



Newsletter



Welcome

It is a pleasure to welcome new and familiar faces to Trellech School as we begin the new academic year. To our reception children Joshua, Owen, Seren, Amelia, Sebastien, Aria, Frederick, Poppy H, Henry, Logan, Rosie, Megan, leaun, Lev, Daisy, Poppy O, Arlo, Benjamin, Grace, Casper, Edward and Annalise it has been a pleasure to see you settling in this week and look forward to seeing you flourish here in Trellech. To our families both old and new it is a pleasure to welcome you back and we are hopeful that this year brings us some normality in welcoming you back into the building to celebrate the children’s achievements, skills and talents.

We also welcome Miss Elias (Reception Teacher), Mrs Evans (Classroom Support) and Mrs Harding (PS3 Support) to our staff team. We send our very best wishes to Mrs Hassall and her family as she begins her maternity leave.

Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

This morning the children took part in an assembly to remember the life and service of our late Queen and have time to reflect on her life and service to our country. As a school we have opened our own Book of Condolence to record our own thoughts and memories of Queen Elizabeth over the coming days.



Curriculum

This academic year sees the full introduction of The Curriculum in Wales. We are excited for the year ahead, building upon the foundations we have put in place over the previous years. It was a pleasure to welcome some parents during the summer term to share our curriculum journey, something we are looking to deliver once again this year. Our curriculum offer is available to view on our website.

Financial Crisis

As a school we are all too aware of the pressures facing all our families as we face the uncertainty of the winter months ahead. With that in mind we are going to carefully select and limit the numbers of school trips and visits we attend to ease the pressure on families. We are considering a trip to the pantomime but please do give us feedback using the shared form with regard this. Prior to Covid-19 the whole school would visit The Riverfront, Newport to watch a performance. Whilst this would be lovely to reintroduce we are mindful of the cost for such events, especially if you have more than one child in school.

School Gates

Many of you may have noticed that over the Summer Break we had a new entrance gate installed on main entrance. This is to ensure the safety of our learners during the school day, particularly our Foundation Phase pupils who have break time in this area. The works will be completed in next couple of weeks and following this visitors to site will need to use the buzzer system to gain access to the school during the school day. The gate can then be released by a staff member in the school office. Between the hours of 8.45- 9.15am and 3.15- 3.45pm the gate will be released and remain for the arrival and collection of pupils at the start and end of the school day. We will update Schoop when the works are completed.

School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart and all very much part of the school community, thank you for your support with this. We ask for your support in the wearing of jewellery in line with school expectations. Earrings worn to school should be 'studs' and 'hooped' earrings should not be worn to school. For P.E. and swimming sessions, studded earrings should be removed or covered with tape. If you have any concerns about the school uniform or your child is not wearing the correct uniform for any reason please contact your child's class teacher. We often get 'homeless' unnamed uniform and we are keen for this to be utilised where the items are of adequate quality. Our first event last week was a great success, with many items finding new owners. Please look out for our new batch of items each week on a Thursday and Friday, by the main reception entrance. Any unwanted clean donations are welcomed.

Fruit Tuck Friday

Fruit Tuck Friday will be re-introduced from Friday 16th September. A selection of fruit will be available at break time from our leaders for 30p per item. Thank you to Miss Light and Miss Ward for overseeing the re-introduction of this following a break over the last couple of years.

Chepstow Show Success

We are very proud to share our success from Chepstow Show over the summer break. Our Reception Class won the class collage, Neve Williams won the best in show handwriting competition. We were the school with the most overall points in both the Infant and Junior Sections. Congratulations to all of our entrants.

P.E. Sessions

Please see below the days for each class PE sessions. All children will participate in 2 hours of PE during the week either as an afternoon or two separate sessions. If you have any queries please speak to your child's class teacher.

Reception - Monday and Wednesday

Year 1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 6 - Friday

For this half term Yr5 will also have PE on a Monday with County in the Community and Yr6 will be going swimming.

Summer Bake Sale

During the summer holidays James and Josephine, along with Harry and Lucy held a bake sale, selling delicious home-baked cakes and buns. They raised a very impressive £65 to buy some new playtime equipment for the school. Diolch yn fawr!



Autumn Term

Mon 12th Sept— Reception Pupils Commence full time

Fri 16th Sept—Heddlu Bach Launch Event

Mon 10th Oct— Hello Yellow Day— Wear Yellow to School

Fri 30th Sept- INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 28th Oct— End of Half Term

Mon 7th Nov— Autumn Term Two Commences

Fri 18th Nov— Children in Need

Weds 14th Dec- FP Nativity am

Thurs 15th Dec- FP Nativity pm

Tues 20th Dec- Foundation Phase Party

Weds 21st Dec- Xmas Dinner

Thurs 22nd Dec- KS2 Party

Fri 23rd Dec— End of Autumn Term

Mon 9th Jan— Spring Term Commences

Mon 9th Jan— INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 17th Feb— Half Term Commences

Mon 27th Feb— Spring Term Two Commences

Fri 3rd Mar- World Book Day

Fri 31st Mar— End of Spring Term

Mon 17th April— Summer Term Commences

Fri 26th May— Half Term Commences

Mon 5th June— Summer Term Two Commences

Weds 14th June: KS2 Sports Day

Thurs 15th June: FP Sports Day

Weds 21st June: Reserve KS2 Sports day

Thurs 22nd June: Reserve FP Sports Day

Weds 12th July: PS3 Summer Performance

Thurs 13th July: PS3 Summer Performance

Fri 21st July—End of Summer Term

Two further INSET Days to be confirmed



Class News

Reception:

It has been lovely to meet our new Reception children this week. They have all settled extremely well and have been exploring their new environment. Miss Ward and I have had a lovely week getting to know the children and seeing their bubbly personalities. We have had a tour of the whole school and even got to see some of our siblings in other classes. Over the coming weeks we will be completing a baseline of activities, which will enable us to have a better understanding of your child's individual needs. Our RWI phonics program will commence in the next few weeks. I will send out some additional information on how you can further support your child. Forest school will be every Friday in Reception and therefore your child will need to wear their forest clothes to school for this particular day. (Waterproof coat, Waterproof trousers, joggers/leggings and a long sleeved top). Please can wellies and P.E kit be brought in as soon as possible, these will remain in school. Forest school will begin on the 7th October and will continue throughout the year. As the colder weather approaches us, please ensure that your child has a hat and pair of gloves. Thank you. I would like you to know that I have an open day policy and therefore if you have any question, worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year One:

It has been a pleasure to welcome a new Year 1 class this week, and after a well-deserved holiday the children have settled in to their new classroom wonderfully. We have made a class pinky promise to help keep our class family happy, safe and healthy, and children came up with fantastic suggestions as to how we can do this. We have been creating beautiful artwork with tissue paper and water as a background for a self-portrait, as well as practising our ICT skills by logging onto the Chromebooks with our usernames and passwords. In Year 1 we will be having PE on Wednesday and Thursday. Please could all children bring in their reading folder so that we can start sending reading books home. Di-olch!

Year Two:

First of all, a warm welcome back to Trellech Primary School (Croeso nol ysgol Gynradd Trellech). I hope you have had a fantastic Summer and that you and your children have had the chance to rest and recuperate and are ready for a new school year. It's my first ever time teaching in Foundation Phase and I am really looking forward to working alongside and getting to know the children. With the help of Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs Evans, and of course the year 2 pupils, I am sure I will soon find my feet and we will have a year full of exciting learning experiences with fun and laughter along the way. We are hoping to start Forest Schools at the end of September so a covering letter will be sent out soon and P.E lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for your support.

Year Three:

We have had a brilliant start to the term in Year 3, the children have all been so enthusiastic and ready to learn, and are settling in well to their new routines. We have started work on our new topic of Take One Picture, using the painting "A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas" by Claude Joseph Vernet. We have looked closely at the painting and thought of interesting and exciting vocabulary to describe it, and have talked lots about what is happening in the picture. In Maths we have been recapping our knowledge of place value, beginning to look at 4-digit numbers, and have been playing some Maths games to consolidate our times tables.

Year Four:

Welcome to Year 4 and another stage of your child's learning journey. We have had a busy week settling into a new classroom. We have created some paintings for Usk Show and written a poem which will be judged on their handwriting. These are just a few pointers to help you organise the weeks ahead. Our topic this term is Take one Picture. The whole school is doing the same topic which is quite exciting. The picture in question is a Shipwreck in Stormy Seas by Claude-Joseph Vernet 1773. It will be interesting to see how the children interpret this picture and create lots of learning opportunities. We will let you know how we get on. These are just a few pointers to help you organise the week-

Please can you ensure that your child's reading book is brought in each day. Please feel free to make a comment in their reading diary after you have listened to them read.

P.E will be a Wednesday and a Friday. So, your child can wear their kit in on those days.

Forest School will commence on Wednesday 21st September, (Same day as P:E). On this day your child can wear their joggers and sweatshirt to Forest school as well as P:E.

Please can you supply your child with some labelled wellies that can be kept in school, as we will be doing lots of outdoor learning in all weathers. Also ensure they always have a waterproof coat, as we go out in the rain. If you have any problems or issues along the way please do not hesitate to contact us. Mrs Miles- Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Phillips- Thursday and Friday.

Year Five:

It's great to welcome back the children this week in Year 5 and we have had an amazing start to the new term. We've had a busy week already learning about our new topic - Take One Picture; A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas by Claude-Joseph Vernet. We are very excited about our new book William Shakespeare's, The Tempest and can't wait to find out what happens in the story. In maths we have been revisiting place value and working with some very large numbers. We all enjoyed completing the riddle challenges and I can see I have a class of fantastic mathematicians! In Expressive Arts we listened to a synopsis of the painting and responded by creating our own version of the A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas which was great fun. It was Team Building Activities in PE this week where we had to work together to win house points for our team. What a brilliant start we have had to the new term, keep it up Year 5!

Year Six:

It is wonderful to see all of our new Year 6 back to start the year with such enthusiasm and smiles. We have had a fabulous start to the year with everyone so focussed and ready to learn. We have begun our new topic of Take One Picture" based on the painting "A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas" by Claude Joseph Vernet and our novel of The Tempest by William Shakespeare. This has included creating freeze frames of the story so far and character studies. Our maths has consolidated and expanded our knowledge of place value and we have also entered our handwriting into the Usk Show - if you visit the show then look out to see if we have any Trellech winning entries!



Trellech Teas at Trellech Church

2.30-4.30 pm

Dates for your diary are every other Friday:

2nd & 30th September; 14th & 28th

October; 11th & 25th November;

9th December.

We are sorry but we can't hold one on the

16th September.