



Trellech Primary School Newsletter



Friday 30th January 2026

Rights and Values

Last week our Rights and Values Ministers attended the Governing Body Meeting to share their work. Theo, Jack and Pearl presented with confidence and even gave the governors a task to do! As part of the presentation they shared the Trellech Rights:

☀️ Our Trellech Rights ☀️

Easy to Understand – Easy to Remember!

Article 28 – The Right to Learn

■ We can come to school and learn new things every day.

Article 19 – The Right to Be Safe

👮 Adults must help keep us safe from harm.

Article 7 – The Right to a Name and a Nationality

❤️ We all have a name and belong to a country. It makes us who we are!

Article 24 – The Right to Food, Water, and Health Care

💧 🍏 We should have clean water, healthy food, and see a doctor if we are unwell.

Article 27 – The Right to a Good Life

🏠 We should have what we need—clothes, a home, and things to help us grow.

Article 29 – The Right to Be the Best We Can Be

🌈 School should help us learn, make good choices, and become our best selves.

As we move to February next week our work on Children’s Rights we will be focussing on Article 17 - A Right to information from the media and our value of the month is Peseverance. We look forward to sharing our work with you on these important areas.

Author Visit

Having author **Paul Leyshon** came to visit Trellech was a wonderful start to the new year! He shared his journey to becoming an author and led a creative workshop that had everyone buzzing with ideas. What an inspiring day! Diolch to Mrs Miles for organising such an inspirational morning for our learners.



Whole School Eisteddfod

Our whole school Eisteddfod will take place on Monday 2nd March. Children are invited to come school in traditional Welsh costume, a National Sporting Shirt/ top with school uniform trousers/ skirt or simply in red. Some homework entries will be shared by Criw Cymreig and these will contribute the overall points awarded to each house on the day! We look forward to celebrating our National Day.

School Email Address

Please note the school email is: tre.primary@monmouthshire.wales
Emails to trellech.primary@monmouthshire.gov.uk will soon no longer be forwarded to new mail box.



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Signs of Spring Competition

We have exciting news! We are launching our whole school competition called, Signs of Spring. Children are invited to explore the beauty and excitement of the changing season through the Expressive Arts area of learning. Children are encouraged to submit entries in any creative medium, such as painting, photography, collage, or mixed-media work, capturing their own unique interpretation of spring's arrival. Every piece will celebrate the creativity and imagination across our school community, and a prize will be awarded for the winning entry in each year group. All entries will be displayed within our school to share all of the children's artistic talents. The deadline for entries will be after February half term (**23.02.2026**). We look forward to seeing the vibrant and inspiring artworks our learners create!

Keeping safe!

A Reminder About Safe Driving on School Grounds

Please may we remind all visitors to our school site to always drive slowly, safely and park with consideration. Recently, we have witnessed several vehicles travelling too fast as well as parking dangerously, which prohibits other vehicles inc. school buses to enter safely. For the safety of our pupils, families, and staff, we kindly ask everyone to take extra care when entering and moving around the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Key Dates: 2025/ 2026

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

Fri 13th Feb: End of Spring Term 1

Mon 23rd Feb: Spring Term 2 Commences

Fri 27th Feb: Café Cynefin & Clean Green Shop: 2.30pm

Mon 2nd Mar: Whole School Eisteddfod

Thurs 5th Mar: World Book Day

Tues 24th Mar: Saplings Easter Performance

Weds 25th Mar: Pupil Reports to Parents/ Carers

Fri 27th Mar: Y4/ Y5: Drumming Performance

Fri 27th Mar: Café Cynefin & Clean Green Shop: 2.30pm

Fri 27th Mar: End of Spring Term

Mon 13th April: Summer Term Commences

Mon 27th- Weds 29th April: Y5 Residential

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

Mon 4th May: May Bank Holiday

Tues 12th May: Parent Consultations

Weds 13th May: Parent Consultations

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

Tues 23rd June: Oaks Summer Performance- 1.30pm

Weds 24th June: Oaks Summer Performance- 6pm

Fri 26th June: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

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

Fri 17th July: Leavers Assembly: 9.30am

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

Just like that, we have come to the end of another fortnight! The children have loved continuing their learning all about the big baby. Last week, we used play dough to create our own as well as used our learning about capacity to consider what bog is best for him – an empty, half full or full one as well as giving reasons. This week the children have been creating story maps to sequence and re-tell it. At forest school, we also used natural resources to make the bog baby a home. We also learnt about St Dwynwen's day. The children listened to the story and made puppets to then share key facts and information that they could remember from the



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story or about St Dwynwen's day. We took our learning of capacity further by following instructions to create a love potion. We had to make sure we had the correct measurements to correctly make the potion. Digi duck made a second appearance to help us continue our learning about how to stay safe online. The children had to think about and share five adults both in and out of school who can help them stay safe online. We also took part in the big bird watch last Friday where the children explored the school grounds looking out for different bird species and collecting their data through tally charts. In our maths this week, we have been combining maths, data, Welsh, and digital learning to create pictograms based off our eye colours. We have also designed our own bog baby's and built animals to start engaging with our learning in Lego spike. It really has been a busy fortnight. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday! Take care, Miss Light

Dosbarth Un

I honestly think the weeks are just flying by! I cannot believe it is time again for the Newsletter. We have had such a lovely couple of weeks in Dosbarth Un that have really kept the children busy! **In our Literacy**, we have started to create our own Bog Baby and describing them and such a range have been drawn from small and cute to huge and quite scary! It has been amazing to see the children's imagination to truly go wild and for their descriptive writing to be showcased. In addition to this, we have also created the setting for the story ready for us to write our own version! This is something the children and I are very excited about. In our Maths, we have been using all the fabulous data we collected from taking part in the Big Bird Watch and turning it into bar charts and graphs and then interpreting the data to see the most and least common. They have truly been fascinated by this study, and we have even been continuing the study verbally whilst on the Daily Mile. In RVE, we have started to look into the Islamic religion in preparation for our look into the period of Ramadan which is coming up very soon. The children have really found it interesting to have a look at the different religions from around the world and talking about what others believe in. The level of respect and kindness shown in these conversations has been so heartwarming. Lego

Spike has also commenced within the classroom and the children have made me so surprised and impressed by their understanding of it and how fab they are at coding! I am so proud of all of the groups who have explored and created with Spike so far and I hope we can develop this into making some fantastic products in the future.

Dosbarth Dau

Shw mae pawb! We have had another busy fortnight in year 2.

The children have been rewriting the story of Farmer Ham; planning and creating a set of instructions and have written an acrostic poem in literacy. A lot of our numeracy lessons have been reasoning based. Here pupils are given problems to solve and then have to decide what mathematical process they need to solve them showing their working out and discussing what they did. We have also been learning about fractions and finding halves and quarters of amounts.

In Welsh we have been carrying on with our daily Welsh activities which the pupils really enjoy. We have been focusing on the phrases "Beth wyt ti'n hoffi wneud/bwyta?" What do you like doing/eating? Beth dwyt ti ddim yn hoffi? What don't you like?

We have learnt about the story of St. Dwynwen (The Welsh saint of love) and have created a fact file about her. In ICT we have been using algorithms to direct a sprite to a given location on a grid.



Dosbarth Tri

The children in Dosbarth Tri have been working very hard this week. In maths, they have been learning all about fractions and finding fractions of numbers. They also made their own fraction wheels to help support their understanding. In literacy, the class has been reading the online text *The Messy Magpie*. The children have been writing diary entries as the



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Messy Magpie, focusing on using the correct tenses and including adverbs to improve their writing. We were very lucky to have a visit from BBC cinematographer Robin Smith, Arlo's dad. He shared his incredible adventures with us and taught the children all about different animals and their habitats. What a treat that was—diolch yn fawr, Robin Smith! In expressive arts, the children have been creating their own animal masks using a variety of collage materials, showing fantastic creativity. We enjoyed a brilliant trip to the Jambori in Pontypool, which was lots of fun and gave everyone a great opportunity to practise their Welsh language skills. The class also had their first experience using Lego Spike this week. They coded their Lego models and created safe habitats or homes for animals facing the threat of a storm. Their teamwork and creativity were wonderful to see. The children have also worked ever so hard during their swimming lessons, showing determination, confidence, and great improvements.

Another busy few weeks, with lots of great opportunities!



Dosbarth Pedwar

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 4, and we're delighted to share what the children have been getting up to. In Literacy, the children have been exploring different ways to make their writing more descriptive and engaging. They have been learning how to: spot personification (giving human qualities to non-human things), use expanded noun phrases to add detail, and identify onomatopoeia, those fun sound words that bring writing to life. We also looked at the features of free verse poetry, and the children really impressed us with their imagination and creativity when creating their own free verse poem based on chocolate. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing as writers. In

Numeracy, our learners have been developing their measurement skills by exploring how different units relate to each other and why accuracy matters in real-life situations. We've been busy converting, comparing, estimating, and applying our knowledge to authentic problem-solving tasks. In Health and wellbeing, we have explored feelings of worth and realise the important effect of feeling valued. We had a thought-provoking discussion on how we can all help our peers to feel valued and respect who they are. Dosbarth Pedwar have been working incredibly hard in gymnastics. 🌟 They've been developing strength and tension in their bodies and working with partners to create their own simple gymnastic routines. Their teamwork and concentration have been brilliant. Next week, we will be starting Welsh Country Dancing as we prepare for Eisteddfod celebrations. We're very excited to get started. The last few weeks we have introduced Spike Education, which allows the children to explore robotics and problem-solving through hands-on activities. The children have shown great resilience, independent thinking, brilliant collaboration, and impressive critical-thinking skills. In Science, the children have been looking at the nutritional content of various snacks and in particular sugar and salt content. Next week, we will be using google sheets which gives the children an opportunity for analysing specific data. Last Friday, we had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the Cymraeg Jambori. It was a lively, fun-filled morning packed with singing, dancing and celebration. The children had a fantastic time joining in with other schools, and it was lovely to see their smiles and confidence shine.

Thank you for your continued support. Dosbarth Pedwar are working so hard, and we're looking forward to another great week ahead!





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Here we are at the end of January, and time is certainly flying by! We've had lots of interesting happenings in Dosbarth 6 over the past two weeks that we're excited to share with you. In Literacy, we've been busy creating a class book inspired by Charles Darwin's sketchbook. Each child

Dosbarth Pump

Over the last two weeks, the children have been extremely busy and engaged in a wide range of learning across the curriculum. In Literacy, we have continued exploring our class text *The Curious Garden*. In the story, Liam, the main character, discovers a disused train track and decides to transform it by planting a garden to make the community a more beautiful place. The children received letters from the train company explaining why Liam shouldn't plant there, and they responded using all the key features of a formal letter needed. Their arguments were thoughtful, persuasive, and clearly structured. We also linked this work to UNCRC Article 29, which states that education should help children learn to respect the environment and the world around them, connecting beautifully with Liam's actions in the story. In Maths, the children have been developing their mental maths strategies by using the grid method for both division and multiplication. They have also been strengthening their reasoning skills by tackling a variety of word problems that required them to apply their knowledge carefully and logically. In Science, the children planned and designed their own investigation into how environmental features affect plant growth. They chose different ways to present their investigation plans, and each Learning Journal was unique, showcasing creativity, thoughtful questioning, and a clear understanding of the scientific process. To celebrate St Dwynwen's Day, the children explored this special Welsh tradition in our Forest School area. They created 3D natural sculptures, each one designed to represent an image or idea connected to the day. The results were imaginative and meaningful, and the children thoroughly enjoyed using the outdoor environment to inspire their work.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dosbarth Chewch

chose an animal specific to the Galapagos Islands and crafted a non-chronological report based on specific success criteria. To present their work, the children used brown paper and a great deal of imagination to create a page for our class Galapagos Islands sketchbook. The results are amazing—fantastic work from everyone! We've also begun analysing podcasts, exploring how they differ from YouTube videos and the specific features that keep listeners engaged. Each pair has chosen a theme from our Beast Creator topic and is now writing their script, which is proving to be an enjoyable challenge. In Numeracy, we've undertaken lots of reasoning and procedural practice, recapping on various skills and applying them to solve problems where the initial method of calculation may not always be visible. We put our problem-solving skills to the test in a game of "Who Eats Who?" in Science, where we created a human food web using headbands and ropes. The children demonstrated a great understanding of what happens when one element is removed from the food web. PE has been lots of fun as we extend our gymnastic skills to vaulting. Everyone has made progress, moving from a leap frog to tables of differing heights. In RVE, we've been learning about the core values of humanists and how they compare to other religions. Climate change has also been on our minds, as the children created posters detailing human and natural actions affecting our climate, showcasing their mature responses to this complex topic. To celebrate Saint Dwynwen's Day, the children coded a game on Scratch where Dwynwen catches wishes in a point-scoring game. There was plenty of teamwork and support during this lesson, with every pair producing a fabulous game. We've also continued our work with the Lego Spike, creating a breakdancing robot.

Thank you again for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!



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Transition Monmouth

Tree Pruning at the Community Orchard – this Sunday 1st February, 2pm-4pm

Monmouth Allotments Association are holding an afternoon of fruit tree pruning with Transition Monmouth at the Community Orchard this Sunday 1st February 2pm-4pm.

The Community Orchard can be found at the Two River Meadows, beyond the allotments (what three words///shepherds.booms.scornful)

Bring the family and build your skills and confidence in pruning as you speak to the experts and watch their demonstrations. You can even get stuck in! Come and join us for a hot drink and find out more.

Transition Monmouth is delighted to share that Monmouth Community Fridge is back open following the flooding caused by storm Claudia.

The Community Fridge aims to reduce food waste by redistributing nutritious food from local businesses and making it available for all. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost (though customers may make a donation if they wish).

The Community Fridge is open six days a week (closed Mondays), with a new opening time of 9am (3pm on Wednesdays). Food is no longer weighed out for each customer, helping to reduce time spent queuing. Come along to find out what is available!

Find us on Facebook or visit the fridge at Unit 5, The Stables, Bridges Centre, NP25 5AS

Open Tue & Thurs-Sun 9am-11.30am, open Wed 3pm-5pm, closed Monday



Monmouth Community Fridge
COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Opening hours

Monday - CLOSED
Tuesday 9am - 11:30am
Wednesday 3pm - 5pm
Thursday 9am - 11:30am
Friday 9am - 11:30am
Saturday 9am - 11:30am
Sunday 9am - 11:30am



AROS A CHWARAE STAY & PLAY

Mae ein sesiynau Aros a Chwarae yn cynnig cyflie i blant a theuluoedd archwilio amrywiaeth o weithgareddau yn rhydd, gan gynnwys chwarae corfforol, caif a chrofft, adeiladu cuddfannau, neu unrhyw beth y mae eu dychymyg yn ei greu. Rydym hefyd yn cynnig sesiynau Aros a Chwarae Cynhwysol, sydd wedi'u cynllunio'n arbennig ar gyfer plant ag anghenion ychwanegol. Mae'r sesiynau chwarae meddal tawel hyn, sydd ar gau i'r cyhoedd, yn darparu gofod mwy hamddenol gyda nifer cyfyngedig o gyfranogwyr.


Our Stay & Play sessions give children and families the chance to freely explore a wide range of activities, including physical play, arts and crafts, den building, and anything else their imaginations inspire. We also offer Inclusive Stay & Play sessions, designed specifically for children with additional needs. These calm, closed-to-the-public soft play sessions provide a quieter, more comfortable environment with limited numbers.

Dyddiad	Lleoliad	Amser
Aros a Chwarae Cynhwysol		
Dydd Mercher 18 ^{ed} Chwefror	Canolfan Hamdden Trefynwy	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Dydd Iau 19 ^{ed} Chwefror	Canolfan Hamdden Cas-gwent	2:00pm – 3:30pm
Aros a Chwarae		
Dydd Mercher 18 ^{ed} Chwefror	Magor and Undy Hwb	10:00am – 11:30am
Inclusive Stay and Play		
Wednesday 18 th February	Monmouth Leisure Centre	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday 19 th February	Chepstow Leisure Centre	2:00pm – 3:30pm
Stay and Play		
Wednesday 18 th February	Magor and Undy Hwb	10:00am – 11:30am

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INCLUSIVE SESSIONS BOOKABLE HERE

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CHWARAE GWEITHREDOL ACTIVE PLAY

Mae Active Play yn sesiwn hwyliog o awr a 55 munud i blant 5 i 11 oed, yn llawn o weithgareddau egniol a cheff a chrefftau creadigol!

Active Play is a fun-filled 1 hour 55 minute session for 5 to 11-year-olds, packed with energetic activities and creative arts and crafts!

Dyddiad / Date	Lleoliad / Venue	Amser / Time
Dydd Mawrth 17 ^{ed} Chwefror Tuesday 17 th February	Canolfan Hamdden Trefynwy Monmouth Leisure Centre	10:00am – 11:55am
Dydd Mawrth 17 ^{ed} Chwefror Tuesday 17 th February	Canolfan Hamdden Cas-gwent Chepstow Leisure Centre	9:30am – 11:25am
Dydd Mawrth 17 ^{ed} Chwefror Tuesday 17 th February	Canolfan Awyr Agored Gilwern Gilwern Outdoor Centre	1:00pm – 2:55pm
Dydd Mercher 18 ^{ed} Chwefror Wednesday 18 th February	Ysgol Gynradd Thornwell Thornwell Primary School	1:00pm – 2:55pm
Dydd Iau 19 ^{ed} Chwefror Thursday 19 th February	Canolfan Hamdden Cil-y-coad Caldicot Leisure Centre	10:00am – 11:55am

Nofio yn ddewisol mewn canolfannau hamdden!
Swimming optional at leisure centres!




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