



# Trellech Primary School

# Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 24th September 2021

## Updated Covid-19 Information

Whilst we remain in the very fortunate position of zero COVID-19 cases in Trellech Primary School, we just want to ensure you understand the change in rules as to how and when children should isolate, and what will happen in the case of a positive COVID result. Monmouthshire schools work closely with Monmouthshire's Track and Trace Team (TTP) and follow their guidance. The current Welsh Government framework for schools (which replicates the wider community Alert Level 0 approach) does not require that close contacts under the age of 18 or adults who have received both vaccinations self-isolate. We will continue to do all we can to ensure the school remains a safe environment for all our learners and the wider team through our updated Risk Assessment processes, and maintaining our systems in school.

Please be assured that if we receive notification of a positive case in your child(ren)'s class, **following advice from TTP, GDPR and Chief Officer in MCC, any new confirmed cases in a year group will be shared through the 'Warn and Inform' letter. For data protection purposes we will not be confirming numbers of pupils, due to possible data breaches. If you are a direct contact, you will be informed directly by TTP, not by the school.**

**All other classes will be updated with general information through the newsletter or other communications (as directed by TTP).**

**A 'warn and inform' letter does not mean that you have to self-isolate, it is simply as means of ensuring extra care and vigilance in following Welsh government guidance for keeping us all safe.**

**We are still asking all families that if your child displays any of the COVID related symptoms, to please keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test. We know that it is the season of coughs, colds and headaches etc and under normal circumstances we would treat these symptoms as**

**such. However, with your support we have done a fantastic job of keeping our learners safe and in school and we would like that to continue.**

## Parents Evenings

As we enter the new academic year we continue to follow guidance in order to reduce the risk of the whole school community. We will continue to communicate with you regarding your child's progress via Interim Progress Reports, Parents Consultations and Sharing sessions. We will continue to hold our parents evening using the on-line platform 'School Cloud'.

We are mindful that during the last 18months there has not been an opportunity for you to share the work that your child/ children have achieved. Therefore, during the week commencing 18th October we will extend an invitation to you to attend a 'Sharing Session' with child/ children to celebrate their achievements. We will send an invitation to make an appointment for these sessions. If you have more than one child, please make one appointment for all your children attending at your eldest child's session.

Dates for these sessions will be:

Year Six— Monday 18th October am

Year Five— Monday 18th October pm

Year Four— Tuesday 19th October am

Year Three— Tuesday 19th October pm

Year Two— Wednesday 20th October am

Year One— Wednesday 20th October pm

Reception— Thursday 21st October am

Interim Reports will be sent via email after 3.30pm on Thursday 21st October.

Parent/ Teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November. Invitations to make appointments via School Cloud will be shared shortly.

## Class Communication

### Reception:

We had a lovely time at Forest School last week and we were so lucky that the sun was shining. Next Tuesday (28th Sept), please can your child wear their forest school clothes into school as we are very fortunate to be visiting the local archaeological dig at Trellech. We are all very excited! The children are becoming more familiar with class routines and I have arranged them into groups ready to commence their learning. Perhaps you can ask them which group they are in. We have Monet, Lowry, Salvador Dali, Picasso and of course, Van Gogh group. Please can you ensure all clothes are labelled as we have some sweatshirts, cardigans and a green PE top with no name. Thank you for your support.

### Year One:

Year 1 have been continuing their work on Marvellous Me this fortnight. We discussed what places are special to us and why, with children then building their special places using materials of their choice. We had a variety of places created and drawn, such as beaches, bedrooms, houses, and skate parks! In Friday's Big Write session we wrote about why these places are important to us. We have also explored our feelings through painting with different colours and shapes. The children have particularly enjoyed programming BeeBots to move in different directions, even 'becoming' the BeeBots themselves to follow my instructions. In maths we are looking at doubling 1-digit numbers and the number bonds to 10. The children have worked really hard at getting stuck back into their learning, and it is wonderful to see how they are settling into a routine and becoming our year 1 family.

### Year Two:

We have had a busy but fun week in Year 2 this week! We have been learning to double 2 digit tens numbers and have thought about how we can look after the Earth as part of Big Green week. We have also been developing our tennis skills in PE (nurturing the next Emma Radacanu!) Our Forest School sessions have also started and so far we have made frames using sticks and other natural resources. We have also been lucky enough to take part in an online presentation with astronomers Nick Busby and David Thomas as part of the Brecon Beacons National Park's Dark Skies Festival, giving us an insight into star gazing and the wonders of the night sky. We look forward to completing some work in the following weeks linked to this.

### Year Three

Year 3 have been busy over the last fortnight and we have been having fun learning too. We have been playing games outside to order numbers, recognise even and odd numbers and recognise place value. In science we have named and ordered the planets starting with those nearest the Sun. We have learnt a song that gave us lots of information about Mars and we have started to learn and retell the story of Barti Ddu (Black Bart) in Welsh.

### Year Four:

What a busy few weeks we have had in Year 4, making a fantastic start to our 'Mythical Greece' Topic. You have all settled brilliantly and getting used to new routines and expectations. In Literacy, we have been finding out about the story of Hercules and this week have really enjoyed creating some of our own mythological creatures. Some of these were very scary! In our topic work, we have made a great start to our Greek vases, created a time-line of events in Ancient Greece and been discussing different theories about our solar system. You have shown some great skills in football during our P.E on a Friday and we are lucky so far that the weather has allowed us to play outside on the field. We had a 'live' coding lesson this week in ICT, which was good fun and meant we could learn from an expert! Well done to those who have already made a start on the Homework projects, it's great to see how enthusiastic you are. We are both delighted with the start you have all made in Year 4, keep it up!

### Year Five:

Year 5 have settled in so well, and are off to a flying start with our new topic 'Mythical Greece'. We've found out about what myths are and why they exist, and started to look at some in a bit more detail. We learnt all about the Labours of Hercules, and have started to put together a guide to mythical creatures. We've carried out some research into different scientific theories of the universe and had great fun making our own Greek pottery. Last week we took part in an online coding session and found out how to sequence a story using Scratch, and we look forward to continuing this over the Autumn Term. We have also started working with Newport County on the Move and Learn project to help us be healthy confident individuals, and to develop our teamwork. Gwaith da everyone!

### Year Six:

As we settle into the new term Yr6 have been busy working on their new topic Ancient Greece. We have been learning about the story of Hercules and creating Venn diagrams and story maps about the different labours he completed. In Expressive Arts we have been designing and making pots inspired by the potters of Ancient Greece. I have been really impressed with the ideas and designs, da iawn!



## Academic Year 2021/ 2022

### Autumn Term

**Fri 1st Oct**– INSET School Closed to Pupils

**Weds 6th Oct**– Colorfoto Individual Pupil Photos

**Thurs 14th Oct**– New Parent Meeting (Rec 2022)

**w/c 18th Oct**– Sharing Sessions for all classes

**Thurs 21st Oct**– Interim Pupil Reports sent home via email

**Fri 22nd Oct**– Cluster INSET School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 22nd Oct**– End of Autumn Term 1

**Mon 1st Nov**– Autumn Term 2 Commences

**Tues 2nd Nov**– Parents Evenings (via SchoolCloud)

**Weds 3rd Nov**– Parents Evenings (via SchoolCloud)

**Fri 17th Dec**– End of Autumn Term

### Spring Term

**Tues 4th Jan**– Spring Term Commences

**Fri 18th Feb**– Cluster Inset School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 18th Feb**– Half Term Commences

**Mon 28th Feb**– Commencement Spring Term 2

**Fri 8th April**– End of Spring Term

### Summer Term

**Mon 25th April**– Summer Term Commences

**Fri 27th May**– Cluster INSET School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 27th May**– Half Term Commences

**Mon 6th June**– Bank Holiday in lieu of Queens Platinum Jubilee

**Tues 7th June**– Summer Term Two Commences

**Fri 22nd July**– End of Academic Year

1 further INSET to be confirmed.

## Governing Body

Following our Governing Body AGM this week, we would like to express our gratitude to Ms Charlotte Bates (Parent Governor) and Mrs Jean Rogers (Community Governor) who have stepped down from their positions. They have made invaluable contributions to the whole school during their time as Governors of the school. We wish them our very best wishes for their future journey's.

## Reminder

**School Closed** to all Pupil on **Friday 1st October** (Inset Day).

## Congratulations

.....to George (y6) who has been selected for the **ITCA GBR National Topper Training Squad**. He joins his two brothers in the squad. We are very proud of the whole Sims' Family– we look forward to hearing of your future achievements.

## Open Morning for New Parents

We will be holding an Open Morning for parents of children due to start Reception (Sept 2022) on Thursday 14th October at 9.30am. This gives parents an opportunity to meet the Reception Staff and Headteacher to give an overview of daily life here in Trellech. Please share this event if you know anyone who maybe looking for a Reception place. Thankyou in advance.

### SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES - ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

The Headteacher of your Child's School has been asked to arrange an election for a Parent Governor.

The Role of Governors has become increasingly important. They must ensure that the requirements of the national curriculum are met, establish standards of behaviour, select staff, deal with budget matters and prepare and present the Annual Report to Parents. Governing Bodies are required to meet at least once a term and most meet late afternoon/early evening. The frequency and time of meetings is decided by the Governing Body. Trellech Governing Body meets at 5.00pm, usually on Wednesdays.

Governors are elected for a four-year term of office, but Parents may continue to serve even if their child leaves the school during that time. Training is continually available for all Governors, at no cost to the individual. All Governors, new and experienced, are expected to take advantage of any courses arranged as it is vital to keep up to date with new ideas and legislation.

A nomination form is enclosed to enable you to put your name forward for election.

Each nominee is invited to make a brief statement in support of their nomination which will be circulated to Parents in the event of an election. Please ensure any statement is clearly written to avoid problems when being reproduced.

All nominees **must be** a Parent, or Legal Guardian, of a Pupil registered at the School. Grandparents of Pupils are not allowed to take part in the election unless they are the Legal Guardians of the Child. No person may serve on more than two Governing Bodies in any category.

A person is not permitted to stand as Parent Governor if the following apply:

- an elected member of the local education authority;
- employed by the local education authority in connection with its functions as a local education authority; or
- paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any twelve-month period commencing on 1 August and finishing on 31 July.

The nomination form should be returned to your child's school by the date given by the Headteacher. If nominations exceed the number of vacancies a secret ballot will be held. Details of the election will be sent to you if appropriate.

The name of the elected governor(s) will be displayed at the school.



**Climate Future Festival**

There are lots of activities for kids and adults, all aiming to raise awareness of the climate emergency and help us all to make a positive difference, while having fun!

For example, for those who like crafting and arts, there is a bag making workshop and a painting activity on Saturday. Those who want to develop their engineering skills might want to pop along to the Castle at 3pm on Saturday to make and race their own go-carts! And Sunday is all about the natural world and our environment in the Green Spaces zone at the Cattle Market car park, between 10 and 4pm.

We are really keen to get the word out now so everyone has the chance to get involved - all events are FREE for everyone!

Please find the link to the Festival website - kids section (there are also some great talks and workshops for adults!)

<https://www.acemonmouth.org/festival/child-activities/>



**The Sound of Music**

Monmouth Music Theatre will Be performing The Sound of Music at The Savoy Theatre from 25-28th May. We are looking for children to become part of The Von Trapp Family. If you are interested please come to a workshop on 10th or 17th October in The Methodist Hall, St James Street, Monmouth starting at 3pm

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