



# Newsletter

## Happy New Year ...

...we hope that 2023 will bring some peace and hope to our families and wider community during these uncertain times. We would like to express our gratitude to your understanding at the end of term, with an early closure due to the school being without water. Not quite the festive way we planned to end the term. Our thoughts were with those of you who were without water over the festive period. A time that made us realise the value of water in our lives.

Our first day back in school saw us join colleagues from Kymin View and Llandogo Primary Schools for our 'I'm a Clever Writer' Training. The day was invaluable and we are looking forward to reaping the benefits to the approaches in the coming months. We are looking forward to our very first Star Write/ Ysgrifennu Seren.



## Communication

We value all forms of communication as a school. However, we would like to share the most appropriate form of communication to get the most effective valuable responses. For all matters regarding attendance including absences as well as changes to drop off collection arrangements please contact the school office via telephone and leaving a message using option 1 or emailing directly via the school email:

trellechprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk

For communication linked to learning or your child's well being please contact their class teacher using their hwbcymru email account (please see overleaf), all staff will respond to this within 48 hours during work hours. If for any reason you feel your query has not been suitably resolved please contact Mrs Peacock via email or telephone or Mrs Cotton in her absence.

## Attendance and Punctuality

The United Nations Article 28 states, 'Every child has the right to have a primary education'.

Thank you for supporting the school in working towards our attendance target this year and helping us ensure this basic human right for every child. When a child is ill, absence is inevitable and often will need to follow the Health Guidance for Exclusion as a result of Common Infections. If leave is requested for other reasons we ask that a 'Special Leave Form' is completed. We meet regularly with the LA Education Welfare Officer to discuss pupil attendance and provide support where necessary. The school day commences at 9am with children arriving from 8.50am, for those pupils arriving after this time it can be upsetting as peers in their class may have already begun activities. We appreciate that sometimes circumstances beyond our control may cause us to be late but ask for your support to arrive punctually each day.

## Forest School

As we begin the new term our Forest School sessions are returning. In order for every pupil in the school to have the opportunity to attend Forest School, classes will now attend Wet Meadow fortnightly. On the alternative week classes will continue their outdoor learning opportunities within our own school grounds, for which we are very fortunate to have. This will enable a wide range of activities and deeper skills being developed in the outdoors in both environments. We would also like to ensure we maintain the beautiful area we are fortunate to be blessed with on our doorstep, by not 'over using' the area and damaging the habitat we are so fortunate to have access to.

As outdoor learning is a school priority please may we ask that all children have a pair of wellies in school at all times to ensure they are able to access the outdoors whilst ensuring their own shoes are cared for as well as the corridors and carpeted classrooms within the school.

## Curriculum Development

Last week we welcomed Mrs Brimble from the EAS to continue her work with us to continue to improve our learning environments. Following a learning walk she spent time with our Rec, Y1 and Y2 colleagues supporting the continual improvement of learning areas, both indoors and outdoors. She was able to recommend suitable resources to support the children's development of thinking skills and problem solving. We are very grateful to our PTFA who have agreed to fund this. We look forward to their arrival and sharing the outcomes.

## Industrial Action

As you are probably aware NEU have decided to strike Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We are unable to ask staff if they are with this union or if they are striking. If staff let us know before hand we will keep you informed, however staff can wait to inform us up until 7am the morning of the strike should they decide to. There is a possibility that some classes will close on that day. Please check Schoop on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February before sending your child to school for any updates.

## USW Student

This term we welcome Henry Rawlins to Year Two. He will be with us every other week as he completes his BA in Education. As a past pupil it is a delight to welcome Henry back to Trellech as he continues his studies.

### Spring Term 2023

**Fri 17th Feb**— INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 17th Feb**— Half Term Commences

**Mon 27th Feb**— Spring Term Two Commences

**Weds 1st Mar**—Eisteddfod

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar**- World Book Day

**Fri 31st Mar**— End of Spring Term

**Mon 17th April**— Summer Term Commences

**Weds 26th—Fri 29th April**—Yr6 Residential Gilwern

**Mon 15th—Weds 17th May**—Yr5 Residential Viney Hill

**Fri 26th May**— Half Term Commences

### Summer Term 2023

**Mon 5th June**— Summer Term Two Commences

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> June**: KS2 Sports Day

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June**: FP Sports Day

**Weds 21<sup>st</sup> June**: Reserve KS2 Sports day

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June**: Reserve FP Sports Day

**Fri 30th June**: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July**: PS3 Summer Performance

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July**: PS3 Summer Performance

**Fri 21st July**—End of Summer Term

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### School Reading Buddies

Following the success of the Year Three and Year Six collaborations we are extending our reading buddies throughout the school. Over the term more buddies will be established. We look forward to seeing this positive way to end the day, as children find a cosy spot to curl-up and share a book. Seeing the friendships flourish as well as helping our reading skills to grow.



### Disney Playmakers

Congratulations to our Y2/ Y3 girls along with Mrs Phillips and Miss Ward who were announced as the winners of the UEFA Disney Playmakers Fancy Dress Challenge. The reasons given for the prize were that they loved that the teachers were also involved in dressing up and number of different characters and costumes that had been chosen. We look forward to the arrival of some goodies. Congratulations and thank you Mrs Phillips and Miss Light.

### Polite Reminder

Please support us by asking your child to refrain from bringing sweets, chewing gum and toys to school (inc trading cards) to school, thank you.

### Jolly Jumper Day

The school looked very festive and jolly with staff and pupils wearing their jolly Christmas jumpers. We would like to thank you for helping us raise a huge £100 that will be forwarded to St David's.

### Community Christmas Card delivery

Following the delivery of Reception and Y5's Christmas Cards we were delighted to receive some messages and cards of gratitude in return. Showing that being kind in our community can go a long way:

*'Thank you so much for my Christmas card. What a wonderful, caring thing to do. It cheered me up no end as currently got flu. Say thank you to the lovely child who made my card . Much appreciated'*

*'I just wanted to say a huge thankyou for the Christmas card. It was a beautiful gesture and much appreciated at a difficult time. It means a lot to the community of Trelleck and I know for sure that some won't say thankyou but the teachers and children should know how much it means.'*



*Thankyou so much again ♥ '*

## Class News

### Reception:

It has been lovely to have Reception back in school after the Christmas holidays. It was great to hear all about your holidays and how much the children enjoyed their break. We've had a busy two weeks in Reception. We have started our new topic this term, Cynefin. Which has allowed the children to really discuss what is important to them and where they feel they belong; we are super excited to carry on this topic over the coming weeks. We have been looking at the Welsh Artist, Rhiannon Roberts, and we are excited to continue our learning to create a class painting of Trellech. In Literacy, we have been focusing on the story George and the Dragon. The children have begun to describe the dragon in the story and using their phonics they have been writing a simple sentence, using capital letters and full stops. The children have been able to identify what makes them a clever writer, maybe you could ask them what they think makes them a clever writer! In Numeracy this week we have been looking at pictograms, the children have been collecting their data and practising their Welsh language skills all in one. In P.E, we have started our sessions of gymnastics and the children have been practising their balancing skills, using different points of their body. We also learnt all about Chinese New Year, how to celebrate and tried traditional Chinese food. Just a reminder that if there are any questions or anything I can help with, please feel free to see me at the end of the day or email me. Thank you for your support.

### Year One:

Welcome back Year 1! This fortnight we have begun our new topic, exploring the meaning of cynefin and what it might look like to each of us. With this in mind, our role-play area is now Trellech's Tourist Information Centre, and some children have created posters to display in there. We have been looking at Welsh artist Rhiannon Roberts' work, creating a fact file including key information about her. In PE we are tackling Wales' favourite sport, rugby, alongside gymnastics, where we are focussing on developing balances, jumps and rolls. This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year, finding out which year we were born in and the corresponding zodiac animal. We have read the folktale of The Magic Paintbrush, retelling it this week in our writing using sentence openers. In maths we have learnt to tell o'clock times by looking at the hour hand.

### Year Two:

Happy New Year all and welcome back to school Year Twos. Slight changes to our school days have taken place but well done to the children for coping so well. In literacy the pupils have been enjoying their speed sound lessons and the new 'I am a clever writer' scheme. I have been really impressed with their listening skills and focus to retell stories, sequence them and record their own versions. We have carried out a baseline written piece of work and this will help us to see where we need to improve in our sentence structure and grammar. I have been inspired by our INSET training Day and am positive it will make a big difference in literacy skills. Year twos have also buddied up with year 5 pupils for extra reading sessions. This is a great way to increase pupil confidence with reading. In Numeracy we have been looking at the values of coins and making amounts of money, role playing shop and converting between pounds and pence. We have begun work on our new topic: 'Cynefin', which is about belonging and our place in the world. As part of this we are learning about Wales and the world, special places, the environment and history in the wider community. Our PE lessons are based on a Welsh country dance and we are collaborating with year 3 on this.





### **Year Three:**

Happy New Year, and Welcome back! To introduce our new topic – Cynefin – we have started to think about what makes us who we are, and how we are part of our community. We have explored Trellech village and over the next couple of weeks we will begin to think about our place in Wales, UK and the world. In Numeracy we have been learning to multiply a 2-digit number by a single-digit number using the grid method, using our times table knowledge and understanding of multiplying by 10 to help us. This week saw the start of our I am a Clever Writer sessions in Literacy, and I am already beginning to notice the impact of the precision teaching of skills – Year 3 are already showing me they are Clever Writers, and I am looking forward to seeing just how clever they become! It is amazing how focused and confident the children are becoming within this short space of time. In ICT we have been using our creative skills to begin drawing and making our own animations...I think we may have some future cartoonists among us! We have enjoyed collaborating with Year 2 to learn a Welsh country dance in P.E., and are excited to work together more on different tasks throughout this term.

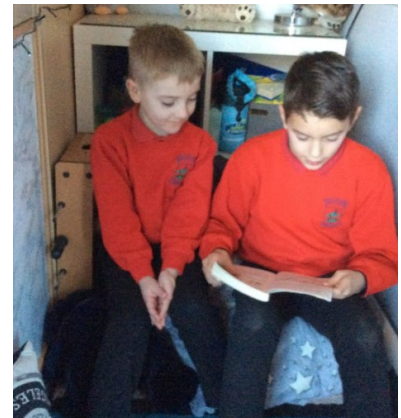
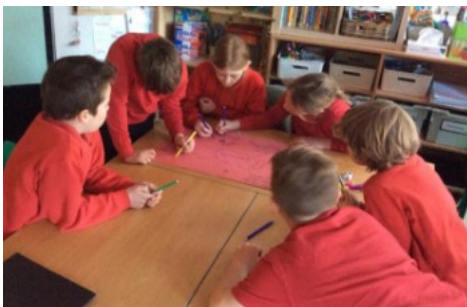
### **Year Four:**

Welcome back to a new term. We have commenced swimming this term which the children are enjoying. We will be undertaking Forest School every other week, as more classes are now using the forest. I will try to send a reminder out every other week! Our topic this term is Cynefin, which in Welsh means a sense of belonging. We have discussed where we were born, heritage, things that we like to do within our community and beyond etc. We have looked at maps to identify the United Kingdom and where we actually live. What makes a village different from a town and a city? In Numeracy we have been identifying what a fraction is and then moving on to equivalent fractions. All the staff have been trained in Clever Writer, which is an exciting way of developing extended writing. During the first week of implementing this, we have seen some interesting, detailed writing. We look forward to celebrating some of this work with you in the near future. As from this week we will be creating some Literacy/Numeracy homework, which will be on google classroom. This will inform you of what the children are learning that particular week and how you can support them. Please ensure your child has wellingtons in school for Forest School, as this time of year it gets really muddy. Ideally, it is good to leave them in school as we do go outside when it rains and the daily mile run can get quite muddy too. Thank you for your continued support.



### **Year Five:**

Year 5 have had a busy first two weeks back in school for the New Year. We have started our new topic of 'Cynefin' and have been learning about the importance of belonging as well as learning about where we live using a map of the United Kingdom and more specifically, Wales. The children used their maps to locate where they live, our school, their place of birth as well as other natural landmarks that can be found in Wales. This week, the pupils have been looking at ratio and proportion in our mathematics and numeracy lessons. They took part in 'The great squash experiment' and 'The art of ratio challenge.' The children were tasked with making Miss Light the perfect cup of squash by finding the perfect ratio of squash to water. They also used a colour chart to guide them in knowing if the squash may be too strong or too weak. They had to use their own judgements to decide if it was perfect. Some pupils had the challenge of using different ratios of paint to create other colours. They had to listen carefully and follow some tricky instructions. Following our new topic of Cynefin, we have also been looking the meaning of 'Community.' We have been learning about the importance of them, what makes one and all of the different ones that you can possibly be apart of. The children worked collaboratively in groups to share their ideas before creating a piece of work of their own. The children are looking forward in continuing our new topic and exploring it even further in the next coming weeks.



### **Year Six:**

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the Christmas holidays. Our new topic is "Cynefin", which is defined by Curriculum for Wales as 'the place where we feel we belong, where the people and landscape around us are familiar, and the sights and sounds are reassuringly recognisable'. Our starting point has been determining what cynefin means to us and the part that our community plays. We had some wonderful discussions about how we feel we belong to a community and what brings us together. Our heritage also plays an important part and we have learnt a traditional Welsh dance as well as designing our own based on modern Welsh music. We have also begun our journey with I'm a Clever Writer, basing our work upon the book "King of the Sky" by Nicola Davies. Our skill has been openers (fronted adverbials) of time and manner, with the children breaking the story down and then retelling it in our Star Write, focussing on the specific skill. Our maths has seen us investigate 2d/3d shapes and ratio and proportion. For expressive arts, we are studying the photography of Welsh artist Drew Buckley and have begun to consider lighting and camera technique when taking our own photographs. We will be using these photographs as we have begun to make our own websites based on Trellech and Cynefin – watch this space as they take shape!





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**2.30-4.30 pm**

Dates for your diary are every other Friday:

**13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January; 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February; 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March;**

**21<sup>st</sup> April & 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

We are sorry but we can't hold one on the 7<sup>th</sup> April as it is Good Friday.



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