peers here in Trellech.

## 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

Foundation Phase were fortunate enough to hold their Sports Day on Wednesday morning when the weather was kind to us. I'm sure you will agree that the children were magnificent in taking part in each of their event and supporting one another when it was their race. Thank you for your continued support at such events.

Unfortunately , the weather wasn't so kind to us for our KS2 sports day and despite my optimism and the forecast of light rain to stop before lunch by several forecasts I made the difficult decision to postpone this event. I am hopeful that the weather will be kinder to us for our reserve date of Thursday 12th June, once again at 1.30pm. Please do accept my apologies for this, I do understand the inconvenience this will have caused. We look forward to seeing you next week in some summer sunshine!



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## Dosbarth Reception

Prynhawn da, we have had a busy but lovely first week back in school. I hope you all had a great half term and had the opportunity to take some time for yourselves. It has been lovely hearing all of the exciting things that the children got up to over the week off. Before the half term, we got stuck into our topic where we began looking at different sources of light. We have learnt that the sun is our main sources of light and that a source of light is something that gives us light on its own. This has led us on to differentiating between the natural sources of light that we have along with artificial ones. To combine our Science and Technology skills, we took our learning about artificial and natural light and created a pic-collage to clearly demonstrate the two categories being classified. The children learnt how to upload their pictures on to the collage as well as labelled each column and some of the items within it. This also allowed us to learn about how we can also save our own work so it can be stored in a camera roll. Now that we understand different sources and are beginning to differentiate between natural and artificial light, we can begin to learn about how these sources can also reflect light. This week we had our very first sports day in school. I'm sure you will agree that all the children were excellent and showed great resilience throughout all their races. I was very proud of all of them for participating – Well done Reception! In Maths we have continued to work hard in completing our big maths as well as beginning to learn and identify different 3D shapes. The children enjoyed exploring the classroom to find objects that were like a sphere, cuboid and cube. We're looking forward to another busy week next week. Have a great weekend! Take care, Miss Light

## Dosbarth 1

Prynhawn da, what a wonderful start to half term with a fabulous sports day together with Reception and Year 2, the children were supportive, kind and persevered through the races. Bendigedig pawb!! Diolch to the supporters and the staff for ensuring it ran smoothly. We enjoyed welcoming so many of you in this week to look at how we teach DCF through the different AoLEs. We really enjoyed learning different skills to use paint programmes on the Chromebooks, these included inserting shapes, changing colours and sizes and using the fill button. Our task yesterday was to create a portrait in the style of Picasso, which we had lots of fun doing and some great results too. We also used the Lego to build models to create algorithms to show how to build a model we have made. We took photos on the iPad and inserted into Pic collage to create a step-by-step set of instructions for someone else to follow. We will try them next week to see if we need to debug them, something we are all looking forward to. In literacy, we have finished writing our summer poetry using alliteration and rhyme which we were very impressed with. This week, we have been having a go at trying to persuade others that our favourite thing to do is the best thing. We have been using persuasive vocabulary and planning a short paragraph to share with the others in our groups. In Maths we have been working with data; collecting data and putting it into graphs, we loved asking our peers questions. In RVE we have been learning about the word Pilgrimage and discussing the different types of special journeys we have been on, which lead to some very interesting group discussions about different journeys. Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your continued support.



## Dosbarth 2

Prynhawn da, so here we are in the final seven weeks of year 2. In literacy we have been using a picture as a stimulus for writing. We have spent time planning using our senses and organising writing within paragraphs. The children have written a short story using descriptive words and first person. The children have been working hard on problem solving in numeracy employing the RUCSAC method (Read, Understand, Choose (which process?), Solve, Answer, Check). We have been expanding our questioning and answering in Welsh concentrating on past tense language patterns. In science the pupils have been learning about manmade and natural light sources that we can see on Earth and above. The pupils have really enjoyed using Adobe Express Animate to demonstrate their Welsh language skills and BBC Microbits to begin coding. They loved making patterns and creating 'Name badges'. The children put their heart and souls into our Sports Day Event and luckily the weather was kind to us! Congratulations to all who took part. During the last part of a day the pupils worked together as a team to build a tower. Great communication and thinking skills being used as the pupils built the separate parts then had to put together.



## Dosbarth 3

Prynhawn da, we are excited to share the wonderful learning that has been happening in our classroom recently! In literacy, we have been exploring the enchanting area of free verse poetry, using 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright as our inspiration. The children have used their creativity, dreaming up imaginative phrases for items they would place in their very own magic boxes. Working against our success criteria, they have produced some truly remarkable pieces, and we are thrilled to celebrate their outstanding work! In maths, we have been investigating bar charts and pictograms. They created their own representations of data, engaging in discussions where they compared and evaluated the effectiveness of each method in presenting information. It was fantastic to see their analytical skills in action! As part of our Inventor and Inventions topic, the children took a deep dive into the Roman invention of aqueducts. They collaborated in groups to design and construct their own versions, followed by testing their creations—an inspiring hands-on experience! We also had a delightful 'Breaking Rules Day' filled with giggles and laughter, which truly brightened up our learning environment. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more exciting learning adventures with you soon!



## Dosbarth 4

Welcome back to the final term and we hope you have managed to find time to do some nice things in the holiday. This week has been quite busy and exciting in our class. Before we broke up the children wrote letters to the Prime Minister and our First Minister of Wales, Eluned Morgan about our concerns regarding pollution in our local rivers. It's important that our voices are heard, especially when it comes to protecting our beautiful environment. We believe that writing these letters will help draw attention to the pressing issue of river pollution. This week we have continued with conducting an interview in character as the Prime Minister. We have looked at various interview techniques together with taking on various roles such as cameraman, interviewer and interviewee. The children have loved this and we observed some interesting dialogues. In addition to our letters, we've also begun creating poems using rhyming couplets. By incorporating similes and personification, we're highlighting the plight of river pollution in a creative and meaningful way. Poetry allows us to express our feelings and engage others in understanding the impact of pollution on our local ecosystems. Remember, some of these poems will be showcased at the River Wye Festival in September (rescheduled from June). In Science, we're exploring the structure and functions of the ear. We've been learning how sound is made and how it travels to our ears. It's fascinating to consider whether any of our friends or relatives have difficulties hearing. We've discovered that hearing aids can be very helpful for those with hearing impairments. Additionally, we've learned that lip-reading is a valuable skill too! Can anyone think of professions that require protecting ears from loud noises? For example, construction workers, tree surgeons, and digger drivers are all at risk, but there are also individuals in other settings, like musicians and those who might live near airports, who also need to be mindful of their hearing. **Just a reminder to give consent and payment via ParentPay for our visit to Usk Primary next Friday 13th June for our Cluster Year 4 sports day. Thank you for your support.**



## Dosbarth 5

Wow, here we are in our last term of Year 5! It's hard to believe how quickly time has flown by, but we're still very busy with lots of exciting things happening. In Literacy, we have been exploring the world of newspapers. We planned and wrote a newspaper report using Canva, based on our novel Cogheart. It was a fantastic experience, and we all had fun interviewing each other to gather quotes for our reports. Our Playground Pioneers topic is now really taking off as we studied the playground in Trellech. The children have been taking photographs and annotating them with measurements, and we are beginning to analyse this data in preparation for designing our own playground fit for Trellech in 2025. To tie in with this, we are learning how to use 3D modelling software, focusing on how to hollow out objects. We've also been incredibly busy with health and well-being initiatives. Our Year 5 Playmakers Conference in Chepstow was a highlight, where we learned vital skills related to water safety, leadership, and food security. In Maths, we've been delving into probability and learning how to express our findings as fractions. We also applied our ICT skills to enter the Monmouth Carnival, thinking creatively about how we could improve Monmouth if we were superheroes—Year 5 had some truly amazing ideas! Thank you once again for your ongoing support.



## **Dosbarth 6**

Prynhawr da, I hope you have all had a lovely, well-deserved break. The time has come to mark the final half term at Trellech Primary School, and I am excited for the new opportunities that lie ahead. I am incredibly proud of all the progress each child has made throughout the year, and I am confident they will continue to shine in this last half term. Over the past two weeks, we have had a fun-filled time finishing our autobiographies, and I am so proud of how fantastic they have turned out. It has been wonderful to hear about all the adventures and experiences they have shared. We are now fully immersed in preparing for our end-of-Year 6 leavers' performance, and the children are thoroughly enjoying being part of such a lively and humorous production. In DCF, we've started creating games on Scratch that complement our new P.E. topic, Tennis. I am looking forward to a fun and rewarding final half term. Thank you so much for your continued support.



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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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