



Trellech Primary School

Newsletter

Week Ending—Friday 10th December

Wishing you all a Safe and Peaceful Christmas....

As the year draws to a close may we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year. It has once again been one that we could not have ever imagined, with Covid-19 still very much part of our day to day lives and the very recent tragedy that has rocked our local community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during these uncertain times. We have been grateful to see you at our Sports Events and sharing days but not as much as we would like and particularly at Christmastime but without the whole school community Trellech Primary would not be the place it is today. We are always so proud of the support that is given to the school. We as a Staff, Governors and Pupils would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful, Safe New Year.

Christmas Festivities

We have been busy in school trying to ensure the children enjoy Christmas within the school calendar as 'normally' as possible! I'm sure you will agree they have all been very busy with a range of activities, including their Enterprise Projects, these can be ordered via:

<http://trellech-christmas.myshopify.com>

This week the pupils have been busy recording their performances for you, these will be able to be accessed via the school website as soon as possible. We will share the link when they are available. You will need to sign in using your child's Hwb details in order to view. The children will have their Christmas parties next week, thank you to the PTFA for providing gifts and refreshments, we will also watch the Image Theatre production of The Reluctant Dragon as well as eat a scrumptious Christmas lunch on Wednesday, thank you to Mrs Assarati, Mrs Light and Mrs Kedward for making this possible.

Year Four Charity Committee

Year Four have been busy arranging the 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day this will take place on Wednesday 15th December to coincide with our Christmas Lunch, donations for Save the Children are welcome via ParentPay. The final day for collection of items for the Reverse Advent Calendar is Tuesday 14th December, thank you to all of you who have donated already!

Chair of Governing Body

We are pleased to share that our newly elected Chair of the Governing Body is Mr Will Hockey (Parent of Eleri, Hector & Edward).



Remembrance Day We are very pleased to share that with your support we raised a magnificent £217.22 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Covid-19 Update

Thank you.....for your continued support in doing all you can do to help keep our school and community as safe as possible during the current times. We have now received CO2 monitors for each class from Welsh Government to enable us to monitor the air quality and ensure ventilation is maintained whilst being mindful of the winter temperatures. 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 in themselves.*

Family Thrive

During the Spring Term (TBC), Mrs Peacock (Well Being Lead/ Family Thrive Practitioner) will be running a series of six workshops that will give further guidance of how we can help our children in school and at home using the Thrive programme. If you are interested in attending this block of sessions please let Mrs Peacock know in order to register your interest.

Community Links

It was wonderful to meet Dan last week from St Nicholas Church who led assemblies for our KS2 and FP pupils, sharing with us the significance of Advent. It was wonderful to welcome him, as part of the community back into the building.

PTFA Christmas Events

Unfortunately, due to updated guidance from the Local Authority our PTFA have cancelled the forthcoming Christmas Fayre. However, on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th December during the school day children will have an opportunity to buy their Christmas gifts at the Elf Stall.

Christmas Trees

Thank you to Morris' of Usk and The Whittall Family of Square Farm Shop for donating our beautiful Christmas Trees— I'm sure you will agree they look splendid!

Class Communication

Reception:

We have nearly completed learning all the initial sounds and special friends (sh ch nk ng qu th. After Christmas we will be learning how to write simple sentences. So please keep learning to blend and read the word time words. In Numeracy we have been identifying heavy and light objects using non-standard units. We have been learning about hedgehogs and how these fascinating animals are under threat. We made hedgehogs out of clay and created some homes using boxes, tunnels and leaves. Reception class have been busy making magical trees to sell as part of our enterprise project. It's surprising how many interesting pieces of wood we found at the forest; lots of lovely branches covered in lichen. Thank you for the lovely costumes you provided for your child, I will let you know when you can view the Nativity. We are now really busy, writing letters to Father Christmas, making our forest themed Christmas cards and putting the finished touches to our Diwali Diva's.

Year One:

Year 1 have been busy little elves recently. We have been rehearsing our Nativity and we certainly have a class of capable and confident actors! Thank you to all for the fantastic costumes provided, the children were so excited to see each other's and get dressed up. They have done really well to learn their lines, song lyrics and actions, and they should all be super proud of themselves. We have also been creating many Christmas crafts and enjoying a daily Christmas story for Advent. For Enterprise, the children have been making snow globes for you to purchase on the Trellech Enterprise online shop. Next week we have the pantomime to look forward to, as well as our Christmas party. Thank you for an amazing first term year 1, you are all stars!

Year Two:

What busy elves we have been in Y2 recently! Christmas is definitely fast approaching and we have been hard at work making our enterprise products ready to sell. We have been making a table centrepiece from natural and recycled materials as well wood slice reindeer and snowman tree decorations to sell. We have also landed back on Earth safely during our PE dance sessions and explored effective photography during ICT and Forest School sessions. We have been learning to count in 'lots of' for multiplication strategies in Maths as well as 2d and 3d shapes. We have also applied our 2d shape knowledge to making a Christmas wreath at Forest School. Over the past few weeks we have completed the Bebras computational thinking challenge with some impressive results from our students including merits/ distinctions and 'best in school.' Finally we have identified the features of a letter and written our own letter to Santa asking for the most important things in life for ourselves and friends and family such as happiness, health and love and understanding how it is not just about presents. Our Christmas nativity is also underway and we have now recorded it ready to share with you all. We are very much looking forward to rest over the Christmas break and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Year Three

During the last fortnight we have been creating fantastic stop frame animations in ICT and learning about the Christmas story in Humanities. We have been drawing lines to the nearest half centimetre, revising compass points and recognising types of angles in Numeracy. Despite the poor weather of late we enjoyed our campfire and toasted marshmallows at Forest Schools. We are now as busy as Father Christmas's elves making our decorations for the online Christmas Fayre and learning our song and poem in readiness to perform for you virtually.

Year Four:

What an incredibly busy term it has been for Year 4. We have explored many aspects of Mythical Greece and have been involved in many national events such as Show Racism the Red Card, Children in Need and Remembrance Day. Along with over 80 other Welsh schools, we took part in a week of Climate Change activities with a live lesson every day. Year 4 learnt about the problems that a rising sea level is causing, so worked in groups to design, cost and build a flood resistant home. This included detailed plans, estimating the cost of the build, including flood resistant features and then the difference between their estimate and final cost. We then proceeded to flood the homes to test the features that they had built. All groups did incredibly well and certainly learnt how to make their homes more flood resistant. We have also been super busy costing and making products for our Christmas enterprise venture. The children have worked really hard working out potential profits and then making their products. Any support you can give us in buying their work would be greatly appreciated as the profits will be spent on updating the reading books in the year 4,5 and 6 classrooms. We wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Year Five:

In Year 5 the children have really enjoyed our Mythical Greece topic this term - we've found out lots about the history and culture of Ancient Greece, as well as learning what myths are, why they exist, and the purpose of fables. We've also worked on some separate mini topics: firstly, after taking part in national Climate Change live sessions we looked at the impact of flooding caused by climate change, working in groups to research, design, cost and build our own flood-resistant house before testing them in our flood simulation! We evaluated the effectiveness of our homes and, because it wasn't easy to create our designs without using additional materials, we needed to work out the difference between our projected and actual costings. We were lucky enough to take part in an RAF Mighty Minds STEM session, where we were challenged to make and code a robot to help with a series of humanitarian and space missions - I was so impressed with all of the children's reasoning and problem-solving skills! The last few weeks have been spent creating our Enterprise products - the children have had to think about what products they thought would sell best, source the materials they needed, calculate the make costs and projected profit, before getting to work making their products. The profits will be used to update our class libraries with some new and exciting books, so your support would be greatly appreciated. You can find all of our lovely handmade items - perfect Christmas gifts! - at <http://trellech-christmas.myshopify.com>

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year, when we will be exploring the 'Blue Abyss...'

Year Six:

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Yr6. What a busy 2 weeks we have had again in school. Last week we started our learning with an important talk from PC Kath Thomas with a very interesting lesson on cyber bullying and staying safe online, we are looking forward to her returning in the Spring Term to deliver further Yr6 talks. Christmas has begun to take over the class with the children being very busy designing and making products for our Christmas enterprise, please have a look at the website, the children are very proud of what they have made! We also managed to test out our house designs for the Beat the Flood challenge, great fun finding out which of the houses stayed dry - all groups learnt a very important lesson when designing a house, you need to remember to have a door. On Monday, this week we welcomed RAF STEM Youth where the pupils, along with Yr5 used code to program robots - congratulations to Maya and Amelie who were the winners, brilliant teamwork, and collaboration from all who took part. To end the week we watched the panto, The Reluctant Dragon which put us all in a Christmassy mood.

Academic Year 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term

Mon 13th Dec– Sale of Entrepreneur Products

Tues 14th Dec– Reception Christmas Party– Please wear Party Clothes

Weds 15th Dec– Christmas Dinner

Weds 15th Dec-Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.

Weds 15th Dec– Y5/ 6 Christmas Party– Please wear Christmas Jumpers/ Party Clothes

Weds 15th & Thurs 16th Dec– PTFA Elf Stall

Thurs 16th Dec– Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party Day– Please wear party clothes

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.

**!CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!
WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER**



DONATIONS TO SAVE THE CHILDREN.
MAKE YOUR OWN JUMPER AT HOME!
CERTIFICATE TO MOST CREATIVE JUMPER FOR EACH CLASS!





The year 6 elves will be selling a range of christmas gifts during the school day for all children to purchase with either cash or tokens.

Gifts will be wrapped to take home so please bring a bag in to school to take them away.

St Nicholas Trellech & Old Church Penallt wish you a very happy Christmas

Saturday 4 December
10.30am Pelham Hall Coffee & Grand Draw

Sunday 5 December
11am St Nicholas Saints Day Eucharist

Sunday 12 December
11.00am Old Church Advent Service of 9 Lessons with Carols
3pm St Nicholas Christmas Concert Monmouth Choral Society

Sunday 19 December esp. for children
11.00 St Nicholas Family Celebration Worship
Charlotte on Harp, Jill on Organ, Carols by Cantores

Christmas Eve (note Mass much earlier)
4pm Pentwyn Old Barn Nativity
9pm Old Church Mass
9pm St Nicholas Mass

Christmas Day The Nativity of Our Lord
10.00am Old Church Family Eucharist
10.00am St Nicholas Family Eucharist
St Nicholas Communion 11am very Wed. except 29th

GWENT MUSIC - ENSEMBLE ACTIVITIES

At last, we can say we are able to start back our ensemble activities!!

It has been such a long time since we have had the pleasure of delivering ensembles and in the short term we won't be able to offer everything we had before, which we hope you understand but, as a starting place and a starting place only, we need you to put the following date into your diaries please:

Date: Saturday 8th January 2022

Time: 10am-Midday

Venues: Based in Newport – exact location to be determined

Venue 1: Isca Linea. This centre is for all of our String players, Harpists, Folk Musicians and Guitarists.

Venue 2: Gwent Winds. This centre is for all of our Woodwind, Brass and Percussion players.

Venue 3: Stage Struck. This centre is for all of our aspiring Musical Theatre Students and an exciting new adventure for Gwent Music!

For us this is fantastic to be able to share and we hope you agree! All rehearsals will be weekly during term time.

We will need you to go to your portal and sign up for these activities and the termly fee is currently £40 but, dependant on how numbers go this might change for the better and for any of our students in receipt of school meals, then there will be no charge.

Thank you so much for the support we have received from you all this term so far and we sincerely hope you can join us for your second lesson of the week in one of our ensembles!

Happy Christmas to you all!!

Simon Linton

Music Service Manager / Rheolwr Gwasanaeth Cerdd

