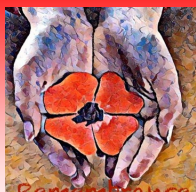




We Will Remember.....



Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 12th November

booking slots but not attending, we would be grateful if you would cancel these bookings to allow other pupils to attend, this will also enable your account to be credited.

Covid-19 Update

With the return from half term we have begun to see COVID-19 cases within school. Where there is a case, the class will receive a 'warn and inform' letter to ensure you are aware and to monitor your own child, in case symptoms develop. The school continues to maintain routines to ensure guidance is adhered to and we can limit cases as much as possible.

On Friday 29th October, Welsh Government published updated guidance, this impacts us all if anyone in our household develops symptoms. If someone in your household has developed Covid symptoms or has tested positive and you are fully vaccinated or under 18yrs with the exception of under 5yrs, you MUST self isolate and take a PCR test— if the PCR test is negative you may stop isolating.

However, if you are not fully vaccinated and 18 or older you must self isolate for 10 days, you will need to take a PCR test on day 2 and day 8, and continue to self isolate, even if the tests are negative.

With this guidance in mind we are working closely with families to support them, especially where there are siblings. Any sibling of a household where someone is displaying Covid-19 symptoms or has had a positive PCR must isolate and then have a PCR themselves. If their test returns negative they may return to school as in line with the current guidance.

Whilst headaches, dizziness and stomach pains are not recognised COVID-19 symptoms, we are finding in some cases that these symptoms are followed by a positive PCR. We cannot issue community wide advice to book a PCR with these symptoms but we are asking parents to be vigilant and to consider this information.

Your communication at this time is very much appreciated so we can be as up to date as possible with cases in the school. Please be reassured all cases are confidential and will only be shared with the class teacher. This will enable them to provide work for pupils as set out in our blended learning policy.

We are grateful for your continued support with these guidelines in enabling us to keep the school as safe as possible and minimise the disruption to all our learners. It is our aim to keep the whole school community as safe and as 'normal' as possible.



Purple Plaque: Women in Innovation

On Monday 15 November, we're delighted to be celebrating the work of one of our pupil's parents, Fanzi Down who has won the prestigious Women in Innovation Award from Innovate UK this year.

A personalised purple plaque, a special twist on the historical blue plaques, will be unveiled in her honour on the school site. Fanzi is one of a network of 64 Women in Innovation Award winners who are developing pioneering innovations to tackle pressing societal, environmental, and economic challenges. We hope the plaque and Fanzi's success inspires our current pupils to pursue their own entrepreneurial ambitions.

Children In Need

Children in Need takes place on Friday 20th November children are invited to come to school dressed for the theme 'Get your Sparkle On!'. Donations for this worthy cause are welcomed as children take part in activities throughout the school day. Thank you to our Y4 Charity committee for overseeing the event.

Anti- Bullying Week

Next week is 'Anti Bullying Week', the theme is 'One Kind Word'. Children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 15th November as part of 'Odd Socks Day' as we begin our activities as part of Anti Bullying Week, recognising that we are all unique.

ParentPay

We would like to remind parents to book and pay for your child's choices before Monday morning. We cannot guarantee a hot meal if bookings are not made and you may be asked to supply a packed lunch. There is a facility via your Parentpay account which enables you to set up alerts and reminders which may be useful.

Bookings for breakfast club must be made by 3.15pm the previous day or for a Monday booking, it should be made by 3.15pm on the previous Friday. Our numbers are now increasing and we must stress that bookings must be made or your child cannot be guaranteed attendance. We are also noticing that parents are

Class Communication

Reception:

Reception Class have had a lovely couple of weeks. What busy bees we have been. We have finally finished our Gustav Klimt paintings which have brightened up our classroom and made a beautiful display. The festival of Diwali was the highlight of our week last Thursday. We made some rangoli patterns using rice and chalk, created some celebration cards, danced with bells and scarfs and we are now designing some clay diva lamps. We learned about Guy Fawkes and created some firework leaf art. This week we have made poppy paintings in the style of Andy Warhol and are beginning to understand the importance of Remembrance Day. Oh, and of course we have managed to learn lots of sounds and blend to read new words; together with partitioning numbers to 5. PHEW....Thank you for your support

Year One:

Year 1 worked super hard last week, with Diwali and Bonfire Night learning. They really impressed me with their Gunpowder Plot plays, and they created beautiful Rangoli patterns during Forest School. This week in Forest School they began exploring personification by sticking eyes onto things they found. We created a range of interesting characters! We thoroughly enjoyed our cricket session which the children were really attentive for, so da iawn year 1! On Tuesday this week, we drew Christmas posters to join in with the Monmouthshire scheme of 'Shop Local this Christmas'. We discussed why it is good to support local businesses, and how we can create a professional-looking poster. Hopefully you will spot some of these around Monmouthshire in the run-up to Christmas. A reminder that we are selling poppy-related items in school this week for Remembrance Day. Children may like to bring in a small donation to buy something. Next week we will be partaking in activities for World Kindness Day (13th November). All week we will be really focussing on celebrating acts of kindness, and so discussions at home about treating ourselves and others with kindness would link in well with this.

Year Two:

We have had a busy week in Year 2 this week. We have been learning all about the different phases of the moon and have taken part in an exciting 'Forces fitness' session developing teamwork and communication skills. We enjoyed developing our resilience as well working together to try and win the 'floor is lava' relay and tug of war. We have also learnt all about the symbol of the Poppy linked to Remembrance Day and created some descriptive sentences to go with it. Our 'Starry night skies' paintings are almost finished and we have been subtracting numbers from 20 and recapping fact families. We have been discussing how to stay safe whilst using Information technology as well as listening to and listening to Mars by Gustav Holst and discussing what we can hear and how it makes us feel.

Year Three

It's been a great start to the half term! Year Three pupils have enjoyed working in teams to measure objects both inside and outside the classroom. They took ribbon tapes along to Forest School to apply these skills. The pupils had fun using compasses to find the main cardinal points and read directions on our way to The Wet Meadow area. There have been lots of opportunities to be healthy individuals through cricket, swimming and creating safety posters for Bonfire Night. In our Humanities lesson we have sequenced events in space using a timeline and created acrostic poems based on 'Bonfires' and 'Fireworks'.

Year Four:

It has been a wonderful start back after the half term holiday. We have continued our topic of Mythical Greece by creating story maps of Aesop's Fables and begun the research ready to make a website about an aspect of Ancient Greek life. Watch this space for our websites! We have also been very busy engaging with local and national events by participating in a live lesson from Dwr Cymru with over 200 schools about water and creating Christmas posters encouraging people to shop locally this Christmas in Monmouthshire. Keep an eye out for them in shop windows when you are shopping. To keep us being healthy confident individuals we have continued with our tennis sessions and also taken part in a cricket session run by Geraint from Monmouth Cricket Club. Remembrance Day and the work of the Royal British Legion have also played a significant part in our learning. We have learnt about the work of the Royal British Legion, designed new products which could be sold to help the Poppy Appeal, created pencil sketches and digital art featuring our hands and poppies and use imagery to inspire our own war poems. The sensitivity and respect shown by the class has been incredible.

Year Five:

It's been a great start to the new half term. Since returning we have been focusing on Remembrance Day. We have read and analysed a range of war poems and a short animated film. We have explored figurative language, using lots of different techniques to write descriptively, then thinking about how we could edit and up-level our writing. The children have created some fantastic poetry for Remembrance inspired by what they have read and seen during Literacy sessions. We have found about the important work of the Royal British Legion and completed problem solving tasks linked to the Poppy Appeal. We have also created artwork using different media, including pencil sketches, a watercolour and charcoal remembrance scene, and digital art. We took part in a live session from Dwr Cymru to learn how important it is to save water, and joined a local campaign to encourage people to shop locally this Christmas – look out for our posters around town!

Year Six:

Another busy two weeks in Yr6 with a great start to the new half term. We welcomed @cricketwales to help us learn and develop new cricket skills which was great fun, everyone joined in enthusiastically displaying great team work. Yr6 then joined Yr4 and Yr5 (virtually) for the Welsh Water Live Workshop - The Power of Poo! Over 200 other schools, which is more than 5000 children from around the UK participated in the live lesson learning about Climate Change and the importance of changing how we use water to help save the planet. This week has been just as busy with a visit from Monmouth Youth Service to talk about the services they offer through the Attic to help support transition into Year 7. We also completed our 3rd coding session with Barclays Playground Coding lessons. All this alongside learning about fables, problem solving in maths, designing a Remembrance garden and writing poems we have had a very busy start to this half term. Bendigedig Yr6.



Academic Year 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term

Mon 15th Nov– Odd Socks Day

Mon 15th Nov– Fri 19th Nov -Anti Bullying Week

Fri 19th Nov– Children in Need: ‘Get Your Sparkle On’

Thurs 2nd Dec– KS2 Outdoor Carol Concert (TBC)

Mon 13th Dec– Sale of Entrepreneur Products Begins

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.

RWInc Filming Opportunity

Children who take part in RWInc sessions have brought home a letter and a ‘Model Release’ agreement form. 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 as our first session on 28th November. If you have any queries

Christmas Events

With the festive season approaching we are beginning to plan events to enable our pupils to experience Christmas whilst ensuring we remain safe and well.

Therefore, our Foundation Phase pupils will once again take part in a Christmas Performance that will be recorded in their own classes. This will be recorded and shared with parents the week commencing 13th December.

Key Stage Pupils are intending to participate in an Outdoor Carol Concert on Thursday 2nd December (Government Guidance Allowing). The concert will be recorded in case of any changes.

All pupils will be take part in Entrepreneur Week, planning, calculating costs, making and selling their Christmas Products. These will be available to purchase during the final week of the Autumn Term following the sharing of our digital order form.

Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 15th December and class parties taking place in the final week. In lieu of our whole school trip to the Riverfront Theatre, Newport we are delighted to share that we will once again have our own pre-recorded performance of the ‘The Reluctant Dragon’ performed by Image Theatre.

Many thanks....

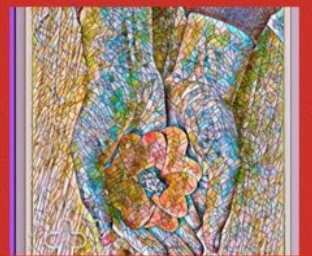
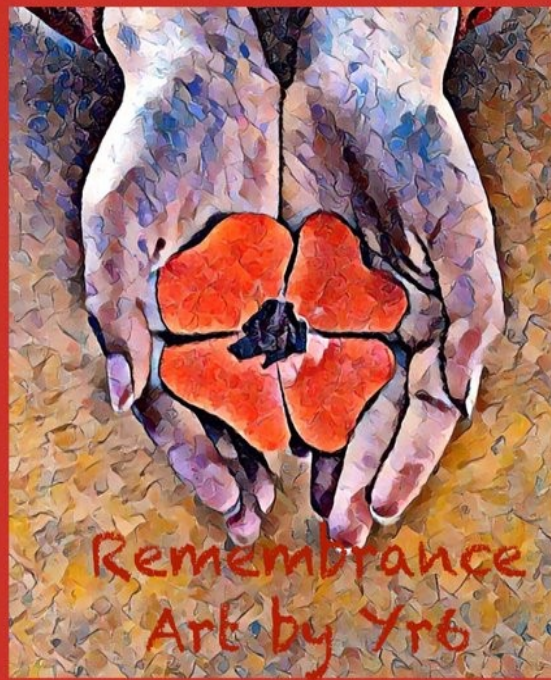
to Mrs Liz Thomas who has been Chair of the Governing Body in recent years. She recently stepped down from her role, we wish to express our gratitude for the contributions she has made to the whole school and share our best wishes for the future.

Congratulations ...to Oliver(Y3) who took part in the British National Kayaking Slalom event during half term. In his first event, competing against children up to the age of 16 years and adult he achieved an incredible 10th place. Well done Oliver and we look forward to hearing of Oliver’s future achievements.

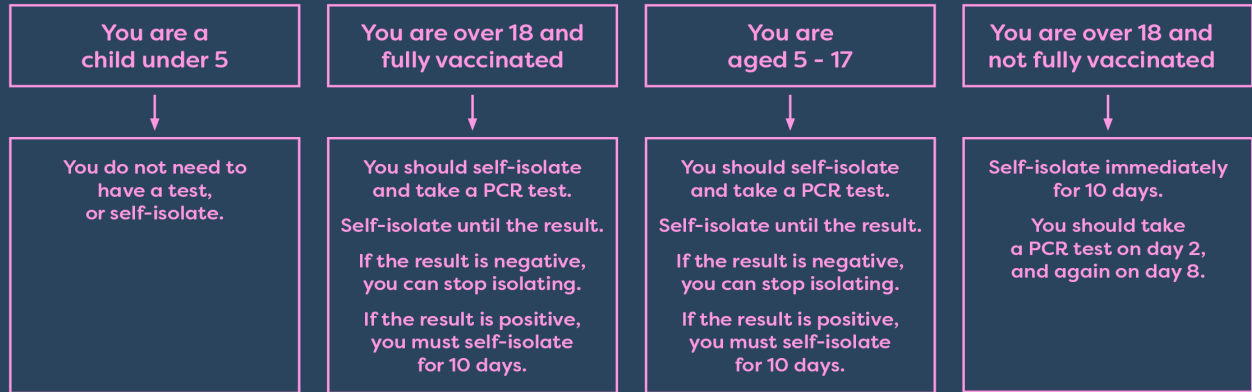
Thankyou.....

...to our wonderful PTFA who held their first event since March 2020. A very successful outdoor Halloween Disco was held and enjoyed by all.

Remembrance Day by Y4, 5, and 6



Someone in your household has COVID symptoms or has tested positive for COVID



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