



Trellech Primary School Newsletter



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Water Safety

Extreme Weather

We would like to thank you for your patience, understanding and support following the recent heat weather warning. The unusually high temperatures presented additional challenges for schools, and we are grateful for the cooperation shown by our families as we worked to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils and staff. As a school, the welfare of our children and staff remains our highest priority. The recent weather conditions have provided an opportunity for us to reflect on our procedures and consider how we can be even better prepared should similar periods of extreme heat occur in the future. We are currently reviewing our arrangements and exploring a range of measures to help minimise the impact of high temperatures on learning and daily school routines. This includes reviewing classroom environments and developing clear plans to respond quickly to future heat warnings. We recognise the importance of working together with our school community and appreciate the support you have shown throughout this period. Your understanding has enabled us to respond effectively while keeping the needs of our pupils at the centre of every decision.

Oaks Performance: Oliver with a Twist

We are very proud of our pupils in Oaks who performed 'Oliver with a Twist' over the last two weeks. On each occasion they performed and sang with enthusiasm. Many of our eldest pupils learnt lines, sang solos and managed stage props with great confidence. We are grateful to our younger children in Oaks who formed the choir enabling a show that was not to be missed! Thankyou for your understanding with the move of our evening performance. As with all performances these could not take place without our staff, a huge diolch to Mrs Maunder for leading the production, Mrs Sulway for facilitating the music along with Mrs Miles and Mrs Cotton for supporting our choir for the show.

This week, we welcomed Angela Jones to Trellech. She spoke to the pupils about being safe in and around water. We are very aware that during warmer weather entering the water is much more appealing but unfortunately can result in drowning. The children listened with great care and understanding, sharing what they should and shouldn't do in an emergency in/near water.

Heritage Crime Week

On Thursday, Year Five had an informative presentation as part of Heritage Crime Week by Mrs Churchill and a Gwent Police Officer. They gained a greater understanding of heritage crime, using night vision equipment and had a look at the officers police vehicle.

Year Four Cluster Sports Event

Yesterday, Year Four attended a cluster sports event at Usk Primary School. Along with pupils from our cluster schools they took part in a range of sporting events. Diolch to Miss Smith, Mrs Voaden, Mrs Sims and Mrs Curthoys who supported the children during the event.

Cluster Eisteddfod

Last week, pupils attended the Cluster Eisteddfod at MCS we are very proud to share that we had great success with our handwriting, recitals, musical items and singing! We were very proud that our choir attended for the first time. Diolch to Mr Green and Mrs North who supported the children for the event.





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Criw Cymreig

Llongyfarchiadau to Mrs Sulway & Miss Smith for being Anthrowan yr Wythnos

Our Phrase of the Week (Wythnos) is:

Beth ydy dy hoff lliw/tim/ffilm/llyfr?

(What is your favourite colour/ team/ film / book?)

Fy hoff lliw/team, ffilm llyfy ydy...

(My favourite colour/ team/ film/ book is....)

School Email Address

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



Key Dates: 2025/ 2026

Fri 3rd July: PTFA Summer Fayre

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

Thurs 9th July: Y4 Visit to British Aerospace

Mon 13th July: Y4 MFL Performance for Parents

Weds 15th July: Y4 Cluster MFL Event @MCS

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

Academic Year 2026/ 2027

Tues 1st Sept: Academic Year Commences

Tues 1st Sept: INSET Day- School Closed to Pupils

Weds 2nd Sept: Autumn Term Commences for Pupils

Fri 2nd Oct: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 9th Oct: Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 23rd Oct: End Autumn Term One

Mon 2nd Nov: Autumn Term Two Commences

Fri 18th Dec: End of Autumn Term

Mon 4th Jan: Spring Term Commences

Fri 5th Feb: End of Spring Term One

Mon 15th Feb: Spring Term Two Commences

Fri 19th March: End of Spring Term

Mon 5th April: Summer Term Commences

Fri 30th April: Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 28th May: End of Summer Term One

Mon 7th June: Summer Term Two Commences

Fri 16th July: Last Day of Summer Term for Pupils

Mon 19th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Tues 20th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Tues 20th July: End of Academic Year

Class News

Dosbarth Derbyn

Wow, what a difference in temperatures from last week to this one. It seemed very fitting that last week in Humanities we were writing about the weather. Thankfully, we created our weather charts the week before and did get a balanced recording of weather. Last weeks would have just been very hot and sunny with not much to compare between. However, I was so impressed with how able the children were when discussing the similarities and differences based on the data that we had recorded. Some children were able to go as far as comparing the different forms of



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weather we had and its changes between morning and the afternoon. This was a great focus for our final cross curricular maths project of the year. We were able to apply so many cross-curricular skills to it from mathematics, literacy, digital, and humanities!

Unfortunately, due to the weather we did have to cancel our end of year trip to Bristol Zoo. However, this week we have enjoyed lots of exciting things from teddy bear picnics, move up day and finally our Sports day to end the week.

It was lovely to see the children spend time with our upcoming pupils who will be joining us this September. The children were very grown up. It was lovely to see them spend time with familiar faces and even make some new friends. I couldn't quite believe that Wednesday was Move up day! Where has this year gone? The children are so ready for Year 1 and did a great job being them for the day. It was also lovely to see the children take part in their first sports day here at Trellech. There was lots of smiles, cheering and great sportsmanship shown over the afternoon. For literacy this week, we have been making wanted posters to try and find the seagull from our story 'How to catch a star.' The children want to find him to try and make him understand how and why he should be a good friend to help the boy in the story.

Whatever your plans are for the weekend, I hope you have a lovely one! Take care, Miss Light

Dosbarth Un

What a wonderfully busy time we have had in Dosbarth Un! Move up day, Sport's day, Water safety and soaring temperatures all in a fortnight! We have had such a lovely time looking further into How to catch a star in Literacy and have even managed to start writing our own diaries pretending we are the boy! The children have found this challenging to write as if they are the boy but the results we are having has been incredible! They are thinking about how to add similes, exclamation marks and even thinking of the boy's emotions and how to incorporate them

into the text. I am so impressed and proud of their hard work and dedication.

In Mathematics, we have started our work on looking at Groups of certain amounts and relating this to our cafe. We are having orders put in for trays of cookies and biscuits that come in boxes of 10. The children are to work out how many cookies they need to make when customers order 2 boxes. They have really started to grasp this concept and have even started to use the 'x' symbol to represent the groups of.

In topic, we have started looking at light and what produces light which the children have loved exploring and attempting to grasp! We are also still in the process of the children making their own lanterns to be lit up! They have truly loved this job and are really taking their time to create such fabulous pieces of art!

In Welsh, we have continued our journey of Cinderella and are now designing and creating our puppets to retell the story of Cinderella. This has been wonderful to see the children consider what they need, what shapes they will need in order to make the puppet, as well as considering how big their puppet will be. Both myself and the children are really looking forward to seeing their wonderful retell of this classic story yn Gymraeg, using their wonderful creations.

Diolch yn fawr for all your support!

Miss Smith

Dosbarth Dau

I am so glad the weather has cooled for us all. Last week was a scorcher!

The children have planned and written a playscript for their version of the Ginger bread man. They are currently rehearsing to perform a puppet show in front of their peers in our role play area: Theatre Trellech. Pupils have started to carry out oral presentations and we have enjoyed listening to the facts that have been shared with us.

In numeracy we have been interpreting pictograms and creating our own based on the goals scored by chosen countries in the world cup. Some of the children have been creating their own bar charts and others have been applying their mathematical knowledge to tackle reasoning problems.



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In Welsh we have continued to use third person sentences with reasons. For example: 'Mae hi'n hoffi darllen achos mae'n ddiddorol'. She likes reading because it is interesting.

Following our appraisal of art by Peter Prendergast the pupils were able to create their own versions of his style using The Skirrid and Sugar Loaf mountains as inspiration.

The pupils enjoyed their move up day on Wednesday getting to know their new teacher, Mr Miller.



Dosbarth Tri

Shwmae pawb,

It has been a very productive and enjoyable couple of weeks in Dosbarth Tri, with lots of engaging learning experiences and the development of new skills, all centred around our exciting topic *Year Three Has Talent*.

As we prepare for our upcoming show for Year 2, the children have been fully immersed in

meaningful, real-life learning. We began by collecting data on which acts to perform, confidently creating tally charts and interpreting the results. It has been fantastic to see how secure the children are becoming in presenting and analysing data.

The children have also been designing programmes using Google Slides, taking inspiration from Miss Arnold's own collection of programmes — and wow, she has seen a lot of shows! Diolch, Miss Arnold, for sharing these with us.

In mathematics, we have been developing our understanding of grid references, applying this practically outside before designing our own detailed seating plans. The children showed great creativity, including features such as VIP areas, reserved seating, performer sections and more. I have been incredibly impressed with how they have applied previously learned skills in a new context. It has also been lovely to see this learning continue beyond the classroom, with children bringing in Battleships to play and practise together.

Looking ahead, we will be designing tickets and creating timetables for our show, carefully estimating and measuring the timings to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Despite the very hot weather over the past couple of weeks, the children have shown great resilience and maturity in their attitudes to learning. It certainly hasn't slowed us down, and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

I have thoroughly loved teaching this class this year and watching them grow in confidence, independence and creativity. As we move into our transition days, we are looking forward to enjoying the rest of the term together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Diolch yn fawr,

Mrs Maguire



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Dosbarth Pedwar

We have had a very busy and productive couple of weeks in school, working hard to create our fabulous 1970s-themed outfits. Along the way, we have learnt a range of new sewing skills, including how to thread a needle, tack two pieces of fabric together, over-sew, and add unique decorative features to our designs. The children's personalities and creativity have really shone through in their creations, and we cannot wait to share them with you at our Fashion Show on 13th July at 9:30am, alongside our Modern Foreign Languages performance.

The children were absolutely amazing in the Oliver Twist performance, supporting Year 6 with their fantastic singing. We would like to thank everyone who attended and supported this wonderful event.

Thankfully, the weather has become a little cooler this week. Despite the warm conditions, the children showed great resilience and didn't let it affect their enthusiasm and motivation to learn.

Yesterday, the children also demonstrated excellent sportsmanship at the Cluster Sports Event while proudly representing Trellech. They behaved brilliantly, supported one another, and were a real credit to the school. Well done, everyone!

We would also like to apologise for the number of additional messages that have been sent recently. If you have found it challenging to keep track of what needs to be brought in and when, you are not alone!! Thank you for your continued support.



Dosbarth Pump

The children have had a very busy two weeks indeed and once again have shown how amazing they can be, especially during the Oliver Twist performance and the heatwave. During the performance the children sang extremely well and delivered their lines with confidence and enthusiasm. Thank you for all for your support in providing the most wonderful costumes and with learning their lines. In literacy, Year 5 have written, recorded, edited, and reflected on their WALL-E podcasts, combining their ICT and literacy skills using a range of techniques, and enhancing their work further by adding sound effects and transitions. In maths, the children explored nets of shapes, designed their own, and then progressed to recognising and classifying triangles using their own criteria. As part of the WALL-E project the children developed their musical skills by creating their own theme music in Garage Band to accompany their completed podcast. They also worked in teams to use the recycled materials from our maths project to create 3D versions of WALL-E. Here the children collaborated to ensure all ideas were heard and issues were addressed using their problem-solving skills. As you can imagine there was lots of laughter and chaos during the process. In Health and Wellbeing, the children continued to develop their tennis skills and are well on their way to being ready for Wimbledon. Finally, Moving Up Day was a great success, with all the children visiting Year 6 with



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enthusiasm and returning full of joy, excited to share their experiences and ready for the next step.



Dosbarth Chewch

What an unusual two weeks we've had! The heatwave certainly made for some challenging conditions, but I couldn't be prouder of the way the children have approached everything. Despite the soaring temperatures, they have continued to work hard, show resilience and maintain their excellent behaviour. They have supported one another brilliantly and demonstrated the maturity that has become such a hallmark of Year 6. They really have been a credit to themselves and the school.

I also can't believe this is our penultimate newsletter of Year 6.

First and foremost, a huge congratulations to all of Year 6 for their amazing performances in *Oliver with a Twist*. Whether singing, acting, dancing or working behind the scenes, every child played an important part in making the production such a memorable success. Their dedication during rehearsals, willingness to step outside their comfort zones and the encouragement they gave one another truly reflected the wonderful team spirit we see every day. With the FIFA World Cup never far from anyone's conversations at the moment, we've embraced the excitement and incorporated it into our learning. The children have been researching stadiums across the host

nations, producing detailed portfolios on two stadiums in the USA, two in Canada and two in Mexico. They have analysed stadium capacities, calculated time zone differences, located each venue using latitude and longitude, and even investigated the cost of construction. It has been a fantastic opportunity to apply geography, maths and research skills in a meaningful context. The highlight, however, was undoubtedly designing and building their own stadiums in Minecraft. The creativity, attention to detail and problem-solving on display were simply outstanding, and it was wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning.

Our young writers have also been incredibly busy. They have produced thoughtful and imaginative poems for the *Hot Poets* workshop ahead of their online session with Michael Rosen, as well as

creating entries for this year's Chepstow Show. The quality of their writing has been excellent, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements.

It was lovely to welcome our Year 5 pupils for their Move Up Day and Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their own transition days at the comprehensive school. They returned full of excitement, confidence and stories about the new experiences awaiting them in September. We've also begun rehearsing for our Leavers' Assembly, and we can't wait to share it with you. There are already plenty of smiles, laughter and perhaps the odd emotional moment as we prepare to celebrate everything this wonderful year group has achieved. Next week we head off to Gilwern for what promises to be another memorable adventure. We're looking forward to a week packed with fun, challenge and opportunities to make even more special memories together. Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and partnership make such a difference, and we are incredibly grateful. We can't wait to enjoy these final few weeks with this fantastic group of children.



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DEVAUDEN VILLAGE FÊTE
SATURDAY JULY 11 - 2PM - 5PM

BAR ★ TEAS & CAKES ★ BBQ

TRADITIONAL GAMES ★ TUG O' WAR
BOUNCY CASTLE ★ BOTTLE STALL
CHILDREN'S RACES

COCONUT SHY
GYMNASTICS DISPLAY
GRAND DRAW
£100 1ST PRIZE

SIMON SPARKLES MAGICIAN
TOMAHAWK THROWING
AMAZING ALPACAS
MARSHMALLOW TOASTING **FUN DOG SHOW**

HOOD MEMORIAL HALL, DEVAUDEN ENTRANCE
FREE - FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY



The Babington Hall Trellech Needs You!

Working Party needed 4th-5th July 10.00-16.00 (come for as long or as little time as you can manage), to help clean, paint and generally spruce up our village hall.

Please email helpthebabington@gmail.com to let us know you're coming we can organise things properly. Sorry, but no children allowed this time as we have some heavy machinery coming on site.

To make a booking/ hire The Babington Hall please use the new dedicated booking email address:
Babingtonbookings@gmail.com