



Week Ending—Friday 24th March 2023

Monmouth Town Council—Monmouth Litter Group

Last term children from Trellech school were invited to enter a poster competition run by Monmouth Litter Group to remind the people who visit Monmouth to put their litter in the bin. Sue and Sarah from the group came in to the school to give an assembly on the importance of using litter bins and explain the competition. This week it has been lovely to hear that some of the posters have been recognised and we achieved two highly commended certificates and one overall winner for Foundation Phase. Congratulations to Woody, Ellen and Amelia on their winning designs. They have been invited to a presentation tomorrow at the Old Library to receive their certificates; we hope you can bring them into school to share with us in next week's Golden Assembly.

Comic Relief

Last Friday saw our whole school community take part in a Daily Mile Challenge for Comic Relief. Pupils and staff came to school dressed in Red/ PE Kits ready to complete as many laps of the daily mile track as possible. We are very proud that throughout the day we managed a huge collective total of 696km or a huge 432 Daily Miles! Along with the money from fruit tuck we are pleased to share that we were able to donate £77.32 to Comic Relief.

Defibrillator Update

We are pleased to share that as a result of your generous contributions we now have a defibrillator on school site along with radio communication systems. This will help keep our identified pupil safe along with all individuals on the school site.

Ambassador Peer Observations

Last week saw our Ambassadors carry out their first Peer Observations in Year Five and Year Six. They spent time observing their peers behaviour for learning. It was a wonderful to hear them observe that the children were listening carefully, supporting each other with learning and discussing topics in a mature way. To improve their learning they agreed they shouldn't chat so much! We were very proud how they carried out this role with such maturity, making sensible observations. Diolch Mia, Willow, Oscar, Hazel, William and Bronte.

Cluster Eisteddfod

This week saw some of children take part in the Monmouth Cluster Eisteddfod at Bridges, Monmouth. Congratulations to our musicians, dancers, artists and writers who submitted entries. Well done to Wilf, William, Rose C, and Carys who were placed in the top three in their category. Thank you to Mrs Body and particularly Mr Green who arranged the entries and collaborated with cluster leads to enable such an event to take place.

Newsletter

Trellech Primary School



Tackling Anti Poverty

Cost of the School Day - survey for parents and carers across the Monmouth Cluster

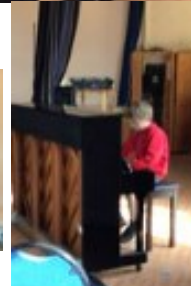
Within our schools in the Monmouth Cluster we want to make sure that all children are able to make the most of the school day and that no child misses out on anything. Your answers to this survey will help us check whether school costs are causing any concerns for our families and children and see whether there is anything that we can do to help out.

Your voice is really important and we want to hear from as many parents and carers as possible. We promise to listen to what's been said and take action where it's needed: please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/6uhK5a7G11>



United Rights of the Child Committee

UNRCC Committee led a whole school assembly, sharing with their peers their role as Well Being Warriors. Diolch yn fawr to you all, along with Miss Bowman and Miss Elias who lead this committee.



Spring Term 2023

Weds 29th Mar– Rec, Y1 & Y3 Musical Celebration (Parents Welcome)

Thurs 30th Mar– Pupil Reports Issued via Email

Fri 31st Mar– Year Five Easter Service at St Nicholas 9.30am (Y5 Parents Welcome)

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 19th May– Trellech's Got Talent

Fri 26th May– Half Term Commences

Summer Term 2023

Mon 5th June– Summer Term Two Commences

Weds 14th June: KS2 Sports Day

Thurs 15th June: FP Sports Day

Weds 21st June: Reserve KS2 Sports day

Thurs 22nd June: Reserve FP Sports Day

Fri 30th June: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 3rd July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Weds 12th July: PS3 Summer Performance

Thurs 13th July: PS3 Summer Performance

Fri 21st July—End of Summer Term

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Easter Service

On Friday 31st March our Year Five's are leading our Easter Service at St Nicholas Church. We welcome parents of Y5 to join us at 9.30am.

Additional INSET Day

The additional INSET Day has been confirmed by Welsh Government following consultation. The date has been agreed as **Monday 3rd July**.

PTFA UPDATE

Thank you for making our book sale and disco such a success. Not only did we raise over £900, a great time was had by all, and the children especially enjoyed a chance to interact with some of their teachers out of class! Thank you everyone. The monies raised will help towards resources for classrooms, like the recently funded block play in the infant classrooms which are proving very popular with the children.

New events – dates for your diaries;

Friday 31st March –Easter Egg Hunt : 3.30pm

Sunday 23rd April - Jumble Sale - A good incentive for an Easter clear out - more information on how you can donate coming soon!

Friday 19th May – Trellech's Got Talent – It's back! Juniors its your chance to show off your talents! Register your interest:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vKpvqzsVvK>



Class News

Reception: Over the past two weeks Reception have been getting to grips with their topic of 'the world around me'. We have been focusing on the new life that is happening around us. For example, we were very lucky to have a visit from Mr Jane to discuss the importance of looking after tadpoles. We have been looking at the life cycle of a frog and a have started to learn a song to remember the order of the life cycle. In Numeracy we have been halving objects and amounts as well as adding one or two more to a given number. In literacy and health and wellbeing, we have been working on expanding our answers to questions and talking about why we are feeling certain ways by using the phrase 'tell me more'. We have been looking at the world around us in forest school by explore what objects we can find and how we would label them, again strengthening our descriptive language. We are really excited to welcome parents back into school on Friday 31st at 2:00pm to take part in our Easter bonnet session. If you would like to bring any additional resources with you to decorate your Easter bonnets, please do so. However, there will be some resources available. Thank you for your continued support!



Year One: This fortnight year 1 have been very excited by the arrival of some tadpoles to the school. We have been learning all about the life cycle of a frog and discovered some very long words like metamorphosis! The children have even created edible life cycles using a variety of fruits. We have been focussing on diary entries writing in first person and past tense. In maths we have been subtracting by finding the difference between two numbers. In Welsh we have labelled the clothes we would wear on a holiday to a sunny or cold country.



Year Two: Year Twos have enjoyed estimating and measuring capacities as well as designing and creating their own drinks for a coronation party. They thought carefully about the size of drinks vessels needed and were able to find the total amount of millilitres when adding the different liquids. In literacy we have continued the theme of authentic learning by writing up a set of instructions based on our Welsh cakes making session. The pupils used interesting time openers and imperative verbs for this alongside some cleverly thought -out tips. The pupils enjoyed creating their Mother's Day cards and their dreamcatchers whilst at Forest Schools. We have been learning about the water cycle in science and labelling maps of Wales using atlases during humanities.

Year Three:

Over the last 2 weeks in Year 3, we have been focussing on instructions – identifying key features, exploring the importance of making our instructions clear and concise, and practising using verbs and adverbs, before writing our own instructions for making traditional Welsh Cakes (of course we had to make and sample these first so we knew what we were talking about!) We went on to apply this to our ICT work, writing algorithms to program a robot. This was quite tricky, and we had to do lots of debugging to correct our errors, but we really enjoyed being computer programmers. In Maths we have continued our work on division, using the method of taking away ‘chunks’ at a time. We have been finding out about photosynthesis, and discussing why plants are so vital to our environment because of the oxygen they produce. The children carried out an investigation so that they could see the plants giving off oxygen, and used their scientific writing skills to explain what was happening. We have been working hard to learn our pieces on the Doods, and are looking forward to welcoming you to our performance next week!

Year Four:

We had a great time at Forest School last week. It was cold, wet and really muddy. What child doesn't like mud!! The children created interesting obstacle courses, really impressive limbo, carrying and throwing logs, jumping, running ladders made from branches, army crawling, javelin; to name but a few. Great teamwork and communication. In Literacy last week we have been focussing on using paragraphs correctly and writing diary entries using some of the skills we have learnt. We have created e-brochures about Trellech and learnt how to create QR codes. This week in Literacy we have been focusing on instructions; identifying the language and text features of this particular genre. This will then support the children to write up their Science investigations. Science Week kicked off with an eruption of CO₂!! The children made predictions about what might happen when mentos were added to different carbonated drinks. We recorded the height of the eruption and discussed the trajectory of each drink. The children then concluded what happened. We have continued with Science this week- looking at the structure of the lungs and how our respiratory system works. In Numeracy we have been looking at the relationship between grams and kilograms and how to read a variety of scales as well as convert between the units. Well done to the children who represented our class/school at the Cluster Eisteddfod this week too- we were very proud of you. Thank you for your continued support.



Year 5

What another busy couple of weeks Year 5 have had. We started the week with a science focus, very excitedly we were going to be using a real parachute. Unfortunately not the type you use when jumping out of a plane, the RA would have been too tricky, but the type athletes use when training and using air resistance. Year 5 had a great time planning the investigation and then running with the parachute to prove the statement you run faster without a parachute. We then ended the week by making fizzy pop eruptions using carbonated drinks and Mentos! We made sensible predictions for which drink would have the longest eruption and then recorded our results. Next week we will be looking at lung capacity which should be lots of fun. Our literacy focus this week has been writing our instructions using imperative verbs (bossy). We used the Marvin and Milo investigations and enjoyed trying to use our own instructions to carry out the investigation, we soon realised we needed to make our writing very clear. Have a go at the instruction writing set on the homework this week using a different Marvin and Milo investigation. At the end of last week we celebrated Comic Relief, Red Nose Day by dressing in red and then running as many laps as we could around the daily mile track, this certainly kept us fit. This Wednesday we made our way to Forest School, the weather was a little different than our previous snowy visit. In the forest we used natural materials to make symmetrical pictures, with some really fantastic designs being shown. Please have a look at twitter to see some of our designs. Thank you for your continued support



Year Six:

The past two weeks have seen the beginning of a science focus in all of Progression Step 3. Year 6 began their journey into science by understanding the respiratory system, learning about and labelling the parts of the lungs and designing an experiment to determine whether boys or girls had a bigger lung capacity. Lots of fun was had whilst we tested the theory and analysed our results. To help with this, our maths focus has been learning about averages, such as mean and median and why we need to use these. We then moved on to symmetry and the history behind the symmetry used in Welsh blankets. The children all created their own symmetrical Welsh blanket designs and then made natural versions whilst at Forest School – the results were wonderful! Last week in literacy we looked at how and why we need paragraphs and wrote diary entries with paragraphs being the main focus. This week we have concentrated on instructions and being able to write a set of scientific instructions that are specific enough for someone to conduct an experiment with. Red Nose Day was a wonderful day with the children giving 100% to laps they ran around the daily mile track. This week we are looking at forces and air resistance, identifying the forces acting on objects and testing the resistance a parachute provides. Congratulations to the Year 6 who took part in our cluster Eisteddfod and represented the school, we were very proud of you.

In support of **mind** Monmouthshire

HEAR IT
PLAY IT
LIVE IT
CERDD GWENT MUSIC

Monmouthshire Showcase Concert

27th March 2023
Monmouthshire comprehensive School
7pm

Featuring performances from Gwent Music Ensembles & Schools from across Monmouthshire!



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets!

MUSIC YOUTH
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Let's talk hedgehogs!

Hedgehog numbers have **declined dramatically** from over 30 million to less than a million. They are now **vulnerable to extinction**, but there are **many things you can do to help...**

Come and find out more from Hedgehog Champion, 16 year old Dylan, as seen on BBC and ITV.

Saturday 25th March
2:30pm-4:00pm
The Priory, St Mary's Church, Monmouth

Short presentation - Children's activities - Refreshments
Bring your own soft toy or ornamental hedgehog!

DO SOMETHING TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

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Natural Resources
Natural Heritage

HEDGEHOG STREET
CITY OF WILDLIFE

The Incredible Years

Getting Ready for School

Getting Ready for School is a free online course to help you to support your child's transition to school.

Four 1 hour sessions (over 4 weeks) via Microsoft Teams or Face to Face Groups

Managing Emotions
Language and Social Skills
Word skills
Interactive reading.

The course will also cover practical skills such as toileting, eating with a knife and fork and much more!

Free 'Getting Ready for School' pack on completion of the course.

To book on the next course, contact

Tel: 01873 735430

Email: parenting@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Facebook: [monmouthshireacornproject](https://www.facebook.com/monmouthshireacornproject)

For parents of children aged 3-4, due to start school or just started.

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COMMUNITY JUMBLE SALE

TRELLECH PRIMARY P.T.E.A.
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1101355

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL
10 til 2 AT TRELLECH PRIMARY SCHOOL
EVERYONE WELCOME

DONATIONS OF GOOD QUALITY CLOTHES / TOYS / HOUSEHOLD GOODS TO BE LEFT AT SCHOOL RECEPTION WED 29 - FRI 31

OUTDOOR TRADE STANDS / PRIVATE TABLES £10 EACH

MORE INFO OR TO ARRANGE DONATIONS OVER EASTER BREAK
trellechjumblesale@outlook.com

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SHOWTIME FRIDAY 19TH MAY

TRELLECH'S GOT TALENT

"IT'S AUDITION TIME!"

OPEN TO ALL JUNIOR PUPILS

SINGING • MUSIC • DANCING • MAGIC • COMEDY

ENTER TRELLECH'S GOT TALENT TODAY

- DECIDE ON YOUR ACT-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO PERFORM? ON YOUR OWN OR AS PART OF A GROUP? MAX 2 MINUTES LONG
- RETURN YOUR ENTRY FORM VIA SCHOOP BY MARCH 31ST
- REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE ENTRY FEE: £2 PER CHILD VIA PARENT PAY
- PRACTICE, PRACTICE AND PRACTICE SOME MORE!
- AUDITION DETAILS TBC
- FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW NEARER THE TIME

*Whatever your talent,
it's your time to shine!*

Trellech PTFA
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HOP ALONG TO OUR EASTER EGG HUNT

3.30pm on FRIDAY 31st
March

Follow the clues to
find the letters and
receive your prize.

£3 per child-siblings welcome.

Payment via parentpay in advance or
cash and card payment on the day.

Every child that participates will
receive an Easter egg.

Free Activities in the Area

Leisure Centre Provision:

Free Swimming Sessions

MonLife leisure centres provide free swimming sessions for children under 16 with a MonLife membership card;

- Monmouth Leisure Centre
- Saturday 2.45pm-3.45pm

FREE with MonLife membership card

To register for a membership please follow the link, <https://monlife.legendonlineservices.co.uk/enterprise/account/login>

Passport to Leisure (PTL) membership

MonActive operates a Passport to Leisure Scheme (PTL), which offers discounts to those on low incomes through an eligibility criteria. PTL membership entitles you to 25% and 50% off single use activities. With a PTL membership, you will be able to access our facilities on a discounted pay as you go or monthly basis. For more information please see - [Concessionary Membership - MonLife](#)

Holiday Provision:

All information regarding FREE holiday provision can be found on the MonLife Holiday Activities page; [Activities – MonLife Holiday Activities](#) which is updated periodically throughout the year in line with upcoming provision. The free programmes are;

Stay and Play - Free stay and play sessions during the holiday periods where children and families will have the opportunity to freely choose from lots of activities including physical play, den building, arts and crafts or wherever their imagination takes them.

Active Play - Free Supervised provision with our highly trained and experienced playworkers for children aged 5-11 years old.

They can choose from a range of activities to play activities including physical play, archery, arts and crafts or wherever their imagination takes them. Children can be left to attend the session independently for the duration of the 1 hour 55 minute sessions through prior registration.

Community Provision:

Parkrun

Parkrun is all about inclusiveness and wellbeing. We want as many people as possible to feel part of a real local community brought together by our events, as well as our global parkrun family.

- Dixton Junior parkrun
- Every Sunday Morning at 9am
- Monmouth Leisure Centre, Old Dixton Road, NP25 3DP
- FREE

[How do I register? – parkrun Support](#)

Youth Service:

Junior Youth club;

Attik Commerce House, 9 Monnow Street, Monmouth NP25 3XR

- Thursdays 4pm-5.30pm and 6pm-7.30pm
- Year 6 pupils only in readiness for transition in to Year 7

Contact ianwheeler@monmouthshire.gov.uk (Youth Support Worker)

£1 per session