



# Trellech Primary School Newsletter



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## INSET: Professional Learning for Staff

Thankyou for your understanding over the last few weeks as staff attended invaluable professional Learning. As part of our commitment to continuous professional learning, all staff recently attended the National Education Show in Cardiff as part of our INSET programme.

Throughout the day, staff participated in a wide range of informative and inspiring seminars covering key educational priorities, including safeguarding, school development, reading, numeracy, digital learning, Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and Welsh language development, to name just a few.

The sessions provided valuable insights into current educational practice, innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and practical strategies that can be applied within our own school setting. Staff found the experience both engaging and highly beneficial, and will be sharing their key learning and takeaways with colleagues across the school before half term to ensure the impact of the training extends throughout our learning community.

In addition to attending seminars, staff had the opportunity to meet with a variety of educational stakeholders, organisations and resource providers. These discussions helped deepen our understanding of the support, services and resources available to schools and identified potential opportunities to further enhance provision for our learners.

The day proved to be an excellent investment in professional learning and development, providing staff with time to reflect on practice, explore new ideas and strengthen their knowledge across a range of important areas. We look forward to implementing and sharing many of the ideas gathered from what was a highly worthwhile and enriching INSET experience.

Following our visit to the National Education Show, staff joined colleagues from across the cluster for a Welsh language INSET focused on supporting our journey towards developing confident Welsh speakers.

The training explored practical ways to increase the use of Welsh throughout the school day, highlighting

the importance of regular language exposure, everyday Welsh conversations and meaningful opportunities for pupils to use their language skills. Staff also attended workshops led by LASIS colleagues, sharing ideas, resources and strategies to further strengthen Welsh language provision across the school.

The day provided valuable professional learning and practical next steps that will help us continue to build our pupils' confidence and enjoyment in using Cymraeg.



## Thank You, PTFA!

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for purchasing a set of new aprons for pupils to use during Expressive Arts activities. These will be a fantastic addition to our teaching and learning resources, helping children to explore their creativity with confidence.

We are incredibly grateful for the PTFA's continued support, hard work and commitment to enriching opportunities for all our learners. Their fundraising efforts are already making a real difference. This year, PTFA funding has helped to support the costs of visits to Abergavenny Museum and Big Pit, enabling us to provide authentic, engaging learning experiences that bring the curriculum to life for our pupils.

We are truly thankful for everything the PTFA does to enhance opportunities for our children and school community.

We are also looking forward to seeing many of our pupils at the PTFA's first event of the academic year, the Autumn Disco, taking place next week. It promises to be a fun-filled evening for everyone!





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## Communication & SeeSaw

We are delighted to share that we have liaised with SeeSaw and upgraded our subscription moving forward to share your child's learning journey and as a form of communication. You should have now had an initial post from your child's class and sharing of class learning experiences will commence this week.

## PTFA Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you for being a part of Coffee Morning and joining others all over the UK to help Macmillan continue to do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone, whoever and wherever they are.

Our kind donation of £128.90 has been received with gratitude.

## Harvest Festival Donations

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated items following our Harvest Festival. We are delighted to share that all donations were gratefully received by Monmouth Foodbank.

Our Charity Ministers had the opportunity to present the donations and assist the Foodbank team when the items were collected. This was a wonderful way for our pupils to demonstrate our school values in action and to see how their efforts can support others within the local community.

Diolch to all our families for their generosity and support. Your contributions will make a real difference to those who need it most.

Welsh Phrase

## Welsh Phrase of the Week

**Faint ydy dy oed di?** How old are you?

**Dwi'n ...oed** I am ...

## PE Kit Expectations

To help maintain a smart appearance and ensure consistency and equality for all pupils, we kindly ask that children wear either a school jumper/cardigan or a plain sweatshirt in their house colour when attending school. Please avoid branded or logoed clothing, as well as items that

are not in the agreed school colours. Thank you for your support in helping us uphold our school uniform expectations.



## Academic Year 2026/ 2027

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Y1/ Y2 Trip to Bristol Zoo Project (rearranged)

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** PTFA Disco

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct:** End Autumn Term One

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** Autumn Term Two Commences

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y2 Kerbcraft Commences

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Cluster Cross Country (Y3-Y6)

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Children in Need

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Acorns Nativity 9.30am

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Acorns Nativity 9.30am

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Pantomime Trip

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Christmas Lunch

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** End of Autumn Term

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Spring Term Commences

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Jan– Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** National Assessments (Y2–Y6)

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** End of Spring Term One

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Spring Term Two Commences

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Pupil Report to Parents/ Carers

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> March:** End of Spring Term

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> April:** Summer Term Commences

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> April:** Sharing Session

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> April:** Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils



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**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> May:** Parent Consultations

**Weds 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Parent Consultations

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Colorfoto Class/ Group Photos

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May** FP Sports Day- 9.30am

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May** KS2 Sports Day- 1.30pm

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May:** End of Summer Term One

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Summer Term Two Commences

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Reserve FP Sports Day- 9.30am

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Reserve KS2 Sports Day- 1.30pm

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Oaks Summer Performance (pm)

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Oaks Summer Performance (6pm)

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - Weds 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 Residential to Gilwern

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Last Day of Summer Term for Pupils

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> July:** INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July:** INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July:** End of Academic Year

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - Weds 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 Residential to Gilwern

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July:** INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July:** End Of Academic Year

## Class News

### Dosbarth Derbyn

I can't quite believe we're a week away from half term. The past seven weeks have flown by! Over the past fortnight we have been focussing on 2D shapes in Maths and managed to link it to our digital learning. We used J2E to digitally paint our houses using different 2D shapes before recording ourselves naming the shapes used and what they were used for on the house. For example, square windows and rectangles for doors. This week's Maths has very much linked to our 'my house, my home' topic where we started the week by sorting and classifying our family counters into the correct houses before counting and comparing how many people lived in each house to see which families were the biggest and smallest.

This linked well to our Wesh where we have been learning the colours. We named each of the colours of the houses and counted the amounts in Welsh. We have enjoyed playing our splat game where one of the pupils names a

colour in Welsh for two children to find and point to it the quickest. The winner stays on. It's been very impressive! In Reception, we love to sing so of course we have learnt the 'I can sing a rainbow' song in Welsh too.

We have also been collecting and recording data about who has a sibling in the class to also compare whether our class has more brothers or sisters. This has sparked some really engaging conversations and has allowed the pupils to get to know each other better.

We have also completed our first fortnight of read write inc. I am so pleased with how hard the children are trying to learn, recognise and form the sounds as there are some tricky ones but we will keep trying! The children have been focussing on trying to write their names independently to help with recognition and spelling as well as trying hard to understand which letters are tall and which are short!

Our provision over the past fortnight has looked at many different areas and skills. We have used different modes to create autumnal pumpkin art from water colours, pencils and chalk. We have enjoyed ending the week by starting to create pumpkin art inspired by Yayoi Kusama who is a Japanese artist that creates art through patterns. We have also been building construction ramps to test the speeds of cars, building different routes, some of which included balancing as well as sorting buttons into piles of big, small and different colours BUT only using a pencil and no hands to guide them for pencil grip support! Finally, with the focus of 2D shapes last week, we have made different pictures using them as well as created our own using lollipop sticks and playdough! What a busy fortnight! Whatever your plans for the weekend, I hope you have a lovely one! Take care, Mrs Calderwood

### Dosbarth Un

Another busy fortnight has flown by in Year 1! In Literacy, we have been putting the finishing touches to our first poems, all inspired by the theme of autumn. The children came up with some beautiful ideas and vocabulary, and it has been a real pleasure to read their wonderful work. We have also started exploring how bossy verbs are used in instructions. Next week, we will be writing our own recipes... I wonder if they will work? In Maths, we have continued our learning about numbers by practising ordering numbers and counting on from different starting points. We have explored this through different mediums: using materials, drawing pictures and solving equations. The children have worked hard and are becoming more confident every day and it's been a joy to see!

As part of our topic work, we have been thinking about how we can make a positive contribution to our



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community. We have decided to open our very own Community Café and are excited to share more details with you soon. Keep an eye out for invitations coming your way! We thought about what sort of environment would be helpful to everyone in our community, discussed advantages and disadvantages of each of our suggestions and voted for which we thought would be the best fit for us as a year one class. We even sent an email to Mrs Peacock to ask permission to use the school hall!

In expressive arts we've been exploring Kandinsky and discussing how different colours make us feel. The children have shared what different colours mean to them and we've been seeing if we agree or disagree with how colours made Kandinsky feel. We then made our own Kandinsky inspired artwork using pastels and the children should feel very proud of their fantastic work!

Our confidence in Welsh is growing day by day, we've been really enjoying our daily Welsh games, activities and songs and hope to be able to share some of these with you all soon! We've even had a go at writing yn Cymraeg! We are also looking forward to our upcoming trip to the zoo. We can't wait to explore the different habitats and discover more about the animals that live there. Well done Blwydden Un! What a fantastic fortnight we've had!

## Dosbarth Dau

During the last two weeks, pupils have been subtracting single digit numbers from both one and two-digit numbers. We have been providing the children with a variety of methods to help them carry out these operations. We have also revisited place value ensuring the basic building blocks of maths are in place to be able to move on to more complex work.

In Welsh sessions we have been revising colours by describing houses such as 'Dwi'n byw mewn ty porffor' / I live in a purple house. The pupils had fun describing or drawing aliens with different coloured hair and eyes and then writing about them. For example: Mae gwallt coch ac mae llygaid oren da fi / I have red hair and orange eyes.

The pupils have learnt why it was important for the Romans to come to Wales and have found out the past times of the Roman soldiers, such as playing dice, fishing, weapons practise, attending the amphitheatre and bathing.

The pupils' motor skills have been improving when moving and passing a rugby ball backwards. They are more confident with doing this at a quicker pace.

In Literacy, we have been focusing on the text Ruby's worry and writing a tool kit on what you can do if you have

a worry. In the build-up to this work the children developed their speaking and listening skills, by playing with a partner to take in turns to give 5 suggestions, on what strategies they use to cope with a worry. They also had to think of different ones to their talking partner. These have been filmed and we look forward to sharing them on seesaw with you.

The children have also enjoyed learning about Article 15 the right to have friends and join in with clubs. Here, they all discussed what groups and clubs they belong to and how it makes them feel, to then design and create their own dream clubs! This ranged from unicorn club, detective club to science club to list a few!

Bendigedig blwyddyn dau!

## Dosbarth Tri

The past two weeks have been packed with learning, creativity and plenty of enthusiasm from Year 3!

Firstly, it was wonderful to meet so many of you at Parents' Evening. Thank you for taking the time to come in and discuss your child's progress. The children are working incredibly hard, and it was a pleasure to share their successes, celebrate their achievements and talk about the exciting learning still to come.

Our adventures through Our Capital, Our Wales have continued, with Cardiff becoming a little more familiar to us each week. Using a giant floor grid as our map, the children have been developing their understanding of position, direction and navigation through a range of practical challenges. Alongside learning the Welsh vocabulary for north, east, south and west, they have been using language patterns to describe the location of landmarks and give precise directional instructions. A particular highlight was a whole class 'minefield' challenge, where learners worked together to guide one another safely across the grid using only directional clues. The quality of teamwork, problem-solving and Welsh language skills on display was excellent.

Alongside this, in Numeracy, we have been exploring a range of addition strategies, helping the children become increasingly confident and flexible mathematicians. It has been wonderful to see them discussing their methods and explaining their thinking as they tackle new challenges.

Our budding authors have also been hard at work in Literacy, where we have begun writing our own fictional stories. From creating imaginative characters to planning exciting plots, the children have shown fantastic creativity and enthusiasm. This creativity has extended into our art lessons too, where the class has produced some



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beautiful watercolour paintings inspired by the work of Suzie Grindley.

In RVE, our learning about the Parable of the Sower has continued through observations and discussions linked to seeds planted in different conditions. The children have enjoyed making connections between what they have observed and the important messages found within the story.

Meanwhile, in PE, we have been introduced to the Paralympic sport of Goalball. The children enjoyed applying many of the teamwork, communication and spatial awareness skills we have been developing this term while experiencing a sport that was completely new to many of them.

As always, we are incredibly proud of the hard work, curiosity and positivity the children bring to school each day. It has certainly been a busy and rewarding couple of weeks in Year 3!

## Dosbarth Pedwar

Busy, Busy, Busy! We are absolutely loving our topic, Fearless Vikings! The children are incredibly enthusiastic, motivated and eager to learn, and their excitement has made this topic a joy to teach.

In Literacy, we have been creating fascinating dragon fact files and imaginative character descriptions, using a variety of language features and writing skills. The children never cease to amaze us with their creativity, rich vocabulary and wonderful imaginations.

In Numeracy, we have been adding different amounts of money and applying our budgeting skills by purchasing Viking produce. The children have enjoyed putting their mathematical knowledge into real-life contexts.

We have also begun constructing our very own Viking longships using junk modelling materials. The children have been challenged to follow specific design requirements and are already showing excellent creativity and problem-solving skills.

As part of Black History Month, we have been studying the work of artist Charlie McGee, who creates stunning and highly intricate black-and-white sculptures. The children have been fascinated by his unique artwork, and we are hoping to create our own inspired pieces soon. Watch this space!

In Forest School, we explored the idea of a "Sit Spot." There is so much happening in nature all around us every moment of the day: buzzing insects, fluttering butterflies, drifting clouds, spiders weaving their webs and ants busily carrying out their work. But do we always

notice? Have you ever taken the time to simply sit, watch and wonder? A sit spot is the perfect opportunity to slow down, observe and appreciate nature's countless mysteries as they unfold around us. Sometimes the best way to explore nature is to let nature come to you.

Building on our learning about Viking diets, we are now investigating how Vikings preserved food during long sea voyages and throughout the harsh winter months. The children are discovering the clever methods Vikings used to store food and survive during challenging times.

It has been another fantastic week of learning, creativity, and discovery in Year 4. Thank you for your continued support!

## Dosbarth Pump

What a wonderful two weeks we have had in Year 5!

We have continued to explore our WWII topic and linked the *Dig for Victory* campaign to our science learning about how plants grow. After identifying the different parts of a plant, the children took on an exciting challenge to investigate how water travels through the stem. Working in teams, they carefully set up an experiment using celery, water and food colouring. After just twenty minutes, the children could observe the coloured water moving up the stem. It was fascinating to watch, and the children were amazed by the results! As part of the County in the Community project the children also had so much fun learning about making healthy choices and playing games to develop teamwork.

In Literacy, the children identified the features of free verse poetry and created a WordArt word bank to inspire their creative writing next week.

In Maths, the children used a variety of skills to gather data and pack an evacuee suitcase, applying their perimeter knowledge to calculate the measurements of the items they included.

This week the children have also begun their swimming lessons. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing and the progress they have made since I last saw them in the pool.

Well done, Year 5. I am very proud of you all!

Thank you for your continued support.

## Dosbarth Chwech

It has been an action-packed fortnight in class, packed with hands-on discovery, new physical challenges, and fantastic learning across every area of learning. The absolute highlight of our week was our unforgettable trip to Big Pit. Experiencing a real mine and listening to first-



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hand stories from a former miner brought our history topic to life. The children showed exemplary behavior throughout the day and returned full of enthusiasm. Back in the classroom, they channelled that first-hand knowledge into designing brilliant promotional leaflets using Canva—skilfully blending fascinating facts with persuasive writing. We have also started deconstructing formal letters as we prepare for our next Star Write. In science, we conducted an eye-opening investigation into "black lung," a respiratory condition that affected many historical miners. Using sponges and cocoa powder, the children simulated how dust settles in the lungs, analyzed their results, and held thoughtful discussions on how to refine the experiment next time. In art, we have been exploring charcoal pencils to master various shading techniques. Applying both their artistic skills and historical understanding, the pupils created powerful campaign posters advocating for Lord Shaftesbury and the 1842 Mines Act to improve working conditions for young miners. Maths lessons have focused on area. The children explored different methods for calculating area and discussed practical, real-world reasons why measuring space accurately matters. Finally, in PE, we wrapped up our final swimming session of the term. We have now transitioned to hockey, where the children kicked off their first lesson by focusing on dynamic ball control and precise dribbling. Thank you, as always, for

your continued support at home. Have a wonderful weekend.

**EXCEPTIONAL SUNDAY CONCERT**  
Three Exceptional Performers • One Unforgettable Afternoon  
Sunday 18th October | 3.30pm  
St Nicholas Church, Trellech, NP25 4PA  
RAISED STAGING • AMAZING ACOUSTICS

**MAISIE O'SHEA**  
Welsh Soloist Soprano  
Master's Degree with Distinction from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. Performing regularly as a soloist in concerts and recordings, including the premiere of the song cycle *New Intimacies* for Welsh National Opera.  
Accompanied by **Stephen Marshall** (Piano & Keyboard)  
Company - This duo features Soprano, Conductor, and a Chorus of Vocal Soloists, Dancers & Chorus Master.

**DEO VOLENTE**  
Dave & Victoria  
Flute & Accordion Duo  
A popular local duo, usually found playing for folk dancing across the country. Their repertoire includes dance tunes from the British Isles and beyond, together with lyrical and playful melodies sure to get your feet tapping.

**CHARLOTTE SWAYNE**  
Harp  
Our much loved Trellech star and graduate of the Royal College of Music. Performing in numerous solo & orchestral concerts throughout the UK and overseas, with a diverse repertoire ranging from traditional Welsh music to Romantic and Popular favourites.

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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**  
**A SPOOKTACULAR EVENT AWAITS!** **OCT 31**  
Party 3-5pm  
Fun for all ages  
BBQ food, cakes and bar  
Activities and crafts  
Prizes for fancy dress  
Kids tickets £2 in advance, £3 on the door (adult tickets free)  
Spaces limited, register to pre-book!  
tinyurl.com/mtvhalloween26  
Mitchel Troy Village Hall, NP25 4HZ



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**BBQ 12 NOON - 2PM**

Dr Jenner's House  
Museum and Garden

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**DR JENNER'S  
HALLOWE'EN  
SPOOKTACULAR**

**SATURDAY 12-5 PM | 31 | OCTOBER 2026**

DR JENNER'S HOUSE  
CHURCH LANE, BERKELEY, GL13 9BN

£5 PER CHILD  
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