



Trellech Primary School Newsletter



Friday 21st November 2025

Storm Claudia

In the wake of Storm Claudia, our beloved Monmouth community has faced unimaginable challenges. Homes were damaged, roads were blocked, and daily life was turned upside down. Yet, amid the devastation, something extraordinary emerged—kindness, resilience, and teamwork.

From the very first moments, volunteers worked tirelessly to clear debris and restore a sense of normality. Our friends at Osbaston have suffered significantly, as a result of Storm Claudia; thankfully they are all back together in their upper school building after a mammoth task of deep cleaning. As a school, along with our whole cluster we have reached out to offer support and resources. I am sure you will join us to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the community efforts—whether through time, resources, or simply a helping hand. Your generosity has shown that even in the darkest times, the light of community spirit shines brightest.

Be Internet Legends

Last Friday, we welcomed the Google and Parent Zone team to Trellech along with Catherine Fookes MP to deliver an assembly on Internet Safety to pupils Y3- Y6. The session was interactive whilst sharing some very important messages. You can access the platform via:

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk

Here you will find a toolkit area for children to become Internet Legends along with a Parent Zone for information to support your child's safe use of Digital Devices.



Ambassadors

We are delighted to share the outstanding work of our ambassadors, who presented this week to the Governing Body. During the meeting, they confidently outlined:

- Their Role within the school community
- Action Plan for Improvement to enhance school life.
- Community Engagement, including Trellech Teas, where they not only help the ladies to serve tea and cake but interact and have a chat to members of the community.
- Celebrating their success and memorable learning opportunities at Trellech Primary School. Each Ambassador spoke with clarity and confidence, answering questions with impressive maturity. Their dedication and leadership truly reflect the values of our school and the positive impact they are making both within and beyond the classroom. In addition to this, Carys and Jacob represented the Ambassadors joining peers from across Monmouthshire to share their experience of education in a Monmouthshire School to ESTYN who are currently inspecting the Local Authority. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing their plans come to life!

Junior Road Safety Officers

Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) have been working hard to keep everyone safe this season! They recently led an engaging assembly, reminding us all of the vital message: “Be Bright, Be Seen.” To help spread awareness, the JRSOs have also been selling reflectors, encouraging pupils to stay visible and safe during the darker mornings and evenings. Their enthusiasm and leadership are making a real difference in promoting road safety across our school community. A big thank you to our JRSOs for their commitment to keeping us all safe!





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Children in Need: Run Pudsey Success!

Despite Storm Claudia and continuous rainfall forcing us to postpone our Run Pudsey event on Friday, our school community didn't let the weather dampen our spirits! All classes took part in fun indoor activities to keep moving and stay active. Then, on Monday in bright sunshine, in complete contrast to Friday's weather, we came together for our Run Pudsey Daily Mile challenge. As a whole school, we ran an incredible 220 km for the Challenge 25, showing determination and teamwork every step of the way. Thank you to everyone's effort and generosity, we raised a fantastic £991 for Children in Need!

A huge well done to all pupils and staff for making this event such a success.

Parent Governor

We are inviting parents to consider becoming a Parent Governor as part of our Governing Body. This is a fantastic opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future of our school and supporting our pupils' success. Join us in making a difference!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mrs Peacock (HT) or Mr Hockey (Chair of Gobs).

Key Dates: 2025/ 2026

Thurs 27th Nov: Y5/ Y6 Parent Exhibition

Fri 28th Nov: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 5th Dec: Daily Mile Santa Dash

Weds 10th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Thurs 11th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Fri 12th Dec: Y2/ Y3 Christmas Singalong!

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

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

I will begin this week's fortnightly update by sending my thoughts to anyone who was impacted by the sad event of the floods in Monmouth over the weekend. I hope you along with your family members / friends



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are safe and well. If there is anything we can do to further support, please do not hesitate to reach out. As a school, we understand the importance of our community and the value it holds for us all.

Over the past fortnight, the children have certainly become very festive with our Nativity practice and enterprise products. We have been busy starting to design our products and look forward to sharing the final outcomes with you. In Maths, we have been introduced to the concept of addition. Last week we started to build an understanding of recognising both the add and equals sign along with the discussion of how when adding two numbers together, the outcome / answer can be bigger. To support our pictorial learning, we have been using cubes to show the amounts and combing them together by counting to find the overall answer. Some of us have even advanced to writing number sums this week – very impressive! We have also been thinking about rights. We understand that we have the right to have a name and have been decorating them to display in our learning environment. Last week, we learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day and why it is so significant. The children built an understanding of the life cycle of the poppy as well as it's different features through a dance. We also met Detective duck who helped us learn how to stay safe online with his 'dos and don'ts' rules. Whatever the weekend holds and hopefully a much calmer one... I hope you all take some time for yourself. I look forward to seeing both you and the children on Monday. Take care, Miss Light



Dosbarth Un

lawn all, I sincerely hope that everyone is safe and doing okay after the dreadful weather that occurred over the weekend across Monmouthshire. Thankfully though it has been cold, we have been able to work both inside and outside with some lovely autumnal pieces of work. I have been

challenging the children with us completing Fact Families in our maths. This has really pushed the children to be thinking of alternative ways to create number sentences and testing their addition and subtraction. In ICT, we have looked at the importance of being media balanced and how important it is to ourselves and to those around us to have a positive balance with technology. I have been really impressed and intrigued by the children's thoughts and the conversations we have had surrounding this. In addition to this, we have also started looking into letter writing – it is of course the perfect time to start perfecting this in preparation for Christmas. We have started writing our own letters as if we are Stickman who is writing back to the family tree. The children have really gotten into this as it is a much-loved book that they all know really well! They have considered how all of the characters feel and what it must have been like for Stickman to be so far away from his Stick Lady Love and the Family Tree. As well as all of this lovely work that we have been completing, we also completed the Pudsey Run which was postponed. I am so proud of all of the children running so many laps of the daily mile that together as a class, we all ran a total of 20K! This also coincides with our Nativity practise where the children are really shining bright! The confidence and their resilience is honestly amazing to see! I also want to say a huge diolch yn fawr to all of you for all of the effort and time that you are all putting into practising the children's lines for the Nativity play. It really is showing and helps us out a lot when it comes to rehearsals!

Dosbarth Dau

Shw mae! I hope everybody is safe and well following the terrible weather conditions that Monmouthshire has endured. We have been as busy as usual in school with lots of learning going on inside and outside the classroom. In numeracy we have been recognising coins, creating amounts of money and adding amounts to buy our shopping from our shopping lists. In literacy we have completed our retell of the Rainbow Fish story using exciting openers (adverbs), time and question openers. I really enjoyed reading those. During our ICT lesson we looked online safety using Common Sense Media. Here we related parts of our body to how we can be sensible online. For example: the heart is



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used so we can be kind and respectful, the head to make decisions, the arms to balance us out with time online and those breaks between. The children have been continuing to carry out their road safety lessons and the training has come in handy when crossing the roads for forest schools. Year two showed so much respect during our two-minute silence for Remembrance Day and created some thoughtful shape poems based on poppies. Well done to the children on their Pudsey Run which unfortunately had to be delayed. To keep fit and follow the theme of this year's children in need we spent some time with year three's carrying out a little danceathon which we all really enjoyed.



Dosbarth Tri

Shwmae pawb! I hope everyone is safe after the terrible events of the weekend. It has been so heart-warming to see such community spirit in Monmouth and the resilience shown by so many. It's been a busy few weeks, in Dosbarth Tri! In Literacy, we have started our new class text *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*. We began by predicting what the book might be about by looking at the front cover and writing a build-up to a character description. In Mathematics, we have been testing out our doubling knowledge using the Double Diamond method. We've also explored halving numbers and multiplication practically with arrays. As part of our Rights Respecting Schools work, we learnt about the right to be safe (Article 19) and discussed how this links to Anti-Bullying Week. We also celebrated Pudsey Day on a very wet Friday with a fun Just Dance session in the hall – the children absolutely

loved it! Then, on Monday, we completed our 25k challenge – we are super-fit runners! With Christmas fast approaching, we have started planning our Christmas Enterprise ideas... watch this space! In Humanities, we are beginning to look at toys from the past and how they differ from those in the present. This week, we also completed a DCF Common Sense lesson where we discussed device-free moments and created a list of rules for using devices at home. Thank you for your continued support! Diolch yn fawr am eich cefnogaeth!

Dosbarth Pedwar

We hope you're all safe and well after the recent floods. It's heartening to see the resilience in the community during these challenging times. We can only imagine how devastating it has been for so many in the Monmouth area.

Last week, the children took part in a wide range of meaningful Remembrance Day activities across the curriculum. In literacy, they wrote thoughtful reflections and poems, while in art they created symbolic poppy-themed pieces to honour those who served; together with creating stunning Zen doodles with a Remembrance theme. We were truly impressed by their creativity and thoughtfulness. During history discussions, the class explored why remembrance is still important today, showing maturity and empathy in their responses. Despite the rainy weather, we still enjoyed marking Children in Need with charity-focused activities and conversations about kindness and helping others. The excitement was palpable as we tackled the Strictly 25 Step Challenge—cha cha cha! The children had a blast showing off their dancing skills, and we even performed for the Reception Class, who cheered us on with infectious enthusiasm. Furthermore, we took part in a fitness session with Year 5 and 6 which certainly tested our strength and stamina. Our creativity continued to shine brightly as the children crafted a fabulous Pudsey Bear using natural materials and designed vibrant sporting t-shirts in his iconic colours. As a school, we came together to contribute to the impressive challenge of walking the 25 km, showcasing our spirit and dedication. In maths, the children have been learning to read and plot co-ordinates in one quadrant, gaining confidence in using grids



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accurately. They also applied their geographical skills by using Digi Maps to explore the local landscapes around Trellech, identifying key features in and around the village. In ICT, the class completed a valuable Common-Sense lesson on creating safe and memorable passwords, learning how to protect their personal information online through strong password strategies. Additionally, we had some special visitors from Google last Friday who educated the children about internet safety in such a fun and engaging way! It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn important skills while enjoying the process. In PE, the children continued developing their rugby skills, practising passing, dodging, and teamwork—even managing great progress despite the soggy pitch! These fortnightly newsletters are flying by. Thank you for your support.

personalities and compared the main character, Dylan, with Turner’s famous painting *The Fighting Temeraire*. They expressed emotions and feelings inspired by both the image and the character, showing impressive insight, **da iawn, Year 5!** Taking their learning further, the children planned and recorded group podcasts featuring the characters as guests.

They demonstrated excellent communication, teamwork, and editing skills, using Adobe tools to create scripts, make adjustments, and design podcast names and logos. Each group generated a QR code to link their podcast to their Literacy book, a fantastic example of digital creativity and cross-curricular learning.

As part of the topic, the children developed their drawing skills by creating detailed portraits. Inspired by Andy Warhol, they photographed their work, cropped and edited images in Adobe Express, and applied vibrant colours to produce their own pop art pieces. These will be proudly displayed in our **Gallery Exhibition** next week—don’t miss it! In mathematics, Year 5 have been exploring inverse operations and using multiplication skills to estimate and check answers. Their problem-solving and reasoning skills continue to grow as they apply these strategies in different contexts. Diolch yn fawr for your continued support!



Dosbarth Pump

Following the recent flooding in Monmouth, I hope you are all safe and well. Our thoughts are with everyone affected. It has been truly heartwarming to see the community spirit shine through during this challenging time.

Over the last two weeks, Year 5 have reconnected with their class text *Framed* through a variety of engaging activities. The children explored character

Dosbarth Chewch

I hope this newsletter finds you well after the recent awful weather. Despite the challenges, Year 6 have continued to work hard, and I am very proud of the respect they showed for Remembrance Day. The students wrote and performed persuasive speeches to express why we should continue to mark this important day. They made fantastic use of the green screen to enhance their performances, bringing their speeches to life in a truly engaging way. In our expressive art sessions, we explored a new technique to capture the likeness of poppies. The



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children drew and glued the outline before filling it in with shaded pastels, resulting in some gorgeous artwork. Additionally, we have been creating wire sculptures in the style of Alberto Giacometti, focusing on capturing emotion without facial features. The end product, which follow on from our foil and clay armatures, looks fantastic, and we can't wait to showcase these pieces at our Year 5/6 art gallery. We have also begun a mini humanities and maths topic, analysing how children get to school based on the estimated population figures of the surrounding villages. In maths, we have been focusing on division and pie charts, learning how data is represented visually and ultimately drawing our own pie charts. Although the weather altered our original plans for Children in Need, we still managed to hold our run earlier this week. On Children in Need Day, we completed a fitness session with Years 4 and 5, which was lots of fun! During Forest School, we undertook a Pudsey woodland quest, demonstrating how teamwork and kindness help us succeed—an extremely enjoyable afternoon was had by all! When we did complete our Pudsey run, year 6 managed to run the equivalent of 53km – amazing! We were also fortunate enough to have Google visit our school to teach the children about internet safety. The Be Internet Legends programme empowers younger children to navigate the web safely and wisely, allowing them to become confident explorers of the online world. We have been discussing our current media balance and whether we need to make any adjustments.

Thank you for your continued support.



Jar tombola with childrens prizes and an array of stalls with Christmassy gifts.



St Nicholas Church Christingle Service

21st December at 4pm.

Join an interactive children's service Children will make their own Christingle.

Live harp playing &

Family Christmas Carols