



### Happy New Year....

...to you all, we hope it brings good health and happiness. We are very much looking forward to continuing our journey as a whole school community. The Spring term brings new opportunities for all our pupils and we are excited to share these with you all. Please don't forget to use the school website for continued updated information along with 'X' (twitter) for an update of day to day life here in Trellech.

### Estyn Report Publication

Following our Estyn Inspection during the week of 23rd October, our Final report with recommendations was published on 27th December. It can be found at: [Trellech C.P. School | Estyn \(gov.wales\)](#) I am sure you will take the time to read the report as we have done. We were very proud that it was recognised that the school was recognised as being: 'a friendly and caring school that supports pupils' academic and social development effectively. Staff create a warm, family atmosphere that helps pupils and families to feel welcome and nurtured. As a result, all members of the school's community show high levels of respect for one another and work well together as a team'. This is a huge recognition for the whole school community and we are extremely grateful to you all for your continued support in our work as a team. We, as school team will now produce an Action Plan linked to the recommendations within the report.; as these align with our current School Development Plan we are looking forward to continuing our work on these priorities.

### Severe Weather Procedures

As we have faced a range of weathers this winter so far including wind, rain and the risk of snow. Please be assured that the LA Severe Weather Procedure would be followed accordingly. Any decisions are made together by the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors. We are grateful to be supported in any decisions we make by Mr S Phillips (ASC Phillips) who has first hand knowledge of the locality early each morning. As soon as any decision has been made this will be communicated via Schoop and on Twitter. Likewise, if there is any change of weather during the school day the same process of decision making will be made and any communication will be made via Schoop and Twitter. In the event of an early closure please be assured that children will be supervised until they are able to be collected. If you require your child to be collected by another adult please contact the school as soon as possible so we can release them in line with our safeguarding procedures.

### School Essentials inc. Free School Meals

In Wales, many parents are not claiming the Free School Meals that their children are entitled to. We are writing to remind you to check eligibility and of the additional support that might be available to you. School meals promote healthy eating, increase the variety of food your child might eat, and can improve behaviour and social skills. If you receive certain benefits, or your circumstances have changed, check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals and the School Essentials Grant through [Free School Meals & School Essentials Grant - Monmouthshire](#) . The form is short and only takes a few minutes to complete. If your child already gets Free School Meals, there could be up to £200 available for School Essentials. This helps with the costs of School Essentials like uniforms and equipment to make sure they are ready for the school day. Schools have started to rollout Universal Primary Free School Meals. By September 2024, all children in primary school can enjoy Free School Meals. Find out more here [Free School Meals & School Essentials Grant - Monmouthshire](#) Please note, if you are eligible for certain benefits, parents will still need to apply separately for the School Essentials Grant to access the additional support. This could mean extra funding for your school too.

### Cold weather reminder

This is a friendly reminder that children need to come to school appropriately dressed for the weather. As the weather gets colder, children need to have the following items: winter hat, mittens/gloves, scarf/neck warmer, appropriate footwear and a warm winter coat. A recommendation is to dress your child in layers, which allows your child to remove or add clothing as required. This will enable the children to continue to enjoy their break times, lunch times, outside activities including forest school and PE. We appreciate your support with this. Diolch yn fawr.



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Heddiw Dosbarth 5 enjoyed completing an experiment about seed dispersal during Forest school. Da iawn pawb! 🙌🙌🙌



## Autumn Term 2023

**Mon 25th Jan– Fri 9th Feb:** Y2– Y6 WG National Tests

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

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

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

**Weds 21st Feb:** Y6 Visit to Senedd

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

**Mon 4th– Weds 6th March:** Book Fair

**Tues 19th March:** Saplings (Y2 & Y3) Easter Celebration (10 am)

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

**Mon 22nd– Weds 24th April:** Y6 Residential: Gilwern

**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

## PTFA Update

## Upcoming events- Thursday 8th February - Spring Term Disco

### Healthy School Committee certificate

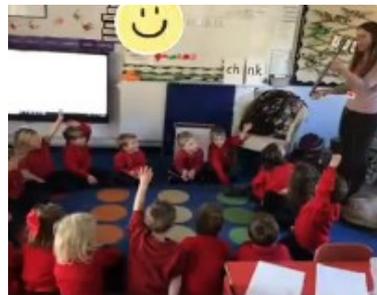
Pupil committees met on Thursday for their fortnightly meeting, the Healthy School Committee have been working on creating a celebration certificate for the weekly celebration assembly. After much discussion and deliberation the children have decided to begin with a whole class certificate for the healthiest class, the children will be looking for the class who are most active during break and lunch time, during PE lessons, are enthusiastic in the daily mile, have the healthiest fruit snack, use the salad bar at lunch time and drink the most water. The children used adobe and google docs on digital devices to create certificates. Llonyfarchiadau to our first class who were awarded today, Dosbarth 2 for excellent use of the salad bar and participation in activities during lunchtime.

## Enrichment Activities

This term sees an array of activities that enrich our curriculum being planned for our learners which is a delight to see. Reception are working with Mrs North from Gwent Music to deliver toot lessons, County in the Community are delivering sessions to Year One and Year Two this term whilst continuing the after school club with Year Four– Year Six. Each class have begun completing their Commando Joe missions – which has exemplified the importance of RESPECT in our teams.

Classes have had an opportunity to ‘Seize the Season’ with the particularly cold weather we have been experiencing. If you take a stroll you will find some wonderful ice decorations festooning the trees!

We have seen the re-introduction of Extra Curricular Clubs this week with Football (Y4-6) on a Monday, Sign Language and Netball (Y4-6) each Tuesday and Girls Playmakers on a Thursday. As others are introduced we will update you. Stay and Play each Wednesday continues to be available to families who wish to brave the elements whilst spending with friends and their children.



## Tennis Club

We have been offered the opportunity to offer tennis coaching by James at Aspire Tennis. Due to the level of interest this will be offered to children in Reception, Year One and Year Two initially. These sessions would run on a Monday after school until 4.15pm. The cost would be £5 . If you wish your child to attend please complete the following link to book a place and make payment.

Link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/aspiretennisacademy/BookCourse/63882ccc-2d59-4c53-92f3-479a2b41a8b2>



This certificate is awarded to...

**Dosbarth** .....

You are awarded this certificate because you were the healthiest class this week! Dal a ti.

**Da iawn!**



Diolch yn fawr from Healthy School Committee 2023-24

## Dosbarth Reception

Blwyddyn Newydd Da ac Croeso i nol! – Happy New Year and Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and had the opportunity to take time for yourselves and families. The first two weeks back have flown by, and as usual have been very busy. For this half term, the children will be doing gymnastics in P.E. We have enjoyed looking at and completing different shapes and movements and exploring some of the aspirators. We have also welcomed Mrs North into Reception who will be completing weekly toots lessons with us. Our first session was a huge success and we have continued to grow and learn since. We've really enjoyed engaging in our musical sides and having a go at playing independently and altogether. We also had our first forest school session of the new year where we explored painting with mud and using natural resources as our paintbrushes. It was lovely to hear the different creations that the children made before returning to school. We're looking forward to the weather getting a bit warmer so it's not so cold. We also got stuck into our new topic of 'Muck, Mess and Mixture' where we have been looking at foods that are fruit and not fruit before carrying out the great 'Seed or no seed' investigation. This week we have started to learn about money in maths. We have looked at recognising 1p, 2p, 5p, and 10p coins. We also had a go at using the different coins to role play buying items in our new farm shop. We enjoyed another Commando Joes session where we had to complete 'Operation fix the tractor' for farmer duck. Poor farmer duck's tractor broke, and it was our job to work collaboratively to build him a new one. We also explored the outdoors to support the work of Andy Goldsworthy, an artist we have started looking at in Expressive Arts. Safe to say, we have had a lovely first two weeks back and I look forward to the rest. As always, Miss Ward and I would like to thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend all.

Dosbarth 1 Blwyddyn Newydd Da. I hope you all had a restful Christmas and New Year. The spring term has started with our new topic, Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots and it's hard to believe that we are already two weeks into the new term. We have had a busy start with County in the Community, which we will take part in every week and Forest School, which continues every two weeks. In I'm a Clever Writer we are continuing to look at using time openers to retell the story of Farmer Duck, which we have really enjoyed, and we are starting to use more adventurous openers for our stories. In maths we have been looking at what a half is, and ensuring we understand it is two equal parts when cutting shapes using playdough. We have also started looking at creating our own repeating patterns using natural materials including pinecones, wooden slices and stones. For our topic we have begun to look at the history of farming and how farm machinery has changed over time by creating our own timeline. We have also started to think about our food and where it comes from, alongside what food is healthy and good for us to eat. In PE we have started learning some country dancing ready for our Eisteddfod later this term. In our Expressive Art we are beginning to look at the artist Andy Goldsworthy and how he uses the outside and natural materials to create his art. For this term, Cori and Alex from County in the Community are coming in every Monday to develop ball skills with Year 1, which we have really enjoyed so far. With the weather being increasingly cold can I please ask you to ensure your child has appropriate PE kit in school to wear during this session along with hats and gloves, thank you.



## Dosbarth 2

Croeso i nol! Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas. Year Twos have begun to use adverb openers for sentence writing as well as similes in their recount of the story: 'Farmer Ham'. They have been learning checking strategies when solving maths problems; used reasoning skills to follow a partner's instructions when creating a 3D Lego/cube model and have used games to learn number bonds to 10 and mental maths and strategy to 'connect 4'. Pupils have been learning about the layers of Earth and how important it is to be eco-friendly towards our soil and the plants that grow in it. In PE we have started a Welsh country folk dance and been learning warm up skills and team building skills as part of County in the community with Newport County. In humanities the pupils have enjoyed sorting food into those from Britain and those from other countries of the world. They have also learnt about the crops that are grown here.



### Dosbarth 3

Happy New Year, and welcome back! We have got off to a great start with our new topic All Creatures Great and Small, within the whole school topic Wonders of the Earth. To begin with we found out about the 7 life processes common to all living things, using the acronym MRS GREN to help us to remember. Then we moved on to exploring lifecycles of living things, looking at similarities and differences between them. In ICT we are starting to learn how to use and create branching databases, which we will use later in the term to sort and classify living things. In Literacy we are reading the novel Charlotte's Web. This week we have carried out research about different spiders around the world to see if we could determine what species Charlotte is. We have thought about the changing thoughts and feelings of characters as we move through the story, and are enjoying getting to know more about the characters. This term in Maths we have been developing our understanding of fractions and finding parts of a shape or amount. We have used practical resources to share into groups, before moving on to finding fractions involving more than one part. Our times table knowledge has really helped us, so please carry on learning these at home! We enjoyed our first Commando Joe's session of the new term, working in groups to devise a way to safely rescue a mountain gorilla from an infested swamp! We really had to focus on communicating clearly with each other, working effectively as a team and collaborating to be successful. Some very interesting ideas and designs! So that we can continue to make the most of our outside areas even during this colder weather, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing every day in school. Diolch yn fawr.



### Dosbarth 4

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. The new year has begun with a bitterly cold spell of weather. (Better than the rain I suppose). Year 4 has "seized the season" by creating some gorgeous ice decorations. They have been on display at the willow dome for us all to enjoy. The children have experimented with putting a key in each decoration which meant that they didn't freeze as well, and the ones without any natural materials didn't look very appealing! We also thought about the coldest part of the school grounds we could put some of the decorations so they would last longer. Our topic this term is Scrumdiddlyumptious and the book we are basing our Literacy on, is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children have created some interesting character profiles together with synonym chains about the Oompa-Loompas. This week we have created our own characters just like Roald Dahl and made up some very interesting and quirky definitions. We have commenced Commando Joe's this term which has enabled the children to work as part of a team to achieve a goal. We created a vessel to carry Arthur Wharton to England. (He was the first black professional football player in the world). Our next mission this week was to build a wall that has collapsed. The children are allowed to choose their own equipment and discuss their choices with each other. At all times the children are encouraged to respect each other's opinions on how the mission will be achieved. In Numeracy we have been focusing on fractions and decimals. We began by looking at equivalent fractions and then moved onto place value of 2 decimal place numbers. Please have a look at the weekly learning blogs on Google Classroom if you haven't already- there is much more information here on how to support your child with this learning, We are developing our skills of netball on a Friday now for this next half term, so please ensure they have plenty of warm layers for this. Our Welsh home diary (Dyddiadur Cartref) is now up and running - children will get chance to bring this home, and write a short account of some things they have done over the weekend/week. Can we please ask it stays inside the bag provided when it is not being used to keep it nice and clean- diolch! Thank you for your support.



**Dosbarth 5** Blwyddyn Newydd Da! It was a pleasure to welcome Dosbarth 5 back last week after a restful break. We began the new term with a new topic, Scented Garden as part of the whole school topic Wonders of the Earth. We are lucky to have Mrs Cornish and Mrs Marsh supporting us with gardening this term; we have started measuring the proposed areas, discussing plants and have even begun planning our shared garden using ICT. In literacy we have been working towards an explanation text about the life cycle of a plant including reproduction, we have completed research, made notes, created a glossary of technical vocabulary and used time adverbials and subordinating conjunctions. In maths we have been using the long multiplication method; multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers, estimating answers, solving problems and using skills in reasoning. We have been exploring physical computing, modifying command values, connecting a Sparkle to a Crumble and then programming the Crumble to make the Sparkle flash different colour patterns. We have really enjoyed this! We have learnt about and described the life process of reproduction in some plants and recapped the life cycles of different organisms. We enjoyed learning the importance of marking our partner in netball and attempting to intercept a pass, we also practiced shooting a ball and learnt the technique. We began gymnastics and started with a variety of jumps and leaps, we then performed teddy bear rolls aiming for precision, control and accuracy. In Welsh we practiced past tense taking the patterns Es i... Gwelais i... Ces i... Clywais i... Prynais i..., Bwytais i... Yfais i... Chwaraeais i... Roedd yn... to fluency, we began writing sentences and responded to an email. We enjoyed our first visit to the forest school site and explored seed dispersal through an experiment where we made predictions, challenged and reviewed. We explored our hopes and dreams through considering the lifestyle we would like when we grow up, we had to understand money may be needed to help us achieve our goals. We also explored a range of jobs and careers and explored how much people earn. A bustling and busy first few weeks but just how we like it! Home learning suggestions created by the children is available on Googleclassroom for them to access. Diolch for your continued support.



**Dosbarth 6** Welcome back to the Spring Term! We are refreshed and excited to start our new topic called Beast Creator, under the umbrella school topic of Wonders of the Earth. As you may have guessed, our topic has leaning towards science and technology as we explore animals, habitats and the environment. The children have investigated what happens when you remove species from a food web and how animals have adapted to their environments. For literacy we have started "Origin of the Species" which has been adapted for older children by Sabina Radeeva. We have begun making glossaries of words, inferred meaning from the beautiful illustrations, researched Charles Darwin and analysed the themes of evolution, variation under nature, struggle for existence and natural selection. Finally, using all this knowledge, the children have created their own book using the app book creator. Our first Commando Joe's mission involves the British spy Nancy Wake, and we have completed mission one which focussed on resilience. Our maths learning has been on ratio, proportion and area and using Minecraft education the children have been able to apply their understanding of area to draw floor plans of their ideal homes. For forest school we wrapped up warmly and made quadrants to investigate the plants and animals we have in our local area. The children have really enjoyed our new PE topics of gymnastics and tag rugby – check out X (twitter) to see some incredible leaps! Working alongside Year 5, thanks to the help of Mrs Cornish and Mrs Marsh we are planning some outdoor transformations to the area between our classrooms, watch this space to see how it develops. Finally, our ICT this half term concerns spreadsheets and how to programme them using formulae. This will come in very handy when we need to analyse data in our science. With the weather having turned colder, please can all children have jumpers/coats/hats/gloves etc in school every day so we can continue to make the most of our fabulous outdoor grounds. Diolch.



# The Big Garden Birdwatch

Join in the biggest birdwatch with the RSPB taking place from 26th January until the 28th January. It is about people who want to watch birds, you have to count how many birds you see land and it only takes an hour of your time.. If the bird is flying it does not count. Also have to count how many of a species you see, thanks The Eco Committee

Go online and sign up to watch the instructions using this link or type in Garden Birdwatch 2024 <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>



COUNTY IN THE COMMUNITY



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