



### Positive Relationships

This term we have been reviewing our Behaviour and Relationships Policy whilst engaging with pupils, staff and external partners.. The updated policy can be found on the school website in the Policy Section. The key area updated in the policy is the clarity of procedure followed when negative behaviours are displayed. In discussion with staff and pupil ambassadors a series of sanctions were agreed along with the introduction of a 'Think' sheet. This is where an individual completes the form alongside an adult to record what happened, how others felt and what they would do next time if in a similar situation. Alongside this we have also enabled; further training for staff in L2 Apprenticeship to engage in positive play, utilised of clubiau Cymru resources and training to promote positive play, engaged with MonLife to deliver sessions to both staff and pupils ensuring full utilisation of the Playmaker Sports Leaders Training. Our INSET Day confirmed for Friday 24th November is with Commando Joes- sessions that promote skills in team work, co-operation, communication. We are in the process of purchasing additional equipment so that 'zones' of play can be established. Collaboration with the Health & Well Being Committee to hear how they perceive playtimes could be improved. We have restructured lunchtimes to reduce the length of time groups of learners are outside, by having lunch in the middle of the break rather than eating and then having a long period of time 'playing'. (September 2023).

### Children's Rights

2023 – 2024 is Children in Wales' 30th anniversary and to celebrate this important milestone . Our children took part in a competition to create their own colourful bunting, based on their chosen children's right. We are delighted to announce that Jacob (Y4) was awarded a prize for his bunting design. Congratulations Jacob!



### Stay and Play Initiative

Stay and Play has continued since half term with families utilising the space and making the most of the last light and those dry days! We were so grateful to hear from the community the positive impact these sessions are providing our families. We were delighted to receive the following feedback:

Since September I have been meeting my grandson from school on a Wednesday and more often than not, we have stayed in the yard for him to play with his friends.

I want you to know how impressed I am with this facility and with the way that the children play together. When I was a child it was quite common for children to play outdoors without adult supervision and although I appreciate that children today have far more advantages than we did back in the 1950s, we had far more freedom for imaginative play and unstructured sport. Last week it was enjoyable to watch children play together; girls and boys of different ages. There was no adult interference that I was aware of, the children just got on so well together. Even my 3 year old granddaughter joined in running up and down the yard and at another time in and out of the trees. I don't want to labour the point by mentioning every piece of equipment, the open spaces and hideouts, but I do want to let you know that I think that this facility is of immense importance and that the children are very lucky to be able to play informally. Congratulations for implementing this play period. Long may it continue.

### Children in Need

Last week saw the school supporting BBC Children in Need. The whole school cosy and warm in the PJs! There were an array of activities taking place throughout the school day including the run for Pudsey. We are proud to share the children ran a magnificent 241 miles in total as part of Run for Pudsey Challenge. The money raised directly for this event was £294.80, this along with £xxx donated via Parent Pay totals a huge £xxx raised by the whole school community for the important work and charities supported by Children in Need.

### Poppy Appeal

We are proud to share that as a result of the Poppy Appeal the school donated £180.86 to the Royal British Legion. Diolch yn fawr for your support for such an incredible cause.

## Autumn Term 2023

**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

**Weds 28th Feb– Fri 1st March:** Y5 Urdd Residential, Cardiff

**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

## Vehicular Access to the School Site

We continue to ask for your support with regard accessing the school site.

The speed of some vehicles accessing the school site is an area that we will continue to monitor to ensure the safety of all users.



## University of South Wales

We welcome Miss Davies and Ms Meyrick to Trellech on their Placements as part of their BA Primary. Miss Davies is in her third year and will work in Y6 throughout the year and Ms Meyrick is on her first placement based in Y1. We are looking forward to them joining the team and working alongside them throughout the year. Croseo!

## Hygiene Products

Please be reminded we have a small selection of feminine hygiene products along with a small selection of uniform available in the baskets in the school entrance for families to utilise as necessary.

## PTFA Update

What a wonderful Winter Disco was held last week by the PTFA. Lots of dancing and fun was had by all. A huge thankyou to the super volunteers who oversee such events, along with the staff who support the event despite the noise level!!

## Upcoming events- Thursday 30th November -

**Adult wreath making**, afternoon and evening sessions, tickets are limited, please book via Parent Pay

Friday 15th December - Christmas Craft Fayre after school.

**Christmas Clothing Sale-** Preloved Christmas jumper and Nativity costume sale- any donations greatly received and will be on sale on Wednesday 29th November

## Attendance

Attendance continues to be a priority for the school with regular meetings with the Education Welfare Officer to discuss pupil attendance and support families as necessary. Unfortunately there are a number of pupils arriving after the start of the school day. We appreciate that some mornings this is unavoidable but for some of our learners it is a regular occurrence that has an impact on their well being. Those individuals arriving after the start of the day are often self conscious when walking into class, when all their peers have begun their morning activities. For some they need an adult to support this transition into class ensuring they feel safe and secure to begin their day. We as adults know the feeling walking into a meeting or appointment late, so your support in not passing this feeling onto our young learners is much appreciated.

### Dosbarth Reception

As always, it has been another busy fortnight in Reception. We started the fortnight participating in Anti-bullying week and Children in Need. The children enjoyed creating their own kindness pledge, wearing their odd socks as well as designing their very own pair, as well as creating different acts of kindness to add to our class kindness jar. For Children In Need, we enjoyed baking some Pudsey shortbread. We hope they tasted as yummy as they looked! We put our all into the run Pudsey challenge and really pushed ourselves to complete as many laps as we could for such an amazing cause. Safe to say, there were some very tired children after it but a real buzz and unity in the air. We were fortunate to have Mrs Cornish join us to harvest some of our vegetables that have been growing in our outdoor area. We look forward to working with Mrs Cornish over the upcoming year. The children have continued to make great progress in practicing in our nativity. Just when you finally get 'Big Red Combine Harvester' out of your head the Nativity songs are quick to take its place! We have continued to work on our Welsh and have now gained a better understanding of the meaning of Sut wyt ti? And how we can respond to it. The next couple of weeks are set to be busy as the build up to Christmas begins to start. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, we will be visiting Trellech Teas Christmas afternoon. We will be sharing some of our nativity songs with the community so please feel free to join us. On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, we would love to welcome you to join us in a 'Parents Christmas workshop' where you can create Christmas cards with your children. The cards will then be delivered into our local community. Communication about both of these events have been sent out in a letter this week. Again, thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!



### Dosbarth 1

Another busy couple of weeks in Year 1 again. We have enjoyed celebrating Diwali, where we listened to the story of Rama and Sita and watch a clip showing how Hindus celebrate the festival of Lights. We created our own rangoli patterns using tissue paper and made a diva using salt dough and sparkly silver or gold paint. In maths this week we have been learning to count in 2s and being to learn our 2 times tables. We have also been doubling numbers to 10, which we are finding tricky. In Literacy we are continuing to learn our sounds and read words containing our new sounds. In I'm a Clever Writer, we have been learning about the features of a postcard, listening to the story of Meerkat Mail and then writing our own postcards to our friends and family. In gardening we have planted more wildflower seed, blubs and tidied up the garden for the winter. We all looked amazing in our spots and PJs for Children in Need and managed to complete 77 laps of the daily mile track with only 20 children – da iawn. This week we have been

### Dosbarth 2

Year twos have been learning about symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes in numeracy. They revisited this at Forest School where they worked with year threes to create symmetrical art using natural objects. I was very impressed with their focus and team work as trying to make these pieces of work was a challenge. In literacy, the pupils listened to the book 'Giraffe is left out' which is a message about how we should behave and is an anti-bullying story. They then planned and created an anti-bullying poster with some excellent pieces of advice. We have started to learn about family members in Welsh and how we ask if someone has a brother or a sister. Pupils are improving with their use of this sentence pattern: 'Ōes brawd/chwaer da ti?' (Do you have a brother/sister) and answering it with 'Oes. Mae brawd/chwaer da fi.' (Yes I have a brother/sister) or 'Nag oes. Does dim brawd/ chwaer da fi.' (I don't have a brother/sister.) We celebrated Children in Need Day with a special daily mile and by learning to draw Pudsey. There are some great artists in Year Two!





### Dosbarth 3

We started the fortnight by taking part in an anti-bullying week live lesson, after which we thought about how we could celebrate differences, accept other people, and make a noise about bullying. We continued this in our Literacy lessons, where we looked at how the BFG was bullied by the other giants, and discussed the difference between physical and verbal bullying. We then worked in groups to role-play how we could act in different scenarios. At the end of the week we had a lovely day in our pyjamas celebrating Children in Need. The children worked through a carousel of activities including writing about inspirational adults in our lives, creating a Children in Need themed acrostic poem, and learning how to draw Pudsey. We also completed our run Pudsey, with an amazing 97 laps completed between us – fantastic effort everybody! This week we recognised World Children's Day. We thought about the rights of the child, working in groups to discuss a selection of the 42 articles and diamond rank them in order of which we thought we were most important. We also created some amazing blue-themed art, colour mixing to make our own unique colours, and thinking carefully about shade and tone in our masterpiece.

We have continued our work on multiplication and division in Maths, using resources to physically group and share objects before moving on to writing sums accurately. Our Samba drumming is coming along well, with us all playing different rhythm patterns confidently as part of a group, and we have enjoyed exploring how to make different characters move at the same time on Scratch.



### Dosbarth 4

A busy and productive few weeks in Year 4 we really enjoyed celebrating Children in Need Day last Friday- where we had a rather cosy day in our pyjamas and dressing gowns! This Monday saw us dress up again, this time in 'Blue' to mark World Children's Day. Thank you all for your support with these days. In Literacy last week we were discussing why the boy from Stone Age Boy decided to become an archaeologist. Who inspired him? What were his dreams for the future? We then moved on to our dreams and aspirations for the future. Which people do we aspire to and why? What have they achieved in their life? Do you have a family member that inspires you to do something? Swimming lessons commenced last week which was all very exciting. At Forest School the children made a range of analogue and digital clocks using natural materials. They never cease to amaze us with their creativity and imagination. We regularly check in with "pupil voice" and in discussion about our topic, the children would like to cook some of the things stone age people would have eaten. We may have to substitute some of the foods as I did find it a challenge trying to catch a woolly mammoth! In Numeracy, we have worked hard with analogue and digital time and can see the progress the children have made- it hasn't been easy! In Welsh, we have been working hard to read a Welsh text called Yn y goedwig, yn y nos. (In the forest in the night) There is a copy of the text in our Year 4 drive. The children have been practising their reading skills and pronunciation as well as being able to ask and answer questions about it- da iawn! As always, spellings and some suggestions for home learning are in our Google Classroom every week. Thank you for your support.



**Dosbarth 5** So the weather is on the change, and we can finally enjoy a crisp, cold autumn before we embrace winter. Dosbarth 5 have been very engaged, hardworking and a delight to teach. Last week we created a shared narrative poem in Literacy for remembrance, we upleveled vocabulary, stuck to the success criteria and included poetic devices. We also impressed everyone with our drawings of poppies in our art-work. In maths we continued with division and multiplication looking at multiples, factors and prime numbers, this week we have been focusing on square and cubed numbers as well as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We enjoyed creating artwork in forest school using natural resources to show our knowledge of pop art artist Andy Warhol. In PE we enjoyed our session with County in the Community and our first netball session where we learnt how to pass the ball 3 ways, shoulder pass, chest pass and bounce pass. We enjoyed mini matches and worked so well together as a team. In Welsh we are learning about hobbies and sharing our likes and dislikes using the phrases “Dw i’n mwynhau / dwlu ar / casáu” (I enjoy/ love/ hate) and will continue to practice this, this week. We began our creating media unit in ICT which the children are excited about. We finished the week celebrating Children in Need with a pyjama party (I could definitely get used to this soooo cosy), the daily mile lap count and of course the famous school disco – diolch to the PTFA for a great evening! In literacy this week we have continued to share Floella Benjamins journey and new experiences as she arrives safely in London, but it isn't quite what she expected... we will be learning how to write a piece of persuasive text by creating an anti-racist manifesto outlining the ways in which we as a class, school and wider community will promote and adopt behaviours to ensure an anti-racist society. In Italian we have been rehearsing greetings. Buongiorno – Good morning, Come stai? - How are you? Bene, grazie - Fine, thanks. Home learning available on GoogleClass-room, please encourage children to read. Diolch for your continued support, enjoy your long weekend. :)



**Dosbarth 6** With Christmas drawing ever closer, Dosbarth 6 continue to be super busy in their learning. Our literacy has seen us focus on letter writing, drawing on the motivations of characters and using colloquialisms to centre their writing in a specific time and place. Dosbarth 6 have a newfound love of fractions through simplifying them, adding and subtracting them and converting them from improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa. They also spent time in their numeracy lessons studying the census data for Trellech from 1841 and 2021, identifying trends and patterns of ages and gender and graphing the results. It was fascinating to listen to their ideas as to why these changes may have taken place. Expressive arts saw the culmination of all their hard work on sculptures as they made Giacometti inspired wire sculptures. The results were incredible, showing such a range of emotions and movement. To help us delve deeper into our topic of “Who do you think you are?”, Katie Churchill came to share with us some of the artefacts she has unearthed in Trellech during her archaeological dig. This gave our topic such a wonderful grounding, with the pupils being able to handle artefacts from the very place they currently live, only hundreds of years old. Diolch yn fawr to Katie for talking to us. Two special days have been marked in our class – Children in Need and World Children’s Day. The class ran a total of 37 miles in their daily mile time, lots choosing to continue through the start of their lunch break, designed and pitched new Pudsey merchandise and reflected on children’s rights whilst completing their blue themed art. We look forward to celebrating all things Christmas with you over the coming weeks. patient and the donor, discussing the issue in an extremely sensitive manner. Forest school saw us making sculptures of ourselves using natural materials and for PE we have begun learning how to control the ball in hockey. Da iawn year 6, keep up the amazing work.








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**It's A WIN-WIN Situation!**

**BOOST School Funds**  
**WIN up to £25,000**

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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



CREATE YOUR OWN  
*Christmas Wreath*

A relaxed fun afternoon or evening session making your very own wreath from scratch using a wire ring and binding techniques.

All the equipment and materials will be supplied together with complimentary tea, coffee, mulled wine and festive nibbles.

Spaces are limited so please book early  
£25 per person via Parentpay link below

**THURSDAY 30th NOV 2023 IN THE SCHOOL HALL**  
**13:00 – 15:00 or 19:00 – 21:00**

TRELLECH PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA | REGISTERED CHARITY No: 1101355



## 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.**

## Eco Christmas Alert

The Eco Committee has kindly asked you to think about being eco friendly this Christmas. Please can we ask you for no christmas cards this year in school and to think about donating your christmas card to an eco friendly charity for recycling. Thank you from the Eco Committee  
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