



Trellech Primary School

Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 26th November

Purple Plaque: Women in Innovation

On Monday, we had the pleasure of being joined by one of our parents, Fanzi Down, who recently won the prestigious Women in Innovation Award from Innovate UK for her pioneering business. A personalised purple plaque, a twist on the historical blue plaques, has gone up on the school site in her honour. Fanzi also received £50,000 investment and mentoring support from Innovate UK. We hope the plaque and Fanzi's success inspires our pupils to follow in her footsteps.



Children In Need

Children in Need took place last Friday and it was a delight to see such sparkly learners in school! Thank you for your support in helping us raise £283.70 for such a worthwhile cause

Pickatale for Schools

Years 4, 5 and 6 have been given the exciting opportunity to be involved in a pilot project to trial 'Pickatale for schools' – an online reading platform that engages pupils and supports their learning journey in reading. Pickatale offers a unique digital library of fiction and non-fiction books helps to build reading confidence in students and make reading fun. Children are able to read along with a narrator, tap words and images for more information, and complete fun quizzes to aid and assess comprehension. Children will be given their individual login details, and the app can be downloaded for free from Google Play and the App Store so that they can access the program at home as well as in school.

Reverse Advent Calendar

In support of Monmouth Foodbank we have arranged to complete a reverse advent calendar once again. We will be collecting treats in each class. Items such as sweets, chocolate, biscuits and crisps can be added to the Advent Hamper from 1st December, which will be donated as a New Year Treat to local families. All items must be added to the hamper by Tuesday 14th December to ensure their safe delivery.

Anti Bullying Week

Last week saw each class taking part in Anti Bullying Week. They took part in a range of activities from live lessons to kind words being created at Forest School to kindness jars and posters. Da iawn pawb.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 15th December, bookings can be made via ParentPay– the menu may be found overleaf. Please make your booking by Monday 6th December.

Covid-19 Update

Thank you.....for your continued support in helping keep our school and community as safe as possible during the current times. We continue to experience an increased number of children having to self isolate and/or have a test. Therefore we are continuing to ask for your support and be aware that if your child presents with COVID symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss of smell and/or taste) and as a result has a test, please isolate them and your household until the result is received. *On no account send your child back to school; even if they seem better themselves.*

Pupil Committees

Our Pupil committees have begun to meet and as a result our Eco Committee have agreed not to send individual Christmas Cards again this year. As in previous years we will share information within each class to create / send one card for the whole class, rather than each child.

PTFA Christmas Events

Our wonderful PTFA are once again busy organising events despite the restrictions. It is intended to hold an outdoor 'Christmas Get Together' with carols, food, drinks, tombola, crafts and games on Wednesday 15th December, 3.30– 5.30pm.

On Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th December, during the school day children will have an opportunity to buy their Christmas gifts at the Elf Stall (further details to follow).

Class Communication

Reception:

We have been using magnetic letters to create words from Word time 3 and 4. We are also becoming more familiar with recognising tricky words like- the, I and to. In Numeracy we are becoming more confident with adding 2 sets of numbers together. This week we have been using non-standard units to measure length and height. Last week we had a sparkly time over at the forest, making wands out of natural materials. I hope nobody was turned into a frog! "Remember, if you don't believe in magic, you will never find it." Roald Dahl. The children looked lovely for Children in Need last Friday and we had a little boogie in the mud kitchen! During Anti-Bullying week we talked about our friends and the importance of being kind to each other. We talked about our happy places and why they are important to us. We are now busy practising the songs for our little class Nativity. Can you believe it is that time of year already?

Year One:

Year 1 have been making magic in the forest this fortnight – potions and magic wands were created using nature's signs of Autumn. The children have worked hard to make their own clocks in maths, and this week we have created a menu for our Mud Kitchen and talked about different coins and their values. We got our sparkle on last Friday for Children in Need and donned our dancing shoes for a Strictly Come Dancing afternoon, trying out different styles of dance. It was also great to see children wearing odd socks on Monday for Anti-Bullying week, and we used the opportunity to have lots of conversations about treating ourselves and others with love and kindness. We have begun the exciting preparations for our class nativity 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel', and the children are already picking up the songs and talking about their roles. Please have costumes in school by the 6th of December, and any questions just let Miss Ward or me know.

Year Two:

We have had another busy week in Year 2. We have been learning all about why we have day and night, as well using the music Mars by Gustav Holst to create a dance in expressive arts. We have also learnt all about the importance of being unique as part of Odd Socks Day and creating Kindness Jars in class and developing kind words at Forest School as part of Anti Bullying Week. We all looked wonderful and sparkly for Children in Need, creating posters to encourage people to take part! In numeracy, we have been counting lots of amounts as we begin to learn multiplication, creating tables linked to planets and naming and describing 2d shapes. We have begun our work on digital photography which we are very excited about! As we draw nearer to December we have begun to learn our songs for our class nativity! How time flies who can believe its nearly that time already!

Year Three

Year Three pupils have enjoyed den building and creating free verse poetry at Forest School. I was very pleased with the use of similes, metaphor and personification. The pupils have also been enjoying their swimming lessons and I am really impressed by how quickly they get dried and changed! We have been multiplying by 10 and 100, working hard on their times tables, solving division problems with their tables and using reasoning skills to solve problems.

Year Four:

The last two weeks have seen the creation of Year 4's very own Ancient Greek websites and completion of the Bebras computational thinking challenges. The children have been so creative using Adope Spark to make their websites, having conducted really thorough research about one particular aspect of Ancient Greece, such as education, food or places of interest. Our maths has taken us into learning about area and why we need to be able to calculate area in real life. For literacy, we have been exploring Greek fables, learning about the morals hidden within them and even re-enacting them to each other. They have delved into the character traits of the animals in fables and planned their own. Anti-bullying week gave us time to reflect on being kind, using one kind word and the difference between being rude, mean or bullying. The children looked fabulous in their 'sparkle' for Children In Need and enjoyed supporting this important event; we took part in a special work out with Joe Wicks. As always, thank you for your support This week our focus has been on climate change, joining many other schools across Wales in a series of live lessons. We have learnt about how climate change can affect flooding, particularly in poorer countries and the devastating effect this can have. So, to bring our learning into real life, we have challenged the children to research, design and build a flood proof home, costing the materials as they go. The designs are wonderful and once built we will test them by flooding them! Watch out for the photographs!

Year Five:

For the last couple of weeks, Year 5 have been exploring Greek fables - we've thought about the messages and morals they contain, character traits of the animals, and planned and written our own fables. During anti-bullying week we took part in a live lesson all about the difference 'One kind word' can make, and designed posters to spread the message. We have used our digital and design skills to create websites on an aspect of Ancient Greek life, with some fabulous results!

This week has been all about the effects of climate change, and along with hundreds of other children across Wales we have taken part in Keep Wales Tidy's interactive live lessons. We have thought about the impact of climate change, in particular the increased risk of flooding and the effect this can have on homes in poorer areas. We have worked in groups to research how to build a flood-proof home, then used our information our own. We have costed our materials ready to bring our homes to life, and are looking forward to testing them next week in our flood tray.

Year Six:

Another busy 2 weeks in Year 6. We started last week wearing odd socks for Anti-bullying Week, watching the BBC live lesson ; One Kind Word. Following this Yr6 pupils made a Kindness pledge. Throughout the week we looked at fables, analysing the different characters and their traits before we planned and wrote our own fables with important morals. We also took part in the Bebras Computational Challenge which really made us think. Year 6 ended the week with sparkle to celebrate this year's Children in Need. This week we have been involved in the Keep Wales Tidy Climate Change week. The challenge we decided to complete in school was Beat the Flood, designing a flood proof house, making it as watertight as possible and spending as little money on materials as possible. Brilliant collaboration and team work again in Year 6! Bendigedig bawb!

Academic Year 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term

Thurs 9th Dec– KS2 Outdoor Carol Concert (TBC) New Date

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.

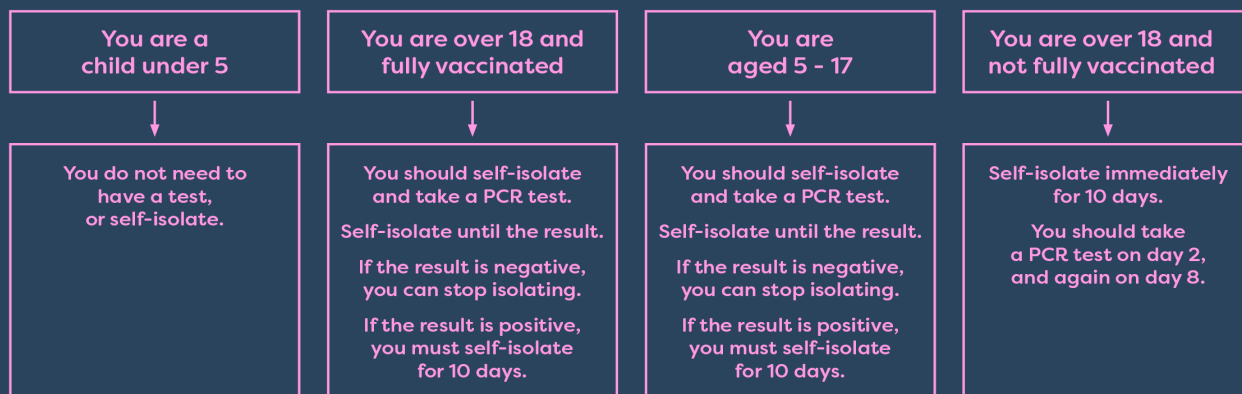
Welocme to

to Mrs Julie Warren who has joined the Governing Body as a Community Governor along with Mr David Holtam and Mrs Ceri Jones who are newly elected Parent Governors. We look forward to working alongside you.

Congratulations ...to Ioan (Y5) who took part in the his first cross country race on Sunday 14th November. The race was just short of a mile and he finished 11th out of 68 in the Gwent league. This is a huge event attended by well established athletic clubs from across South West England and South Wales. We are all very proud of him!



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



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Welsh Government

REMEMBERING EVENT

SATURDAY 4TH
DECEMBER 2021
11 A.M.—4 P.M.

- SHOW AND TELL
- BAUBLE CRAFT
- DECORATING CRAFT
- BLOB TREE
- RELEASE OF BUBBLES
- BOX DECORATING
- SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE

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