



Trellech Primary School Newsletter



Friday 17th October 2025

Harvest Festival

We are thrilled to share that our recent Harvest Festival collection was a great success! Thanks to the generous support of our families, we were able to donate a wonderful selection of items to Monmouth Foodbank, helping those in need within our local community.

A heartfelt thank you to our Charity Ministers and Committee for their organisation of this important collection. Their efforts ensured that our donations reached those who need them most.

Your kindness and generosity truly reflect the spirit of our community. Thank you for being part of this meaningful initiative.



Cluster Cross Country

Last Friday, pupils from Year Three, Four, Five and Six represented the school in the Cluster Cross Country Event at Monmouth Comprehensive School. All pupils took part with enthusiasm and we are very proud of how they took part, but particularly how they supported each other. Llongyfarchiadau bawb!



Sharing Sessions and Parent Consultations

It was wonderful to see so many of our families last week for the sharing sessions and parent consultations. Such an important opportunity for us to come together to discuss how your child/ren have settled into their new classes and the achievements that they have already made.

Congratulations...

...to Mrs Maguire who was presented The Daily Mile **Staff Champion Award** from Run Wales for her contribution to Daily Mile. This was as a result of her commitment to pupil engagement and nominations from her colleagues at Cwmffrwdoe Primary School. We are looking forward to Mrs Maguire continuing her passion to this area of our Health & Well Being provision here in Trellech.

In addition, we congratulate Mrs Maguire, Miss Light, Miss Ward and Miss Smith who completed the Cardiff Half Marathon recently. We are very proud of your achievement





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Book Fair

Thankyou to those families who supported our Book Fair last week. Your purchases have enabled us as a school to receive rewards of £550 worth of books which is outstanding and will benefit our pupils enormously. Thankyou once again for your continued support of our school.

We were very impressed with the entries for our Book Fair Competition. Congratulations to our winners who received a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing all the entries in the school library very soon,



Parent Governor

We are very pleased to share that following our communications with regard nominations for a Parent Governor, Mrs Isobel Campbell (Zac: Y2 and Phoebe: Rec) has joined the Governing Body.

Dog Free Zone

Please be reminded that along with all school sites, play areas and marked sports pitches there are no dogs allowed on our premises.

The Clean Green Shop

The eco committee are launching a brand new shop called The Clean Green Shop.

“We will be selling naturally sourced cleaning and body products as well as eco friendly snacks. Our first shop will on the 6th November. Please bring along a 500ml bottle to purchase our brilliant shampoos, conditioners, washing up liquid or washing detergent. If you have any spare 500ml bottles we would be grateful for them. Hope to see you there”. A huge diolch and Pob Lwc to our Eco Committee led by Mrs Maunder on this exciting initiative.

INSET Day and Half Term

Friday 24th October is a Cluster INSET Day and therefore school will be closed to pupils; as this is the last day of half term we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 3rd November. Have a peaceful half term.

Key Dates: 2025/ 2026

Thurs 23rd Oct: PTFA Halloween Disco

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

Thurs 6th Nov: Y2 Pedestrian Training Commences

Fri 28th Nov: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Weds 10th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Thurs 11th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Mon 15th Dec: Family Craft Session: Rec- 2.15pm

Tues 16th Dec: Carol Service at St Nicholas 9.30am

Weds 17th Dec: Christmas Dinner

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

Fri 19th Dec: End Of Autumn Term

Mon 5th Jan: Spring Term Commences



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Fri 23rd Jan: Y3/ Y4 Urdd Jambori @Pontytpool LC

Mon 2nd– Fri 13th Feb: National Assessments (Y2– Y6)

Fri 13th Feb: End of Spring Term 1

Mon 23rd Feb: Spring Term 2 Commences

Tues 24th Mar: Saplings Easter Performance

Weds 25th Mar: Pupil Reports to Parents/ Carers

Fri 27th Mar: End of Spring Term

Mon 13th April: Summer Term Commences

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

Thurs 21st May: Colorfoto Class Photos

Fri 22nd May: End of Summer Term 1

Mon 1st June: Summer Term Two Commences

Weds 3rd June: FP Sports Day- 1.30pm

Thurs 4th June: Y3-Y6 Sports Day 1.30pm

Weds 10th June Reserve FP Sports Day- 1.30pm

Thurs 11th June: Reserve Y3-Y6 Sports Day- 1.30pm

Fri 26th June: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 6th– Weds 8th July: Y6 Residential to Gilwern

Fri 17th July: Leavers Assembly

Fri 17th July: Last Day of Summer to Pupils

Mon 20th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 20th July: End Of Academic Year

Class News

Dosbarth Derbyn

Where have the past seven weeks gone? I can't quite believe that the children have nearly completed their first half term of school. Time is flying by and they've all already achieved so much in such a short space of time. Over the past fortnight, we have began Read Write Inc and are making good progress in learning all of our new sounds. We are working hard to recognise them as well as form them and write our names independently. We've also been enjoying playing our Fred games verbally where we have to tell Miss Light and Miss Ward the words Fred's trying to make. We've heard all about Fred's trip to the farm, his party and what's inside his fridge!

In maths, the children have been busy sorting and classifying their class hair and eye colours. The children used pictures of their peers and had to go and find them to work out the correct colour before putting it in the matching hoop. We made predictions at the start of the lessons and compared our final results to see if we were right. Some of us were also able to show our results as amounts using conkers. To support our learning of diversity, we have also been exploring the same but different in maths. The children made different amounts using teddy bears before discussing what made their amounts the same but different. This week, we started forest school and enjoyed becoming familiar with the forest surroundings and log circle rules. Today we showed our support by wearing red to show racism the red card which has supported our learning about diversity. To bring our harvest learning to a close, we also looked at where our food comes from before it goes to the supermarket. This supported the children's understanding about the importance of farmers and how fruit and veg can be grown. I would like to thank you all for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing both you and the children on Monday. Take care, Miss Light

Dosbarth Un

Haven't these weeks flown by! We have been very busy in Dosbarth Un with them being so creative and really trying their best at everything I put in their path. In Literacy, we really have got into the swing of the Three Little Pigs/Tri Mochen Bach with the children ordering the story and retelling the story through the use of our lovely theatre! It has been truly amazing to see the children problem solve and create such beautiful retellings before our writing with them using different tones and really thinking of how the characters would feel. In Mathemateg, we have been looking at adding and subtracting using different resources in the classroom, even ourselves! We have used Numicon and number lines where the children jump along it to really have a feel for the different symbols that we use within maths. Da iawn to those as well who have already been introduced to their ten times tables! I am so impressed! Dosbarth Un have truly been intrigued by our work focusing on Black History Month and the prominent figures surrounding that. We have looked



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at Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks and the children have made me feel so proud of them for how empathetic and considerate they were when we listened to their stories and heard about how we can make a change. From this we created our own 'I have a dream' sentences where the children wrote about what they dream the world will be when they grow up – I am not ashamed to say, some of them brought a couple of tears... they were so open and thoughtful! In R.V.E, we are looking at the Hindu festival of Diwali where we have learnt the story through interpretive dance and have made some decorations throughout the week to have a celebration of our own. Da iawn pawb, dw 'i more falch!

Dosbarth Dau

We have almost come to the end of our first half term in Blwyddyn Dau. It has flown by! It has been very busy indeed. The pupils have rewritten the 'Owl Babies story' using great descriptions and written their own acrostic poem based on Autumn. Some children were challenged with Autumn Days. We listed lots of relevant vocabulary beforehand so we could do a great job of the poems.

In numeracy we have been measuring with non-standard and standard units (cm). The pupils enjoyed measuring their toy pets in the vets role play area and measuring each other's legs to see whose were longest. They have also been counting in 10s, 20s, 50s 100s and 200s. The pupils have been increasing their confidence with asking questions and answering in Welsh. They have asked where their friends live, gathered the data and input on J2E data to create a bar chart. Pupils have been recording differences and similarities with the fire brigade over time observing changes to uniform and equipment. In health and wellbeing, we have looked at article 28 of the UNICEF children's rights, specifically the right to an education. To promote kind hands and feet we took part in a positive touch session where we used gentle massage techniques. This teaches pupils how to be aware of other's feelings and to be respectful. The children loved this! Pupils have worked really well together to make a fire engine. At forest school we were able to use our measuring skills to find objects greater or less than a given amount.



Dosbarth Tri

It has been a wonderfully busy few weeks in Dosbarth Tri, and the children have achieved so much across all areas of learning. In Literacy, we have been exploring emotional literacy through the book *Ruby's Worry* by Tom Percival. The children engaged deeply with the story, retelling it in their own words before using their imaginations to design unique worry creatures and write their own creative stories around them. In Numeracy and Mathematics, the focus has been on data collection, estimation, and measurement as part of an exciting enquiry: *Who has the longest arms in the class?* The children loved comparing their findings and using their measuring skills in a practical, hands-on way. We've also been lucky to take part in a special Daily Mile event, where we welcomed Cath Bingham from RunWales to see our mile in action. She was so impressed with our commitment to health and wellbeing and will be showcasing our efforts to other schools and at the next awards—what an honour! Our weekly sessions with Gwent Music have also been a highlight, where the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play the PBuzz—it's been noisy, fun, and full of rhythm! We've also taken part in *Show Racism the Red Card* by wearing red and engaging in meaningful discussions around equality, respect, and challenging discrimination. Additionally, we have been exploring two important UNICEF Rights of the Child articles: the right to an education and the right to meet with friends and join clubs. These articles have sparked thoughtful conversations and helped us understand the importance of rights, friendship, and belonging. Da iawn, Dosbarth Tri—what a fantastic and productive term it's been!

Dosbarth Pedwar

What a busy couple of weeks we've had in school! The children have truly immersed themselves in their learning, and their creativity has shone through in every activity. During our forest school session,



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the class had a fantastic time building a den for a small world character. It was wonderful to see them collaborating and using various natural materials to create an unusual shelter. In Literacy, we delved further into “Stone Age Boy” where the children created dialogues between two characters, using the rules of speech marks. In Humanities, we wrote informative texts comparing the lives of hunter-gatherers with those of early farmers. They were able to articulate how farming changed lives and why it was more beneficial than foraging. We participated in the annual event, the anti-racism campaign - Show Racism the Red Card; that aims to raise awareness and fight racism through education and solidarity. A discussion led to an engaging activity that encouraged the children to reflect on their multifaceted identities, highlighting that each person cannot simply be defined by one role. In Numeracy, we have been applying column addition to solve problems involving 2- and 3-digit numbers. Then using the inverse operation to check addition. In Science and technology, we utilised our knowledge about teeth to create a poster on Adobe Express, whilst learning new skills to enhance our digital poster. To top it all off, our PE sessions have been high-energy! The class participated in a HIIT session, boosting their heart rates, followed by a soothing yoga and whole-body meditation that left everyone relaxed, calm and ready for the weekend. Thank you for your support.



Dosbarth Pump

It has been another busy and exciting week in class! This week, we have been working hard on rounding numbers up and down — including higher numbers. The children used number stops to help identify the numbers before and after, supporting their understanding of rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000 and even 10,000! We also explored fractions of shapes and numbers, with a variety of fun activities. The children shaded fractions on shapes, played a memory game,

tackled real-life word problems, and used pictorial methods to find solutions. They showcased their fantastic fraction skills by creating beautiful fraction portraits — a creative highlight of the week! In Literacy, we continued reading our class text, *Framed*. The children used a QR code to research an eyewitness account of the hiding of artwork from the National Gallery during World War II. They answered some very challenging questions that tested their scanning and retrieval skills. I was extremely impressed with their curiosity and determination! In PE, the children are nearing the end of their sessions with County in the Community. They have worked so hard to develop a wide range of skills and demonstrated wonderful teamwork throughout. We also began our exciting swimming sessions, which the children have been eagerly anticipating. I can't wait to share more about their progress in next week's newsletter! We enjoyed a calm and creative session in the forest school area this week. The children made incredible 3D self-sculptures using natural materials. It was lovely to see their imagination and individuality shine through their creations. It's been a week full of learning, teamwork, and creativity — well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and hard work! Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Dosbarth Chewch

What a super busy fortnight it has been for Year 6! In literacy, we have been deeply engaged in analysing the character of August Pullman from the novel *Wonder*. Our students used emotion graphs and “I Am” poetry to explore his feelings, showcasing some truly thoughtful work that demonstrates a great understanding of the text. We then turned our creative energies towards writing our own “I Am” poems, encouraging a deep dive into our individual characters and identities. The culmination of this was diary entries written from August's perspective, where the children expressed his emotions during a particularly poignant part of the book. In maths, we have been focusing on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1000. The students have applied these skills to find percentages of different amounts, using practical applications to calculate the approximate population of Trellech and its surrounding villages. The level of skill demonstrated by all has been commendable. Although swimming has come to an



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end for Year 6, we have embarked on a new adventure learning the fast-paced game of handball, which has proven to be both exciting and skill-enhancing. In Welsh, we have been practising expressing our opinions on various subjects, providing justifications for our likes and dislikes. We then utilised our oracy skills by reading and recording paragraphs about ourselves in Welsh. Da iawn dosbarth 6! In our expressive arts lessons, we began exploring the works of Alberto Giacometti and constructed armatures using foil. Creating figures from a single piece of foil and posing them presented quite a challenge, but the results were impressive! We also enjoyed our first trip to Forest School this year, where we continued our expressive arts theme by whittling sticks to create natural armatures. The fun and creativity experienced by all were evident! In science, we focused on our own bodies, learning about the major organs. To round off the week, we participated in "Shocktober", an initiative by the Welsh Ambulance Service, teaching vital life-saving skills such as CPR and how to use the emergency 999 number. These are essential skills for everyone to have. We also took part in the "Show Racism the Red Card" campaign, learning about hate crimes, who they affect and how to report them.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!



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HALLOWEEN DISCO

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Infants disco
3.30- 4.30
Juniors Disco
4.45-5.45

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SWEETS £1

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Admission to Primary School 2026 Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Gynradd 2026



Primary School

Application Available
13th November 2025

Closing date for applications:
15th January 2026 at 4pm

Offer date:
16th April 2026



Ysgol Gynradd

Pecynnau ar gael
13th Tachwedd 2025

Dyddiad cau ceisiadau:
15th Ionawr 2026 am 4pm

Dyddiad cynnig:
16th April 2026

Please note: If you are a Monmouthshire resident, you must apply for your school place through Monmouthshire County Council (excluding applications to voluntary aided/independent schools) even if your preference is for your child to attend a school outside of Monmouthshire. Nodyn: os ydych chi byw yn Sir Fynwy (fald i chwrsau oall am le mewn ysgol twg gangor Sir Fynwy (ac eiddo oalladau) ysgolion Annibynnol/Ysgolion Oerfodol a gynorthwy) hyd yn oed os ydych chi well gennych chi plantyn fynyddu ysgol y tu allan i Sir Fynwy.

Ewch i -Visit: monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place



Admission to Secondary School 2026 Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Uwchradd 2026



Secondary School

Application Available
19th September 2025

Closing date for applications:
31st October 2025 at 4pm

Offer date:
2nd March 2026



Ysgol Uwchradd

Pecynnau ar gael
19th September 2025

Dyddiad cau ceisiadau:
31st Hydref 2025 am 4pm

Dyddiad cynnig:
2nd Mawrth 2026

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