



Newsletter

Roles and Responsibilities

It has been a very busy couple of weeks as we began the new academic year. As staff we chose our School Ambassadors, Mrs Peacock is very much looking forward to working alongside Hazel, Mia, Willow, Bronte, William and Oscar.

Year Six have been busy selecting the house captains for the forthcoming year. We are very pleased to announce that Otr & Evia (Wye) Emi & Jude (Usk), and Charlie & Rose-Rae (Monnow) will be leading each of our houses this year. We look forward to the Year Six pupils leading our Pupil Committees working with pupils from across the school. These will be developed in the next couple of weeks.



Heddlu Bach

We were delighted to welcome Parents and Governors to our first event of the academic year. Last Friday, PC Sharron & PC Hayley came to school to present our first group of Heddlu Bach Officers with their Pin Badge, Uniform and Certificate as they become part of Gwent Police. We look forward to them supporting the school and local community with our colleagues from Gwent Police.



Sharing Day and Parent Consultations

Following the publication of Interim Reports, holding 'Sharing Events' and Parents Consultations using School Cloud the feedback was mainly positive and we have taken account of your comments. This year, we therefore will once again provide you with a report that is updated termly. We will hold a sharing session on Wednesday 19th October, this year you will be able to attend throughout the day between 9.10am—11.45am and 1.15pm—3.15pm. This is a lovely opportunity to sit with your child, whilst they share their achievements with you. Parents evenings will take place on the evenings of the 25th, 26th, 27th October. Each classes session will take place over two of those dates. Further details will follow.

Pantomime

Thankyou for your feedback regarding the reintroduction of a Whole School Trip to a Pantomime. We have taken into account the feedback, which has resulted in the booking of 'Treasure Island' at The Savoy Theatre, Monmouth. This enables us to reduce the amount we have previously paid to £11; which covers the ticket and coach to Monmouth as well as supporting local business. The performance will be watched on Friday 16th December at 10am. The trip will be added to ParentPay today and full payment should be made by Friday 9th December.

Harvest Festival

We are very pleased to announce that we will once again hold a Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church on Friday 7th October at 9.30am. Parents & Governors are welcome to join us for our service with Rev. K Dack. Each class will contribute to our service and donations are welcome for Monmouth Food Bank. Especially donations of tinned soup, jam, tinned fruit, steamed puddings, sugar, long life fruit juice and milk, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner will be welcome in school from Wednesday 5th October.

School Uniform

We are very pleased with the success of our Uniform Re- Homing Scheme. We are successfully finding new homes for good quality clothing and receiving many kind donations. Please find our uniform baskets in the school entrance throughout the week and on the picnic bench on a Thursday and Friday (weather permitting). Please bring donations to the office.

Fruit Tuck

We are very pleased to have re-introduced Fruit Tuck Friday to school, each piece of fruit is 30p. The first couple of weeks have proven very successful and will therefore continue, led by our Healthy School and Charity Committees. A special thank you to Miss Light and Miss Ward for leading this.

Pupil Absences from School

A polite reminder, please can you ring and leave a message before 9.30am if your child is absent from school with the details of the reason for absence and how long you anticipate your child being away from school, this will ensure your child receives the correct reason for absence on the register. If, for any reason you arrive late in the morning, please ensure you accompany your child/children into school and sign them in using the Pupils arriving late form. Mrs Appleton or Mrs Shaw will register them as in school, this is important so we ensure we know how many pupils we have on site during the day.



Show Success

We are very proud of our success at both Chepstow and Usk Shows. We won both Handwriting Cups from each; Neve W (now Y7) won the Handwriting Cup at Chepstow Show, whilst Max O won the Handwriting Cup in his age group at Usk. We then secured the highest number of points in both Foundation Phase and Key Stage Two at Chepstow Show receiving the shield and cup which can be seen within school. It was a delight to see so many entries that were completed at home at Usk Show. Congratulations to Theo (Y6) who had great success in his age group, winning the cup for highest number of points in the Y5/ 6 age group.

Yellow Day

Hello Yellow Day is on Monday 10th October, pupils are invited to wear Yellow to school on this day as part of World Mental Health Day.

Site Safety

Please can we remind you that when you are driving through the school the maximum speed limit is 5mph, which at times even this may be too fast, especially when children are exiting buses or walking across to forest school. Also please remember that all schools are NO DOGS ALLOWED at anytime. This is to ensure all children are kept safe at all times and is the case for all Monmouthshire school sites. The school pedestrian gates are opened each morning and evening for access, to ensure the safety of children who remain on site after the end of the school day, these will be closed and locked at 3.45pm. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping the school site safe.

Autumn Term

Thurs 29th Sept— Cluster Cross Country (40 KS2 Pupils)

Fri 30th Sept- INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 7th Oct— Harvest Festival: St Nicholas Church 9.30am

Mon 10th Oct— Hello Yellow Day— Wear Yellow to School

Weds 19th Oct— Sharing Day in School

Thurs 29th Sept—MCS Open Evening for Yr6 pupils

Tues 25th Oct- Parents Consultation via School Cloud

Weds 26th Oct- Parents Consultation via School Cloud

Thurs 27th Oct— Parents Consultation via School Cloud

Fri 28th Oct— End of Half Term

Mon 7th Nov— Autumn Term Two Commences

Fri 18th Nov— Children in Need

Weds 14th Dec- FP Nativity am

Thurs 15th Dec- FP Nativity pm

Tues 20th Dec- Foundation Phase Party

Weds 21st Dec- Xmas Dinner

Weds 21st Dec—Yr5/6 Party

Thurs 22nd Dec- Yr3/4 Party

Fri 23rd Dec— End of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2023

Mon 9th Jan— Spring Term Commences

Mon 9th Jan— INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 17th Feb— Half Term Commences

Mon 27th Feb— Spring Term Two Commences

Weds 1st Mar— Eisteddfod

Fri 3rd Mar- World Book Day

Fri 31st Mar— End of Spring Term

Mon 17th April— Summer Term Commences

Fri 26th May— Half Term Commences

Summer Term 2023

Weds 21st June: Reserve KS2 Sports day


Thurs 22nd June: Reserve FP Sports Day

Weds 12th July: PS3 Summer Performance

Thurs 13th July: PS3 Summer Performance

Fri 21st July—End of Summer Term

Two further INSET Days to be confirmed



Monmouth
Comprehensive School

Ysgol Gyfun
Trefynwy

OPEN EVENING
29th September 2022
5 – 7pm




We are delighted to invite you to visit our school to find out more about how we enable our students to lead happy and successful lives.

We are an inclusive and aspirational community school, rooted in shared values and determined to enable all of our students to fulfil their potential.

As well as a presentation from the Headteacher and from students (at 5.30pm and 6.30pm), you will have the opportunity to tour our magnificent school building, to visit specialist subject areas, and to speak to staff and students about life at MCS.

Limited parking is available at the rear of the school via Dixon Road. For more information about MCS please visit our website. Video presentations will be available for any parents or carers who are not able to attend in person.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



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Class News

Reception:

We have had a very busy and exciting first fortnight in Reception. I am pleased at how well everybody is now settling into the school routines and we have enjoyed watching their friendship flourish. It is lovely to see the teamwork and resilience shining through each day. We have started to introduce our 'Helpur Heddiw' and the children have been great at taking on this role, especially in support their friends.

We have been focusing on aspects of our topic 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' to identify the different jobs we could find on a ship; we have also created a soundscape to express the sounds we may hear through the art. We have also begun to use 2D shapes in our explore time to support our learning and have been using them to create a ship and build a castle. Reception have really enjoyed learning the Conkers song for the harvest, could I ask we continue to practise this at home, we have started to add actions to our song, maybe you could ask your child to show you these? Thank you for your support.

Year One:

This fortnight in Year 1 the children have been learning all about 2D shapes. We had a lot of fun using these to recreate the animals from The Enormous Crocodile for Roald Dahl day, as well as enjoying a visit from Danny the champion of the world himself! Children are also enjoying reading The Magic Finger at the end of each day. In PE we have been learning some new hockey skills, and children have been dribbling and passing to each other this week. I have been very impressed with how safe they have all been when using the equipment. The children are settling in well to their new routines and learning environment, and have been treating each other with kindness and respect when contributing to class discussions. Keep it up, Year 1!

Year Two:

We have had a very busy first fortnight in Year Two. We have been settling in and getting used to new routines and expectations. It's been lovely to see the children working together during explore time and rebuilding their friendships. In our numeracy lessons we have been revising place value and number bonds as well as adding single digits to 7, 8 & 9. We have also been subtracting numbers and learning how addition and subtraction are related. We have been writing questions and answers in Welsh, asking somebody their name and the school they go to. In Humanities we've learnt about the different jobs and roles aboard a ship and appraised a painting. In P.E, the pupils are using actions and sequences to create a pirate dance and learning to dribble and pass a ball with a hockey stick. Our kerbcraft lessons are building road safety awareness and helping to keep our pupils alert to dangers.

Year Three:

We've had a very busy couple of weeks, but all the children are settling in brilliantly to year 3. In Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of place value, comparing numbers using mathematical symbols. We have started to explore different strategies for adding larger numbers – this was tricky to start, but we persevered! We have been learning about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and all the amazing things she did, and started to think about all the things that might change now that we have a new King. The children have all written messages of support to the Royal Family – I am so impressed with how thoughtful, respectful and compassionate they have been. The children enjoyed our first visit to Forest School this week, exploring and collaborating to create some impressive royal themed art from natural materials. As part of our Topic work we have looked in depth at the painting A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas and compared it to a number of different seascapes, and we are now looking forward to creating our own.



Year Four:

We have had a busy two weeks settling into a new term. In Numeracy we have been looking at place value and comparing numbers using greater than/less than symbols. In Literacy we are studying the book- Flotsam. This is a picture book that has encouraged skills of inference and deduction, together with beautiful illustrations to portray the story. This week we have been learning how to use speech marks correctly using the story of Flotsam. Each child has written a message of condolence to the Queen which will be displayed in a book shared by all the children in the school. The artistic creation- A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas by Claude-Joseph Vernet, has created lots of discussion as to what we can actually see and what we would like to find out. The children are now in the process of creating mood boards and comparing other seascapes. Forest School will take place every Wednesday and the children are very excited about this already! Hopefully the weather will be kind for at least the next few weeks! Your child now has a set day which they will read, so please ensure they have their diaries and books with them on this day.

Thank you for your support.

Year Five:


Another busy two weeks in Year 5, with all the children settling into school life brilliantly. I was very impressed and proud of how the class have responded to the pass of Queen Elizabeth II. After reading through the poem written by the poet laureate for the Queen, they had the opportunity to write their own acrostic poems where they all showed sensitivity and maturity, remembering the life of our monarch. In literacy we have continued to explore the characters of The Tempest, imagining we are Ferdinand and how we would feel arriving on the Island with No Name. We have used a diary entry to share these thoughts and feelings successfully.

This week we have begun to look at the artist Claude-Joseph Vernet in more detail and have begun to research the type of artist he was and look at the other paintings he created, comparing them with 'A shipwreck on Stormy Seas'. We have also worked closely with Year 6 completing Outdoor Maths activities problem solving how to find out the height of a tree without climbing it!

We have also had the opportunity this week to work collaboratively with Year 6 to complete our Pupil Voice, thinking of different ideas for what we would like to learn for this term's topic and then adding the details to the correct AOLE to help with planning.

Year Six:

Two weeks seems to have sped by since our last newsletter and what a busy two weeks they have been. I was incredibly proud of all of our year 6 children who have written about Queen Elizabeth II which such sensitivity, respect and thoughtfulness. They wrote acrostic poems after studying the double acrostic poem written by the Poet Laureate and the emotion they showed was simply wonderful - bendigedig year 6. We have continued our study of The Tempest in literacy, writing diary entries from the perspective of Ferdinand after finding himself abandoned on the island. The children took great care in trying to use their inference skills to determine what Ferdinand was feeling and helped peer assess each others work to improve it. Our humanities work has led us into exploring the life of Claude Joseph Vernet including his early life, his influences and his style as a neo-classicist. It was up to the children then to decide how to present their work which ranged from adobe spark to google slides. We have enjoyed working alongside year 5 to gather pupil voice about the new topic and have begun to work on our fitness with circuit training and swimming. We have continued our work on place value and moved into addition. We also used our reasoning skills, problem solving and trial and error to determine how we could measure the height of trees and solve the problem "The tallest trees have the largest leaves – prove it!". Get them to demonstrate the method to you and have a go at home! Keep up the good work year 6!



МАГАЗИН ДЛЯ УКРАЇНЦІВ

Безкоштовні Одяг, Речі, Іграшки та Багато Іншого

Часи роботи:
Понеділок 16:00-18:00
Середа 16:00-18:00
Субота 12:00-17:00

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 Mandaley House,
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THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

24 September - 2 October 2022

AS PART OF THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

DISCOVER NATURE

SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2022
12:00 TO 4:00

ROGIET PLAYING FIELDS, LOCATED OUTSIDE
 ROGIET SPORTS PAVILION.
 Parking available at NP26 3WF.

Climate change is one of the biggest fights of our lifetime,
 with the people and places we love already being affected.
 The #GreatBigGreenWeek brings people together, highlighting
 the importance of community and nature in our local area.
 Join us for a fun filled day and show your support!

Rogiet Community Cafe will be serving
 refreshments with any monies raised during
 the event being donated to their cafe and shop project.

SCAN ME



**FAMILY
EVENT**
FREE ACTIVITIES

NATURE TRAIL

YOGA

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

**PRIZE
FOR ALL THAT
TAKE PART**

MORE...

Educational talks, food
 and charity stalls, craft
 market and an ice
 cream van!

#GreatBigGreenWeek







Please share with anyone who maybe looking for a Reception Place, for Academic Year 2023.24



Trellech Primary School

Open Morning

**Tuesday 18th October
9.30am
for parents & families of
children due to start
Reception in September 2023**



**Meet the Headteacher, Reception Teacher and Pupils for
an informal introduction and tour of daily life at
Trellech Primary School.**



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