



Week Ending—Friday 20th October 2023

## **Harvest Festival**

What a wonderful service our Y6 pupils led at St Nicholas Church last Friday. It was a delight to see the church bursting with our school community. We are sure you will agree the children all performed magnificently with a range of Harvest Songs to help in our celebration. Your donations for Monmouth Food Bank have been gratefully forwarded in helping families in our communities.

A huge thankyou to all our gardeners and Mrs Cornish in producing our own wonderful harvest that Y4 kindly sold at the end of the service, apparently they have quite a business head and raised a huge £170, this will be utilised to prepare for next years harvest! A special thank you must go to the staff and volunteers who ensure we get to and from church safely, without this such occasions could not occur.

## **Drama Queens**

Last week, we welcomed Ros from Drama Queens to work with our Y1– Y4 pupils. They all worked hard to produce a rainbow dance using props. They all showed great listening and co-ordination! We look forward to seeing these skills continuing to develop as the year progresses!

## **Parent Workshops**

Last week, Miss Light invited Reception families into school to share our approaches to teaching RWINc and how this can be supported at home. This week, Mrs Miles led our Reading at Trellech Workshop, as always the dedication shown for reading at Trellech was shared with parents and carers. It is always a pleasure to listen to Mrs Miles speak with such passion about Reading and Literacy. Today, Mrs Peacock has led our Thrive and Well Being Workshop, sharing our commitment to ensuring that every child's needs are met whilst in our care. Your attendance at these sessions is always appreciated in sharing and supporting the work we do in school. Please use the following link to register your attendance at our remaining workshops.

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

Friday 17th Nov: Maths & Numeracy

[Parent Workshops \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

Or using the QRCode;



# Newsletter

## Trellech Primary School



## **Year Five Playmaker Training**

Last week our Y5 pupils completed their Playmaker Training facilitated by our colleagues at MonLife. They discussed what makes a good leader, a good team, why communication is important. We are looking forward to seeing some of their training implemented in the coming weeks.



## **Stay and Play Initiative**

We have introduced our Stay and Play Initiative over the past few weeks and it has been lovely to see some of families take the opportunity to utilise the space and come together socially outside of the school day. We hope the weather is kind in the coming weeks to ensure the initiative can continue during the Autumn Term. We look forward to receiving the remaining items as a result of our community grant in the near future.

Reminder: 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.



## **Meeting for Parents**

Please be reminded that as part of our ESTYN Inspection beginning on Monday 23rd October there will be a meeting for parents in the school hall at 3.45pm. For those wishing to attend and have school aged children who would need caring for at this time please could you let the school office know so that we can make appropriate arrangements for this.

(via [trellechprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:trellechprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk))

## Autumn Term 2023

**Tues 24th Oct**– Rec/ Y1 visit to the Pumpkin Patch

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

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

**Weds 8th Nov-** Parent Consultations (Face to Face) **Updated**

**Thurs 9th Nov-** Parent Consultations (Face to Face) **Updated**

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

**Fri 17th Nov:** Maths & Numeracy

**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

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are pleased to share that the final total for the PTFA/ Charity Committee event was £456.15. A huge diolch yn fawr iawn for supporting such an important charity.

## Meaningful Maths

Last Wednesday, saw our first Meaningful Maths Family Workshop take place for our Year One families. It is always a pleasure to welcome families into school to support their children's learning. We are very grateful for these opportunities and thank you to Isabel from Mon CC for delivering these sessions for us.

## Vehicular Access to the School Site

We continue to ask for your support with regard accessing 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, Mr Dicks is on hand to oversee this and unfortunately if the situation does not improve it will be necessary to prevent vehicles accessing the site at the start and end of the school day. We ask that no cars park in the bus bay and we are hopeful the markings will be updated in the coming weeks.

## Governor Ballot

Following the recent Governor Nomination Forms that were distributed. Thank you to all of you that have returned your Ballot Papers. These will now be counted accordingly and the results shared with you after the half term break.

## Expressive Arts Volunteers

Don't forget if you have an interest in supporting our Expressive Arts Curriculum offer to complete the following form: [Expressive Arts: Community volunteer registration form \(office.com\)](#) Thank you in advance.

## Criw Cymreig

Phrase of the week: Ble mae.....? – Where is?

Welsh speakers of the fortnight:

Rec– Y2: Emilia (Y2)

Y3– Y6: Max (Y6)

Class of the Week: Dosbarth 6







## **Dosbarth Reception**

Another fortnight has been and gone in Reception. We can't believe we are nearly at the end of our first half term. Last week we enjoyed celebrating our first Harvest Festival. I'm sure you all had 'Big Red Combine Harvester' stuck in your heads like Miss Light and Miss Ward. The children enjoyed painting autumnal pictures of pumpkins, leaves and acorns as well as exploring chalk to create autumnal silhouettes. We were so excited to see them displayed over the church for all our community to see. At forest school, we created some natural patterns using two/three objects to re-imbed and recap some previous learning. In science, we looked at basic body parts. The children enjoyed drawing around their friends to create an outline. We then used images and some of our initial sounds to correctly label the different body parts. Head, shoulders, knees and toes went down a storm during the input! There was further excitement when discovering that our chickens had laid their very first set of eggs. The children also planted some bulbs, but 'shhhh Reception' we can't quite tell you what they are or what they're for quite yet! This week we have enjoyed doing some simple coding. We created our own code for how we wash our hands. We were then tasked to 'de bug' the code after a very sneaky bug managed to come into our classroom and put it out of order. We have also been exploring 'What makes a good friend?' The children were tasked with different images which they had to decide whether it made a good or not so good friend. We are looking forward to exploring this further next week. To take this learning further, at forest school we enjoyed creating friendship bracelets using natural materials. We had to decide what the natural materials represented. For example, a leaf for kindness, a flower for love. On behalf of Miss Light and Miss Ward, we would like to say a big thank you to you all for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend all.

## **Dosbarth 1**

Another busy two weeks in Year 1. We are continuing to learn our sounds in our daily Read Write Inc sessions. In I'm a Clever Writer we have been retelling the story of Stickman, we sequenced the story using pictures to start and then used the time openers First, Then, Next, After and Finally to write sentences to retell the story in our own words. In Maths we have been reinforcing number bonds to 10 with some of us beginning to work with number bonds to 20. We have also been looking at different coins and their values. We learned that the biggest coins don't always mean they are worth the most money. We have also been counting backwards from 20 to ensure we are saying 'teen' and not 'ty' - we are getting much better at this. In Welsh we have been learning to answer the question Ble wyt ti'n bwy? Dwi'n bwy yn ..... (Where do you live? I live ...) We pretended we were one of the Three Little Pigs and answered in Welsh for which type of house we live in. We were very lucky to take part in the Drama Queens workshop where we created a dance with streamers for, I can sing a rainbow - we have some very talented dancers in the class. We spent our time at Forest School this week creating Friendship bracelets, selecting items to show what makes a good friend. I was also very proud of Year 1 during their visit to the church to celebrate harvest - what great singers we have in the class. Just a quick reminder that we are going on our trip on Tuesday - if you haven't requested a packed lunch from school then please can you provide your child with one for that day. Thank you.



## **Dosbarth 2**

During the last fortnight we have been busy learning about parts of the body in science and labelling templates. We have even learned a little about internal organs such as the heart, lungs and the liver. In Welsh we have started to use what we have learnt about colours to ask about hair and eye colours. The pupils have been enjoying linking this learning to create a bar chart on Just 2 Easy which shows us how many pupils have different eye colours. In numeracy we have been learning how to double numbers using the doubling diamond method and we have been counting on and backwards from 100 to complete the missing numbers in sequences. We have continued to develop our story writing skills using the Clever Writer approach looking at ways to start sentences and now expand on ideas with connectives. At Forest School we built Sukkot shelters to celebrate the Jewish festival. This links in with our recent lessons on special places. Once again, a big thank you to Mrs Cornish and Mrs Marsh for working alongside us to plant and develop our ever-improving outdoor space. A huge thank you to the pupils of Year 2 on their behaviour at the church and their singing was fantastic!!

### **Dosbarth 3**

Another busy couple of weeks in Year 3! In Literacy, we have been exploring After the Fall – the story of what happened to Humpty Dumpty after he got back up. The children have really enjoyed this, and recognise the important message of being resilient like Humpty Dumpty, getting back up and trying again when ‘accidents’ happen. We have been learning about different ways to start a sentence, using time, manner and place openers, and will use this next week to help us retell the story in our Star Write. We found out how to talk about some of our hobbies in French, learning the vocabulary for some activities and starting to give our opinion about it. This fortnight in Maths we have continued our work on addition, moving on to using column addition and adding numbers with an exchange. Very impressive work from everybody, so da iawn pawb! We then moved on to using our skills to solve word problems and reasoning questions. Following our Harvest celebration last week, we have explored the Jewish festival of Sukkot, thinking about similarities and differences between the two. The children have been working in pairs to design and build their own model sukkah, a key part of Jewish beliefs – I wonder if your child can explain to you what it is and why it is significant! We have been learning how to create stop-frame animations, and are looking forward to putting our ICT skills into practice next week to have a go at being animators!

We are extremely fortunate to be taking part in samba drumming sessions with Gwent Music throughout this term and have a great first couple of sessions. We started by learning some simply rhythms by playing different clapping games, and found out about some of the instruments used in a samba. We explored the different sounds they make, then had a go at putting all of this together to start learning a piece. We cannot wait to perform for you!



### **Dosbarth 4**

To celebrate Black History Month, the children are embracing our learning on Alma Thomas. They have started to create digital drawings in the style of Alma’s abstract style. In Literacy, we have started to read Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura which fits in perfectly with learning about our past. We have started to use different types of punctuation for affect and used expanded noun phrases and connectives to extend sentences. In humanities, we have started to look at the timelines of human existence and the definitions of words related to this period. Thank you for supporting our School Harvest Festival, and I think you will agree how fabulous the children were. It was quite a tricky song to sing, and we were very proud of them. In Forest School, the children created bridges to travel to a central station, and they never cease to amaze me with how creative they are. In Science, we started to learn about the part teeth play in digestion and we have found out some interesting facts. Did you know we produce about 1 litre of saliva a day! Please can you ensure your child has a coat in school every day and they bring their reading book in daily. Thank you for your support.



## Dosbarth 5

Another speedy fortnight! I have to applaud all the children for their wonderful effort and participation during our first two swimming lessons, they have listened well, worked hard on their technique and their behaviour during changing and on the bus has been exemplary. They really are a pleasure to take off site, and this was evident again last week on our second forest school visit, the children supported the reception pupils on the journey to the woodland again and were super role models. We enjoyed creating leaf mobiles, searching for natural habitats and one group made a look out. A huge diolch to Dosbarth 6 who led the Harvest Festival at the Church, I was so proud of how beautiful our children sang, a tricky song with lots of verses, but a firm favourite of mine and the children and I really enjoyed listening to all the other classes perform. The children worked extremely hard during their Playmakers workshop with Monlife and worked very well as part of a group and pair, answering questions carefully, and giving reasons. We looked at qualities of a good and bad leader and identified leaders in our lives. The children enjoyed working together and will continue to create and develop games and support children within the school during break and lunch time. In literacy we have been exploring refuge and what refuge means to us as we celebrated National Poetry Day, we read and discussed a picture book 'I am not refugee' which supported us in discussions about our safe place/persons/items. We created a 'collum lune' and added meaning to our poems through shape. Da iawn pawb! We have learnt and explored more of Trinidad and compared the culture, values and lifestyle as well as the value of religion. We have created a short role play and explored the challenges and benefits of the Windrush. In maths we have begun consolidating addition and subtraction, starting with mental strategies and using the concrete, pictorial and abstract approach for calculations. We have been working hard with Newport County practicing our skills in football and look forward to developing further during the term. Please keep an eye out for us on Twitter. Have a restful weekend.



## Dosbarth 6

Llongyfarchiadau dosbarth 6 on leading our harvest service last Friday so beautifully. You all spoke clearly and confidently, helping us to reflect on how we can ensure we continue to enjoy harvest by helping to tackle climate change. Year 6 have continued to immerse themselves in the topic of "Who do you think you are?", completing our work on expressive arts for this half term and moving into the AOLE of science and technology. Over the past two weeks the children have researched and written information leaflets about Treacher Collins Syndrome, the condition which the main character suffers from in our novel "Wonder". The children approached the subject with great sensitivity and maturity which was wonderful to see and produced some fabulous work. We have also written poems under the title "I am, I wonder", showing the diversity within our class and how we are all unique. Numeracy has focussed on multiplying numbers using the grid method, ordering and comparing numbers and then calculating the mean of a set of numbers. Following on from their work sketching figures, based on Alberto Giacometti, the children have created armatures using foil and then plasticine. They adapted their figures to show different movement and emotion and the results were incredible! They really brought their characters to life in so many different ways. As well as getting to know ourselves emotionally, where we come from geographically, how we move artistically, we have now started to learn about ourselves physically. The children have created fantastic annotated sketches and written all about the functions of the major organs in the human body. There were many gasps at the length of the small intestine! Forest school gave us a chance to try the Japanese art of Hapa Zome which gave us all a chance to focus in the unseasonably warm sunshine. Finally, during ICT we have been experimenting with a green screen and learning how to layer images over a video.





## 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.**

### County in the Community Utilita

#### Football Festival

In partnership with the English Football League (EFL) and Utilita, we have organised the **Utilita Football Festival** for children and young people to attend with their families during October half term.

We have organised this festival so that families from Newport and the surrounding areas can spend a day enjoying fun football activities together for free. The event will take place at **Rodney Parade** on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**, with family's being able to sign up for the morning or afternoon time slots available on our online booking site. Please use the following link to secure your attendance at the festival:

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/newportcounty/utilita-football-festival.html>

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