



Week Ending—Friday 6th October 2023

### **Harold Stones Harriers!**

We have been set a challenge by our friends at Mon Life to participate in a cluster ParkRun challenge. Details have been shared via Schoop. During a ten week period from 10th October, attendance will be monitored for and the team with the greatest attendance during this period will win a day of PE delivery for the school. Our team name, chosen by the pupils is Harold Stone Harriers. Please register using the following link: [How do I register? – parkrun Support](#) and adding your name and team name to the registration.

Dixton Junior Park Run is a free event that takes place each Sunday morning at Monmouth Leisure Centre, Dixton Road, Monmouth NP25 3YT. Please share your participation with us and involvement in this community event, so that we can celebrate and share your achievements together.

### **Reporting to Parents**

Our Autumn Term Reporting begins in October with our first Sharing Session on Wednesday 18th October. In order to improve the system for our Sharing Sessions please find a link to book a time slot to ensure we know who is attending and that your child and their books are ready. [Trellech Primary School \(office365.com\)](#)

### **Parent Workshops**

Following the re-introduction of Parent Information Workshops in the Summer Term, we have decided to run the sessions again during the Autumn Term at an alternative time to enable more people to attend.

This will take place on a Monday or Friday afternoon at 2.30pm

Mon 16th Oct : Reading at Trellech

Friday 20th October: THRIVE & Well Being

Friday 10th Nov: Internet Safety (Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents)

Friday 17th Nov: Maths & Numeracy

Please use the following link to indicate your attendance:

[Parent Workshops \(office.com\)](#)

Or using the QRCode;



# Newsletter

## Trellech Primary School

### **Goodbye and Good Luck...**

Today, we sadly say goodbye and good luck for the future to Mrs Hassall who is leaving us to pursue employment outside of education. Mrs Hassall has been a huge part of Trellech School over the last ten years. She has taught across the school during her time in Trellech providing many engaging learning opportunities including supporting learners overcome challenges during many residential trips. Mrs Hassall has been instrumental in our development of delivering Welsh as a Second Language through the school, completing a Sabbatical to support our knowledge of the language and achieving our first Cymraeg Campus Bronze Award. We wish Mrs Hassall every success and happiness for the future.

### **Website Development**

We are continuing to update our website with useful information. Our AOLE pages provide information regarding curriculum delivery for each area of learning, our class pages are being added to fortnightly along with the class information sheet that was shared at the beginning of the academic year. Our Governors have an area which outlines their roles, the annual plan and overview of meetings for your information. We hope you find the website beneficial as we continue to add additional information

### **Colour Run: Supporting Angelman Syndrome**

We are extremely grateful to you, our school community for the support you gave during our recent Colour Run. Along with the monies raised from the refreshments served at the Art Exhibition at the end of the Summer Term we are proud to share that a magnificent £540.28 was raised for Angelman Syndrome. The Washbrook family would like to express their huge gratitude for the huge support given to the charity that supports Ivor.

### **Staff Professional Learning**

On Monday staff had the opportunity to complete Professional Learning. Our teachers worked with the team from Impact Wales, focussing on our curriculum offer— considering in detail the ways our learners retain information, utilising this to effectively build upon this knowledge and moving their learning forward. Our support staff attended a cluster digital event hosted at Usk Primary, providing opportunities to develop their knowledge to support learners in effectively utilising their digital skills across the curriculum.

### **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

Last Friday, saw our Charity Committee and PTFA come together to hold our first Macmillan Coffee Afternoon take place for the first time in several years. It was wonderful to see the children selecting some delectable treats along with families coming together to share a cuppa, some cake and a catch up! We are proud to share we raised in the region of £300. Total to be confirmed.. Thankyou to everyone that was able to join us for this event, we are sure the first of many during the year.

### **Vehicular Access to the School Site**

Access of the school site for families who travel by car is something we understand as parking in the community is limited. However, it continues to be of great concern of how some users drive into the school site putting the safety of others at risk. Risk Assessments highlight the need for buses to have priority access to the site, enabling pupils who travel by bus to disembark from buses straight onto the pavement and have immediate access to school. We continue to have some vehicles who access the school site too fast and without consideration to others safety. In the interest of safety for the whole school community we will continue to monitor the situation and unfortunately if the situation does not improve it maybe necessary to review the management of vehicles accessing the site at the start and end of the school day.

### **Stay and Play Initiative**

In the coming weeks we will be launching our 'Stay and Play' initiative which will see us open our KS2 area to families on a Wednesday after school between the hours of 3.30 and 4.30pm for children to play. We know our local area is very limited for places for children to play safely and hope you will take advantage of the autumn weather and make the most of our open space. The first 'Stay and Play' will begin on Wednesday 10th October. We have been fortunate enough to receive a community grant to purchase additional benches, a reading hut, mark making shelter and seating area with a sail as part of the initiative. Please note children are not permitted to stay without an adult as they will be your responsibility, not the school's. The school buildings will not be open for use of toilets as cleaning staff will be on site. Therefore, your child will need to use the toilet at the end of the school day if you are staying. Please remember we are providing the space to play only. You may bring snacks, blankets and outdoor games, we just ask as an Eco School you take your rubbish home with you. We hope you will take up this opportunity and enjoy this scheme.

### **Harvest Festival**

On Friday 13th October we celebrate our Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church. Our service will be led by our Year Six pupils and each class will celebrate with their own Harvest Performance. Donations of dried and tinned food are welcomed to support Monmouth Foodbank. Families are welcome to join us for this celebration at St Nicholas at 9.30am.

### **Cluster Cross Country**

Miss Whyte, Mrs Voaden and Mrs Marsh were proud to take some of our pupils to the Cluster Cross Country Event at Monmouth Leisure Centre last week. All the children took part with enthusiasm, were supportive and encouraging to those others running from our school and other schools across the cluster, an excellent demonstration of sportsmanship. Well done to you all!



### **Autumn Term 2023**

**Tues 10th Oct**– Open Morning for New Parents (Rec 24)

**Fri 13th Oct**– Harvest Festival led by Y6- St Nicholas 9.30am

**Mon 16th Oct**– Parent Workshop: Reading at Trellech 2.30pm

**Weds 18th Oct**– Sharing Session

**Weds 25th Oct**– Parent Consultations (Face to Face)

**Thurs 26th Oct**- Parent Consultations (Face to Face)

**Fri 27th Oct**: End of Half Term

**Mon 6th Nov**: Autumn Term Two Commences

**Fri 24th Nov**: INSET—School Closed to Pupils

**Weds 13th Dec**: Acorns (Rec & Y1) Christmas Nativity 10am

**Thurs 14th Dec**: Acorns (Rec & Y1) Christmas Nativity 2pm

**Fri 15th Dec**: Christmas Story Telling Sessions

**Tues 19th Dec**: Y4/ Y5: Christmas Carol Service St Nicholas 9.30am

**Weds 20th Dec**: Christmas Dinner

**Fri 22nd Dec**: Whole School Panto Trip to The Savoy, Monmouth

**Fri 22nd Dec**: End Of Autumn Term

**Mon 8th Jan**: Spring Term Commences

**Fri 9th Feb**: End of Half Term

**Mon 19th Feb**: Spring Term Two Commences

**Mon 19th Feb**: INSET—School Closed to Pupils

**Tues 19th March**: Saplings (Y2 & Y3) Easter Celebration

**Thurs 21st March**: Annual Report to Parents

**Fri 3rd May**: INSET—School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 28th June**: INSET– School Closed to Pupils

**Tues 11th June**: Rec, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

**Weds 12th June**: Y3-Y6 Sports Day

**Tues 18th June**: Reserve Rec, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

**Weds 19th June**: Reserve Y3-Y6 Sports Day

**Weds 10th July**: Oaks (Y4/5/6 ) Summer Production 1.30pm

**Thurs 11th July**: Oaks (Y4/5/6 ) Summer Production 6pm

**Fri 19th July**: Leavers Assembly 9.30am

### **Governor Ballot**

Following the recent Governor Nomination Forms that were communicated via Schoop. We have several nominations and as a result we require to complete a Ballot for the Parent Governor Vacancies. Your child should have brought home with them today (Friday 6th October) a ballot paper per adult, two envelopes to return your ballot paper and personal statements to enable you to select your vote. All ballot papers should be returned to school by Friday 20th October.

### **Community Noticeboard**

The community noticeboard has now been relocated from the front of the school building to the front gate to enable all members of the community to access this important source of community information. We hope you find the new position beneficial, keeping you updated with community news and events! A huge diolch to Mr Appleton for enabling this to happen.

### **Expressive Arts Volunteers**

Miss Whyte and Miss Light as our leaders of Expressive Arts are looking for volunteers who have an interest in supporting our Expressive Arts Curriculum offer. If you have an interest or some expertise that would enhance our provision please complete the following form: [Expressive Arts: Community volunteer registration form \(office.com\)](#) Thankyou in advance.

### **Criw Cymreig**

This week we have started to issue ‘Tocyn Iaith’ (language tokens) to pupils who are caught using Welsh around school. Each class then collects them and calculates the total at the end of the week and the class with the most tokens is awarded the ‘Dosbarth Cymraeg Yr Wythnos’ trophy.

Llongyfarchiadau to Blwyddyn Pedwar for being our first recipients of the Trophy!

Ruby in Year 6 has recorded the answer phone message in both Welsh and English.

Phrase of the week: Ga I fenthyg rwber? – May I borrow a rubber? That can be changed for a pencil, ruler etc.

### **Welsh speakers of the fortnight:**

Rec– Y2: Edith S (Rec) and William P (Y2)

Y3– Y6: Max O (Y3) and Evie G (Y3)

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**Dosbarth Reception** Reception have been very busy over the past two weeks. For our Ti a Fi (You and Me) topic we have been exploring our similarities and differences. To help us do this, we enjoyed reading the book 'The same but different too.' We have also continued to practice and learn some more Welsh. We are beginning to become more confident in answering questions such as pwy wyt ti? (What's your name?) and ble rwyd ti'n byw? (Where do you live?). In maths we have continued to practice recognising and forming numbers to 10, along with creating pictures using 2D shapes and working out what one more/one less is of numbers to ten. We have enjoyed learning some of our new sounds 'm,a and s' in Read Write Inc as well as practicing how to write them correctly using the different rhymes. At forest school this week, we enjoyed collaborating with Year 1 to make different homes for our Forest friends. There was also plenty of excitement in the classroom over the return of our chickens. Reception are looking forward to taking care of them over the course of this year. There have already been some fantastic helpers who have changed their water, checked their food and ensured that their run is clean and tidy for them. Looking after our wildlife and planet is very important to us, so we have also been exploring what we can do to help keep not only our planet but ourselves healthy too. Finally, a special thank you and good luck to Mrs Hassall from all of us in Reception, along with Miss Light and Miss Ward. You have already helped us all grow so much in the first part of our learning journey. Your kindness, care and continuous efforts to support us will never be forgotten. We will miss you lots!



**Dosbarth 1** Another busy two weeks in Year 1. We are continuing with our Topic, My World My School and finding out the different ways we travel to and from school each day, lots of us come by bus, car and some of us walk. In maths we have continued to work with numbers to 20, counting forward and backwards starting at different numbers and reinforcing the 'teen' numbers saying thirteen, fourteen. We have been recognising the + and the = signs and using them to write our own number sentences using dice and dominoes to create our sums. We have also been learning outside collecting different leaves, acorns and conkers to create sums and add the quantities together by counting on. In RWInc we have been learning our new sounds and using Fred talk to learn to read our new green words. We have been using our Fred fingers to spell new words using our sounds and then write the words independently. In I'm a Clever Writer we have been retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs using story maps, sequencing, and writing sentences independently using the time openers First, Then, Next and Finally. We are really enjoying our gardening with Mrs Cornish and have been very proud to harvest our vegetables which are available for you to take at the end of a Thursday, we are hoping our pumpkins will be ready soon too. Our chickens are also back in school enjoying their new run where they have room to roam and dig for worms, they have also started to lay eggs although they are very small at the moment. We were very excited to see the chickens back in school and the eggs. Thank you to the Cookman family who have been looking after the chickens until their new pen was ready. We have had our second visit to Forest School where we enjoyed learning about animals who hibernate in the winter and built homes for our woodland friends in the forest.



**Dosbarth 2** The pupils of Year Two have been very busy this last fortnight. They are enjoying our topic 'People who help us'. They have sequenced events from the story: The Enormous Turnip and rewritten their versions of it using a range of time openers. We have made a very good start to our spelling tests with sixteen pupils getting them all right. Our new target is to get 17 or more pupils with all their words spelled correctly. In Numeracy we have been ordering numbers and used the greater than and lesser than symbols. As a part of our outdoor learning, pupils have been using coins to pay for items 'sold' from the 'shop' so they get used to language associated with money, calculate change and recognise the coins they are using. Pupils are improving their Welsh language skills through lessons, during registration time and milk time. In science we have been learning about the seven life processes and their meanings with the mnemonic: MRS GREN (Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion, Nutrition). The pupils have been identifying digital and non-digital technology in ICT as well as their uses. At Forest School we were very focussed when sketching natural objects, using shading and paying attention to detail.



**Dosbarth 3** In Year 3 we have been finding out more about our families and thinking about how they are all different. We have explored new digital tools, using Adobe to create a family tree – I am so impressed with how quickly the children have picked this up, the enthusiasm they have shown, and the fantastic way they have supported each other and figured things out together. We continued this in our Welsh sessions, learning the key vocabulary to talk about people in our family. In Literacy we have been recapping our understanding of how to write effective instructions. We identified key features, such as imperative verbs, time connectives and adverbs, and discussed why each is important in instructions. We have linked this to algorithms in ICT, recognising that they are sets of instructions to program a device to solve a problem or complete a task. We have spent some time this week thinking about our feelings, after reading the brilliant 'Find Your Happy'. We discussed how we can recognise different feelings, and the children gave lots of thought things they can do to manage their emotions, as well as ways they could help someone else to feel better.

This week in Maths we have worked on adding and subtracting. We have built our understanding of what happens when we add or subtract 1s, 10s or 100s to or from a 3-digit number, and are ready to move on to adding larger numbers next week. During P.E. we have enjoyed playing different games to develop our teamwork and communication, and had great fun designing and teaching other our own game.

#### **Dosbarth 4**

Busy, busy, busy in Year 4 in the last two weeks. The children have created some amazing art in the style of Gustav Klimt which has certainly brightened up our classroom. A range of materials were used together with gold foil to create a Tree of Life that was personal to them. This week we have finished our book-Journey, which is a wondrously, illustrated picture book about self-determination, perseverance, equality and unexpected friendship. This week we have been looking at similes that we could use to describe sections of the story and completed our learning by writing a descriptive poem. In ICT we followed a live learning session on how we can enhance our knowledge and language skills by using Adobe on Hwb- lots of new skills were learnt that will be reinforced in the next few weeks. The children really surprised us with their teamwork, strength and communication whilst creating a Sukkah in forest school. This is a temporary hut that is constructed for use during the week-long Jewish festival of Sukkot. We have been recapping our knowledge of verbs during Welsh sessions and asking and answering about what we like to do, such as swimming-nofio, play football – chwarae pel-droed and singing-canu. Ask your child 'Beth wyt t'in hoffi wneud?'

Homework continues to be available on Google Classroom every week.

The weather is starting to change now, so please can you ensure your child has a coat in school every day, as we do go outside when it is raining.

Thank you for your support.



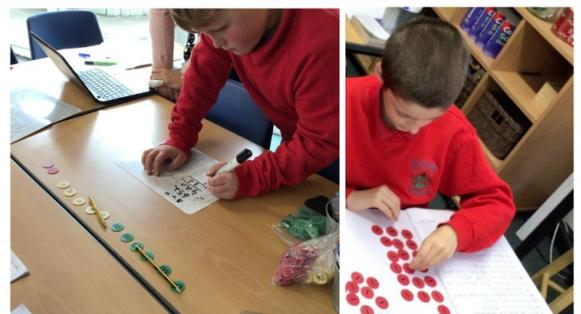
## Dosbarth 5

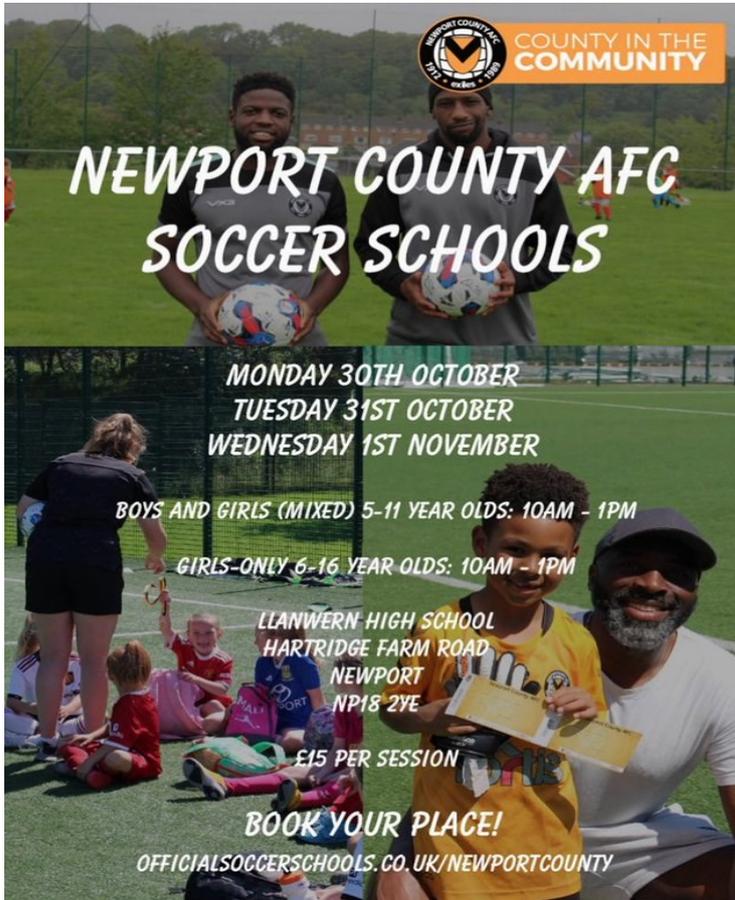
Dosbarth 5 have been a joy to learn with, we have been exploring emotions and how they influence us as part of our 'Guess Who?' topic and through literacy have become poetry detectives, identifying poetic techniques including metaphor, personification and onomatopoeia. We have drafted, improved and written a poem to enter the Young Writers competition and hope at least one of us will have our poem published... watch this space! In numeracy we have been consolidating our knowledge and understanding of place value, comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000,000 and rounding within 1,000,000. The children enjoyed visiting the forest school site and supported the learners in Reception with the journey to and fro, they were superb role models. We enjoyed exploring the habitats at the site and became nature explorers as we looked out for animals and plants in the woodland. In Italian, the children are consolidating numbers to 10, learning colours and greetings, please ask us to share with you what we know. We have been discussing our rights and responsibilities as citizens and learning about refuge, which led us on to celebrate National Poetry Day 5/10/23 with the theme refuge. In Welsh we have started fact files including language patterns: enw, ble, gwalt, llygaid, gwisgo, hoffi wneud. Finally, we have had great fun with country dancing learning new routines. Oh, and I mustn't forget, da iawn to the 10 pupils that entered the Monmouth Cluster Cross Country event, your determination and perseverance was superb, I really enjoyed watching you, a huge diolch to our adult helpers for accompanying us. Home learning including spellings on Google Classroom, please do follow us on Twitter and keep an eye on Schoop for any updates. Diolch yn fawr iawn!



## Dosbarth 6

Year 6 have continued to delve deeper into their topic of Who do you think you are? In literacy we have begun our new novel called "Wonder" by R.J.Palacio, about a 10 year old boy who has facial differences and his journey starting school. The children have begun to analyse the main characters, their motivations and research the condition the young boy has in order to write an information leaflet about it. For numeracy, we have focussed on using the concrete, pictorial, abstract approach to really show understanding of subtraction and its relationship to addition. We have also studied factors and what makes particular numbers unique. We have compared the difference between wants and needs and justified why they are either a want or need and created our own drama sketches to show the domino effect our behaviour can have upon others. We have begun to study the work of Alberto Giacometti, a surrealist painter and sculptor who specialised in figures. To continue with the theme of our topic, the children have also been writing about themselves in Welsh, extending our sentences and giving our opinions. We have now finished our four weeks of swimming lessons and the children have made wonderful progress. Homework will continue to be set on google classroom and spellings will be uploaded to the year 6 google drive, starting from this week. Any work you can do to practice these is much appreciated. Many thanks.





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MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER  
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## Trellech Teas at Trellech Church

Friday 2.30-4.30 pm

Dates for your diary

1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September; 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
October; 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Christmas special on the  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.



## Trellech Primary School Open Morning

Tuesday 10th October  
9.30am  
for parents & families of  
children due to start  
Reception in September 2024



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



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Trellech Primary School PTFA

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Annual General Meeting

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Friday 6th October  
3.45pm  
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