



# Newsletter

## Trellech Primary School

### Year Five at Viney Hill

Year Five visited Viney Hill Adventure Centre this week achieving lots of new skills. They were blessed with some wonderful weather during their three days and the staff were blessed with some sleep which is always a relief! We are very proud of the achievements during this recent trip and grateful to Mrs Cotton, Mrs Body and Miss Light who accompanied over the three days.

We will be sharing in the near future a Short Parent Questionnaire that will help us plan future activities, your feedback is instrumental in such planning.

### Parent Workshops

It was a pleasure to hold our first parent workshop this week, sharing our provision of Thrive, supporting our learners emotional well being. Thank you to those parents and governors who were able to attend. We look forward to welcoming you to the remaining summer workshops:

Tuesday 23rd May: Internet Safety (Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents)

Tuesday 6th June: Maths & Numeracy

Tuesday 20th June: Reading at Trellech

If you would like to join us for any of these sessions please email the school office to confirm.

### Sharing Session and Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to our Sharing Session for the Summer Term prior to our Parent Consultations. These will take place via SchoolCloud following feedback after the cycle last year. We will look forward to receiving feedback following this years consultation processes and updating accordingly in readiness for the new academic year.

Please join our Sharing Sessions on Thursday 25th May 1.15pm– 3.15pm or Monday 5th June between 9.30– 11.30 and 2-3.15pm. This is an opportunity to share your child’s achievements with them. Please use the following link to book an appointment to discuss your child’s progress on either Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th or Thursday 8th June between 3.40 and 6pm.

### Gardening Planters

Reception Children received some planters and compost last week as a result of Mrs Holmes (Henry’ Mum ) successfully accessing an ACE Grant (Action on Climate Emergency: Monmouth). We are very grateful once again to everyone who is helping support the improvements in our school grounds



### Kelloggs Best Breakfast Club in Wales

Mrs Peacock, Mrs Light, Joshua and Carys were honoured to attend the Kelloggs Breakfast club award ceremony in Parliament earlier this week. We had the pleasure of visiting Parliament to be awarded the honour of having the ‘Best Breakfast Club in Wales’- being recognised for the support our children have to support their well being and ensure they have a positive start to the day. We have been awarded £1000 in prize money and the children have given some wonderful suggestions of how this can be utilised to continue to ensure the provision continues to flourish. We were treated to an impromptu tour of Parliament by David Davies, our local MP prior to the ceremony. Following the ceremony we, along with our fellow prize winners from across the United Kingdom visited The London Eye to view London at its best! We are very proud of our achievements and grateful to the Breakfast Club Team who welcome our children each morning. We would also like to thank Joshua and Carys for representing the school so well– they had a long day particularly as they had been at Viney Hill earlier in the week. They were a pleasure to spend the day with and wonderful Ambassadors of Trellech School.



### Spring Term 2023

**Fri 19th May**– Trellech’s Got Talent

**Tues 23rd May**– Parent Workshop: Digital Safety (Y5 & 6)

**Thurs 25th May**– Sharing Session– 1.15-3.15pm

**Thurs 25th May**– Colorfoto Class/ Group Photographs

**Fri 26th May**– Half Term Commences

### Summer Term 2023

**Mon 5th June**– Summer Term Two Commences ,

**Mon 5th June**– Sharing Session

**Tues 6th June**– Parent Workshop– Numeracy

**Tues 6th, Weds 7th , Thurs 8th June:** Parent Consultations

**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

**Mon 3rd July:** 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

### Website Upgrade

Miss Powell and our Governors has been working to develop our new school website. Once the site is live we will let you know via Schoop so you can access it as we continue to develop it further. There maybe some disruption over the weekend while the changeover takes place.

### Pupil Fundraising: Cancer Research

We are very proud to share that Bronte in Year Six is currently completing a challenge for Cancer Research UK.

She is aiming to walk 100miles in May, Bronte is currently half way through her challenge and on track to achieve her goal. If anyone would like to support her on this important challenge, we are sure she would very much appreciate and help her focus to get to the finish line. The link to follow Bronte’s challenge and opportunity to support Cancer Research may be found at:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/brontes-giving-page-8>

Good luck Bronte as you approach the finish line.

### FSM Entitlement

We are very aware of not asking too much of parents and carers within the current financial climate and we only ask you to support where you can. If you are struggling, there is help available. Anyone can fall behind with bills and get into debt, but it’s NEVER too late to seek help and advice.

There is also help available with school costs, including Free School Meals. Please make sure to apply for what you’re eligible for. It is also very important for schools that families continue to apply for Free School Meals if eligible even if your child receives Universal Free School Meals or prefers to bring a packed lunch. Schools receive substantial additional funding for every child eligible for Free School Meals. Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals may also be entitled to additional support such as a clothing and equipment grant. Click here to see if you are eligible: [Free School Meals & Uniform Grant – Free School Meals | Torfaen & Monmouthshire County Councils](#) Please complete the forms: every penny helps at home and at school, especially in the current climate.

### Staff Updates

As we head toward the end of the academic year, we are sad to share that Mrs Voaden, Mrs Harding and Mrs Evans will be leaving us. We will welcome back Mrs Hassall following her maternity leave later in the term.

### Snow Wales Ski Sports Race

Wilf and Annabel Attended Pontypool Dry Ski Slope last week and despite thunder, lighting, hailstones and torrential downpours after a delayed start the racing began. It was a slalom race with each competitor having two runs. Both Wilf and Annabel completed both runs cleanly navigating between the gates! A great event we are very proud of their achievements and for representing Trellech Primary School!



## National Test Data

All learners from year 2 to 6 have recently taken personalised assessment tests in numeracy, reasoning and reading through the Welsh Government platform Hwb. These assessments are on-line and are adaptive, meaning that questions are selected based on the responses to previous questions. This provides a tailored assessment experience for each learner and will help all learners develop their skills through understanding what they can do, the things they may need to work on, and their next steps. The assessments provide schools with information on the skills of individual learners, groups and whole classes. They are also another way for us to help your child, improving and building confidence in their own ability. You are now able to access the results from this year's personalised assessments through their Hwb login.

## Rehome Uniform Scheme

As you are aware, we have run a second hand uniform service this academic year, we are now gratefully receiving uniform donations throughout the year from parents.

As students leave for Year 7, in particular if you have any uniform that you would like to donate (including PE kit), we would be pleased to receive it. Could you please drop off any donations at Reception (separate to the clean current available uniform) where it can be washed and sorted in readiness for rehoming uniform.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

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## Welsh Phrase of the

### Fortnight:

Dw i eisiau... – I want...

Welsh speakers of the last fortnight have been: Josh Swingwood Y5, Jude North Y6 Sarah Housty and Edward Hockey in Year 1! Longyfarcia dau bawb!

# PHOTO DAY

Trellech  
Primary School

Thursday  
25th May



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## Class News

### Reception:

In maths this fortnight Reception have explored the properties of shapes by making robots out of 2D shapes, as well as introducing the concept of measuring time by timing how many star jumps we could do in a minute. We have begun to design and create our Scribblebots ready to equip with motors next week. In Forest School we have made our Scribblebots using natural resources, as well as joining Year 1 for a session of outdoor yoga. In PE we are beginning preparations for Sports Day and have been practising our bat and ball skills. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Holmes for supplying us with the materials and helping to create our new outdoor planters with the help of Mr and Mrs Kyte. Reception have thoroughly enjoyed filling them with soil and planting seeds! Thank you to all for your continued support.

### Year One:

In Year 1 we have written letters to Mrs Peacock thanking her for our coronation picnic, and have begun to plan our very own fictional stories which we will be turning into books. For maths we have been learning about tens and ones, as well as spotting halves, thirds and quarters of shapes. After missing two weeks of Forest School due to Bank Holidays our visit this Monday was fantastic. We invented our own games and played them with each other and started a brand new book to read over the Summer Term. Making the most of the weather we have also been planting flowers in our garden, enjoying athletics and tennis and tackling challenges during the daily mile. In Expressive Arts the children have been recreating one half of their face using nuts and bolts (and other bits and bobs) to become half robot. The results have been very impressive so far!

### Year Two:

In year Two we have written a letter to King Charles congratulating him on his coronation and we have written reports on the Tour de France (Which is this term's topic). In numeracy we have been revising measuring skills using both centimetres and metres; we have found fractions of amounts and recognised patterns in numbers such as  $6 \times 2 = 12$  so  $60 \times 2 = 120$ , etc. Pupils have been learning to tie both clove hitch knots and square lashings to create a frame made of twigs at Forest schools. This proved to be both challenging and fun. In Science and technology we have been creating pictograms on Just 2 Easy and have designed and made a helmet for an egg to protect it from smashing. The children really enjoyed testing them out by dropping from a height. We linked this to the potential dangers of cyclists wearing the correct protection on their heads. In Welsh we have been learning to ask where someone is going and answer where and on what day.

### Year Three

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been using the skills we learnt to create another non-chronological report, this time all about the Tour de France in line with our new topic. We have already found out lots of information and some interesting facts to include. Our Maths has continued to focus on measurement, moving on to looking at m and cm. We have been finding equivalent measurements to compare and order, and practised drawing lines accurately. In Expressive Arts we started to work on the tricky task of learning French through music – we began by signing Frere Jacques and finding out what the song was about, and now we are learning how to play the tune on the glockenspiel. I have been so impressed with how well the children are picking this up – they are doing a great job of remembering and playing the correct notes, keeping to the beat, and playing altogether. C'est fantastique!

**Year 4** A busy few weeks again in Year 4 which has seen us focus on our French project that we are taking part in with other schools in our cluster. It's all about learning French through a fairytale - Petite Chaperon Rouge (Little Red Riding Hood) We have looked at body part names such as bouche, nez and yeux. See what they can tell you about a 'cognate' too- I'm sure you will be impressed! In maths we have been looking at factors and multiples- the children are becoming quicker at realising that any even number must have a factor of 2 and multiples of 10 must have factors of 10 etc. I wonder if the higher the number, the more factors it has? Something to ponder over!! We have started some practising for sports day today, which has been exciting! Lots of healthy competition already!!

### **Year Five**

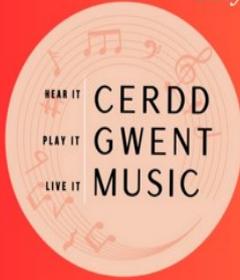
Another two weeks have passed in Y5 and what a busy couple of weeks it has been. Our focus has been letter writing in Literacy with last week seeing us writing letters to King Charles III and Queen Camilla to find out about the Coronation. In maths we have been identifying the best deals in the supermarkets and have discovered that not all deals are what they seem and might actually cost you more. We have started our Champions topic by discussing in our progression steps what qualities they believe are important in being a champion. We were very impressed with the range of qualities suggested, including ones that the teachers hadn't even thought about. Following on from this we have been looking at what makes a good sport and how we can demonstrate those qualities in our own actions. On Monday we left Trellech for our residential visit to Viney Hill Adventure Centre, with bags packed, I think some thought we might be staying all week, we boarded the bus very excitedly. Wow! What a great three days we had, including the weather and I can't express enough how proud I am of all the class and the way they represented themselves and Trellech Primary School so positively. From tunnelling to the high climbing wall, from navigation to bush craft everyone gave it 100%, challenging themselves to complete activities even when they were a little unsure. I would like to say thank you, on behalf of Mrs Body, Miss Light and myself to all the children and their amazing attitudes whilst we were away—you are all superstars and it was a privilege to be part of such amazing memories.

### **YearSix:**

Two weeks seems to have flown by since our return from Gilwern. For literacy we have focussed on recounting our time away using bullet journals, a unique form of creative writing that includes writing and drawing. The children recalled their time away under specific headings, adding key visual images and persuading others why they should have their residential there. The results were wonderful and we will be sending them off to Gilwern as our thankyou to them. This week's literacy carries on with the theme of persuasion with year 6 analysing job adverts and writing new ones for the roles of ambassadors, house captains etc. They will be ready for year 5 to look at when move up day comes around. Our maths has had a money focus, deciding on the best deals in supermarkets and understanding why and how banks look after our money. We had some fantastic discussions about virtual money and the difference between credit and debit cards. We have also taken our first steps into algebra by investigating mathematical rules and how to test them. Our topic of Champions has begun in earnest, with progression step three working together to find the qualities of a champion and then diamond ranking them according to the importance each child gave them. The collaboration was amazing with qualities such as resilience, determination, belief and honesty. We have also discussed how to be a good sports-person and on the flip side, a good loser, the children all agreeing that the requirements didn't just apply to sports but lots of areas in life. In forest school we have made assault courses out of natural materials and begun our research on the Tour de France. Finally, to end our week we have been putting our learning of food in French to good use by starting to read La chenille affamée (the Very Hungry Caterpillar). We will keep you updated on our progress!



May Half-Term 2023



# YOUTH CHOIR

## HALF TERM CHOIR COURSE

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd  
June 2023  
10am - 3pm

£20 MEMBERSHIP

AGES 7 - 12 WELCOME

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## Arts Festival

Are you 10 - 18? Would you like to try some new activities?

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Where? Wales, Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff Bay CF10 5AL

When? Friday 16th June 2023

What is involved? Experience Deaf Arts - try out three workshops hosted by Artists from across the UK



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