



# Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending—Thursday 21st October 2021

## Sharing Sessions

It has been a delight to welcome parents and carers into the school after such a long time. We hope you were able to enjoy the time with your child/ children sharing their incredible achievements.

Following these sessions you will receive your child's autumn interim progress report after the end of the school day on Thursday and Parent/ Teacher Consultations will take place during the week commencing 1st November.

Dates for these sessions will be:

Year Six— Wednesday 3rd/ Thursday 4th November

Year Five— Tuesday 2nd/ Wednesday 3rd November

Year Four— Wednesday 3rd/ Thursday 4th November

Year Three— Wednesday 3rd/ Thursday 4th November

Year Two— Wednesday 3rd/ Thursday 4th November

Year One— Wednesday 3rd/ Thursday 4th November

Reception— Wednesday 3rd/ Thursday 4th November

Invitations to make appointments via School Cloud ( [SchoolCloud - Trellech Primary School](#) ) are currently open and bookings will close on 1st November at 12.30pm.

## Good Luck.....

...to Alak (Y3) and his mum who are taking part in the Newport Marathon family event this weekend. We can't wait to hear all about it!

## Times Tables Challenge

In order to raise the profile of learning times tables through the school, we are adopting a ' School Times Table Challenge' award system, to ensure continuity across the school and to encourage the children to learn their times tables facts and to be able to recall them quickly and accurately. The challenge focuses on rewarding children when they are proficient in a number of times tables. Once the children have completed a level, they will be awarded a coloured badge which they may wear on their uniform if they choose to do so. Hopefully you will end up with a rainbow of badges by the time you leave us at Trellech Primary! We will start this initially from Year 2 onwards after the half term break. Thank you for your continued support.

## Year Two meet BBC Wales' Weatherman Walking

During a recent visit to Forest School, Year Two were fortunate enough to 'bump' into Derek Brockway (BBC Wales' Weatherman). They had a rest at Trellech Pew and told him all about their visits to Forest School and why they like to stop at the pew. Derek and the BBC crew were filming for a forthcoming series of 'Weatherman Walking' which is due to be aired in the Spring.

## Covid-19 Information

We continue to work hard to ensure we remain safe and follow guidelines, however cases within the county are beginning to rise. As we suffer from the 'normal' seasonal coughs and colds it is important that during the current times we would require that if your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, raised temperature, change to your sense of smell or taste) that they remain at home and arrange a PCR test. A lateral flow test should only be used when an individual is asymptomatic. When a positive PCR is received, close contacts are contacted by TTP and asked to take a PCR on day 2 and day 8, as long as these are negative and individuals are not symptomatic these individuals do not need to isolate. We thank you for your continued support.

## RWInc Filming Opportunity

Children who take part in RWInc sessions will bring home a letter and a 'Model Release' agreement form today. This outlines an opportunity for Trellech School to be part of the RWInc training package. Please ensure you return these agreements as soon as possible after half term or speak to Mrs Miles if you have any queries.



## Class Communication

### Reception:

Can you believe that we are at the end of your child's first term in school? The children are fully immersed in their blending now, so thank you for the additional support from home. It does make such a difference at this stage. We picked some juicy blackberries over at the forest and made a delicious crumble. We have been discussing the importance of eating fruit and vegetables in our diet and how we should eat less of some foods. We have also celebrated show racism the red card by embracing our differences. Each and every one of us are different in so many ways but we should show respect and kindness to each other. "We are all unique, but together we are a masterpiece." Thank you for your support and enjoy the half term.

### Year One:

Year 1 had a very rainy forest school session on Monday. We discovered that it is quite tricky to do tree rubbings in the rain! Despite this we persevered and used leaves to talk about and create half shapes. We are continuing the topic of halving this week and have shared monkey sweets between our two class monkeys. We created our own book covers using a lightbox to help us to trace, and then used watercolours to great effect. The children wrote about these books on Tuesday, focussing on creating a flawless sentence in our most beautiful handwriting. I was very impressed by their work! Year 1 also took part in the Virgin Money Mini Marathon last week and worked extra hard during the daily mile to complete our laps. I hope you all enjoyed looking at the children's books this week. They have worked super hard this term and I'm glad they had the opportunity to show you. I hope you all have a fantastic half term and come back ready for an exciting run up to Christmas.

### Year Two:

Year 2 have had a claim to fame week! We had an exciting trip to Forest School to meet Derek Brockway at the Pew and talk all about our Forest School sessions! We have also enjoyed creating mud faces and numbers this week when at Forest School! We have been estimating and measuring objects around us using a ruler to the nearest cm and comparing the lengths and have also investigated if the weight of a meteor creates a bigger crater or not. Show Racism the Red Card falls towards the end of the week so we have discussed this topic and how we are all equal but different- we have created some super work linked to this. We have also become mini Van Goghs, starting our art work of the Starry night skies. We can't wait to share this with you!

### Year Three

I can't believe a half term has gone by already. Year Threes have been working so hard. The last two weeks have been kind to us weather wise so we have been able to use the outdoors to inspire learning. Year Three pupils enjoyed working in teams to create bar charts with chalk and metre rules on the play yard independently. They evaluated each other's work and this helped them to create graphs on paper back in class. They have also enjoyed creating art with natural objects at Forest schools. This was inspired by both James Brunt and Andy Goldsworthy. In Science the pupils have predicted events, made observations, recorded results and drawn conclusion. This has helped them learn how different sized craters are created on the moon.

### Year Four:

It has been such a busy and fun half term for Year 4, with so many interesting highlights. Seeing parents come into school to share our learning has been lovely. Following on from Space week, we investigated the life of Valentina Tereshkova (the first woman in space) and wrote open and closed interview questions for her. In groups we then rehearsed and videoed our interviews. We have also really enjoyed getting creative with patterns and colour, basing our artwork on the pictures from the book "Mythologica: An Encyclopaedia of Gods, Monsters and Mortals from Ancient Greece". The results have been incredible! James from Usk Tennis Club has been coaching the children during our PE sessions, working on their forehand, backhand and volleying, not to mention finishing our Virgin Money mini marathon. To finish the half term we have been focussing our attention on Black History Month and Show Racism the Red Card. We have researched famous black people, from as far back as Mary Seacote to current day with Marcus Rashford and Oti Mabuse, made a class google slides on them and recreated our own drama scenes based on the impact Rosa Parks had. The sensitivity and understanding shown by the children was wonderful. Have a lovely half term break.

### Year Five:

We have had an outstanding first term in Year 5, - the progress the children have made and the things they have achieved in such a short time are amazing! Over the last couple of weeks we have really enjoyed putting our creative skills to work to create our own artistic representations of Greek Gods and Goddesses based on the book 'Mythologica'. We've thought carefully about composition and experimented with pattern and colour, with some truly stunning results. This week we have focussed on being ethical, informed citizens, developing our understanding of Black History Month and why it is so important - I was so impressed by the mature attitude shown by the class, and the thoughtful discussions that were taken place. We have been working collaboratively to find out about notable Black Britons - their life and the impact they have had on others - and thought about different ways to share what we learnt. I look forward to seeing where our learning journey takes us after a well-earned half-term break!

### Year Six:

Another busy 2 weeks in Yr6 and I can't believe you've had your first half term in school. We have had a little break from our topic of Ancient Greece and continued with Space week and Black History Month. We have been continuing to develop our ICT skills. First our coding skills with a very noisy session programming a Big Band using Scratch, which was lots of fun and loud. We have learnt about Famous Black men and women and worked collaboratively to share our learning using google slides. We also recorded our interviews written about the first women in Space. Thank you all for such a great start to the year, you have all been amazing. Have a lovely half term break.



Academic Year 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term

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)

Thurs 4th Nov– Parents Evening (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.

Reminder

School Closed to all Pupil on Friday 22nd October (Inset Day).



**Dixton Junior Park Run**

JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER  
or simply come and watch - It's up to you!

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND PARKRUN IF YOU DISPLAY ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS  
Every Sunday morning

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

EVERYONE WELCOME  
Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - It's up to you!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART  
No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

MAKE FRIENDS  
Meet lots of new people

LEARN NEW SKILLS  
Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD  
Try your best and celebrate your achievements

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GRIFFITHSTOWN COMMUNITY HALL  
SATURDAY 9.30-11.30AM

DINGESTOW HALL, MONMOUTH  
SATURDAY 9.30-11.30AM

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SATURDAY 9-11.00AM

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**PUMPKIN**
  
**CARVING COMPETITION**
  
 Buy your pumpkin from the school yard for just £1 at
   
 3.30pm on Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup>
  
 Carve it with your own spooky creation over half term
   
 & bring it back into school on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>
  
 for entry into the competition
   

  
**PRIZES AWARDED FOR THE WINNERS**
  
**OF EACH YEAR GROUP AT THE HALLOWEEN DISCO**
  
**ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**




  
 TRELLECH PRIMARY SCHOOL, PFA
   
 Pwllheli, Gwynedd
   
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**
  
**HALLOWEEN**
  
**DISCO**
  
 & SPOOKY TRAIL
   
 KS1 & KS2 5PM - 7PM
   
 TRELLECH PRIMARY SCHOOL FIELD
   
**"PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION"**
  

  
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