



Week Ending—Friday 22nd December 2023

Newsletter

Trellech Primary School



Seasons Greetings from Mrs Peacock

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your continued support throughout the year of our whole school community. As we approach the festive season it is clearly evident the wonderful school community that unites for the benefit of our pupils. This term we have finally had our Estyn Inspection and this was a clear example of the school team working together.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff, governors, PTFA along with our families and community for the contributions and support given to our School throughout the year.

I would like to send my sincere best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year. Mrs Peacock

Estyn Report Publication

Following our Estyn Inspection during the week of 23rd October, our Final report with recommendations will be published on 27th December. This can be found: [Trellech C.P. School | Estyn \(gov.wales\)](https://www.gov.wales) after this date. The school will following report publication produce a Post Inspection Action Plan in line with the identified recommendations.

Festive Activities

It has been wonderful to see so many members of the community over the last couple of weeks to celebrate Christmas!

Our youngest pupils in Acorns, performed 'The Twinkly Nativity', last week. For those of you fortunate enough to watch the performances will agree they did a magnificent job! They learnt lots of songs and their words with great confidence.

This Tuesday, we attended St Nicholas Church where Year Four and Year Five led our Carol Service. It is such a special service at St Nicholas and we were led as expected with clear recitals, confident musicians and wonderful carols. I would like to thank you all for joining us on this special occasion.

This week we have celebrated Christmas with a scrumptious lunch, parties and attending the pantomime. The children have enjoyed the festivities in school with Acorns having a special visitor to their party!

Commando Joes

This week, we launched our Commando Joe Missions with the pupils following staff PL at the end of November. Each class completed a mission utilising the equipment to solve a challenge using RE-SPECT; (Resilience, Excellence, Self-Awareness, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork). Each class have had an opportunity to complete a Christmas Mission; some great RESPECT being demonstrated for a first mission. We are very much looking forward to future missions in the New Year.

Enterprise Projects

As part of our cross curricular learning, each class completed an enterprise project to raise funds to benefit each class. It provides an authentic learning opportunity from costing, design, advertisements, creating products and calculating profit and loss! Each class made some superb festive products and we are very grateful for your support in purchasing products from each class.

In Reception the total profit was **£30** this will be utilised along with the concert raffle money, to develop the Reception Outdoor learning area. In Year One the total profit was **£102** and this will be utilised to further enhance the outdoor provision.

In Year Two the total profit was **£94** this will be used to further enhance the outdoor provision. In Year Three the total profit was **£153** this will be utilised for further resources for enhanced provision. In Year Four the total profit was **£142.07** this will be used to purchase some maths games. In Year Five the Teddy Tombola £109, the enterprise project raised £137 with a total of **£231** minus expenses- Year Five are going to utilise their profit for activities and a treat e.g. hot choc/milkshake on our cultural residential to Cardiff and finally in Year six the total profit was **£213** and this will be used to enhance the courtyard area and towards an end of Year Six celebratory treat!

As you can see your support to such projects is very much appreciated. We would like to express our gratitude to those who helped with donations for the projects; hence keeping the costs down and enabling greater profits to be made! From horse shoes, logs, foliage, baubles to name a few— thank you!

Autumn Term 2023

Fri 22nd Dec: End Of Autumn Term

Mon 8th Jan: Spring Term Commences

Weds 17th Jan: Y2 Kerbcraft Sessions Commence

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

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

The PTFA once again arranged a superb Christmas Fayre, supporting our class enterprise projects with tombola, festive refreshments, mistletoe and the wonderful Christmas Photo Booth! I'm sure you will agree a lovely community event for all to enjoy!

Upcoming events- Friday 9th February - Spring Term

Disco

County In The community

Year Five have had a great Autumn Term with Cori, Alex and Deiniol from County. Completing the Premier League Stars Programmes as well as developing skills outside.

We look forward to welcoming them back in the Spring to lead some sessions for our Year One and Two pupils as well as continuing After School Football Sessions for our older pupils, inc Year Four for the Spring Term.



Tennis Club

We have been offered the opportunity to offer tennis coaching by James at Aspire Tennis. These sessions would run on a Monday after school until 4.15pm. The cost would be £5 . If interested please email the school so we can gauge the level of interest in the first instance,

Vaping Safeguarding Alert: Please be aware

We have had 4 separate incidents involving 5 children who have used a vape and become unwell. It is thought the Vape may contain an illicit drug or toxin as when inhaled the children have become unwell and collapsed. The children received medical attention and support and are now well. At this time the 5 children involved are in the Caerphilly, Newport and Torfaen areas of Gwent. We want all parents and families across Gwent to be aware of this situation and be extra vigilant.

Should any parent be concerned that their child has used a vape containing an illicit drug or toxin, they should call 111 for advice or go to their nearest Emergency Department and report the situation to the police by calling 101.

Kind regards,

Tracy Daszkiewicz, Director for Public Health, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

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As an Eco Committee we have been discussing the impact of lost clothing this term in our meetings. We have investigated sustainable ways to manage clothing and monitored the amount of unnamed school clothing- please can you support our work by labelling your children's clothing. Any lost items can be reunited at the end of the school day on the FP yard the first week of the Spring Term.

Thursday 28th December, 09:30 - 15:00

Ebbw Vale General Offices (vaccination centre), Steel works Road, Ebbw Vales NP23 8UW (Reception-Y11)

Friday 29th December, 09:30 - 15:00

Newport Vaccination Centre, Friars Walk vaccination Centre, John Frost Square, Newport NP20 1EA (Reception-Y11)

Wednesday 3rd January, 09:30 - 15:00

Cwmbran Vaccination Centre, 8 North Walk, Cwmbran Centre, NP44 1PR (Reception-Y11)

Thursday 4th January, 09:30 - 15:00

Blaenavon Resource Centre, Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW (Reception-Y11)

Friday 5th January, 09:30 - 15:00

School Flu Programme

We wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support with the School Flu Programme, your help with communication has been a huge part of this years success!

Before we sign off for Christmas, we wanted to make you aware of additional Drop-In Flu Clinics which we are running over Christmas and New Year for all ages. Please could we ask that the below information is sent to all parents in your school to inform them of this opportunity. Nadolig Llawen pawb, and another massive thank you for your support.

School Immunisation Team

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. If your child missed their flu immunisation in school, they can have it for free at on of our drop-in flu clinics:

Dosbarth Reception

I can't quite believe that we've reached the end of Receptions first term in school. Where have those weeks gone? The progress that we have made both individually and as a class since September is just amazing. I, along with Miss Ward are so proud of you all. As we enter the new year and the next term, I look forward to seeing what else you will achieve. The past fortnight has been very busy. We enjoyed baking some festive biscuits to sell for our enterprise last Friday. Throughout the week, we spent some time designing our own biscuits, weighing and measuring the ingredients to then record the results and finally we created a code of "How to make your own festive biscuits." This allowed us to look at bossy verbs such as 'Mix, Roll and Cut' which were all a part of the code. We also enjoyed performing not one, but three Nativities. I'm sure you'll agree, the children were amazing. For our final week of this term, we have been creating clay stars, completing Christmas maths, decorating our Christmas bags and enjoyed the Carol service at the church led by Year 4 and 5. We finished the week with a lovely party with Year 1 where we had a surprise visit from Santa. There were lots of smiles, dancing and treats all around. Finally, we enjoyed our first school panto at the savoy too. For those of you able to join on Monday, thank you again. We hope you had a lovely afternoon and had the opportunity to catch up and spend some time doing crafts with your children which in return creates smiles for our local community. It was a pleasure to take the children around to deliver the cards that you all worked so hard to make. From Miss Ward and I, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Have a fantastic Christmas all, enjoy the break.

Dosbarth 1

Our first term in Year 1 has been amazing, especially the last two weeks preparing for Christmas. I can't express how proud I am of all the children in Year 1 performing in their nativity plays; learning their lines, their songs and speaking in front of an audience for 3 special performances – bendigedig bawb! Alongside our nativity plays we have been extremely busy making calendars, cards and gifts – we hope you like them all. We also spent an afternoon with Mrs Cornish preparing our garden area for Spring and we are excited to watch all the things to begin to grow when we return after the Christmas holidays. Last week also saw a visit by some cheeky elves, Elf Pudding and Elf Jolly who really helped us feel very Christmassy. We all enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers and eating a delicious Christmas dinner, it was very yummy. We really enjoyed the trip to the Panto too. Mother Goose was very fun. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for everything you have done this term to support the children in Year 1. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Dosbarth 2

Nadolig Llawn! Merry Christmas! I cannot believe the term has gone so fast. It has been such a busy term and the pupils have been working so hard. During the last fortnight we have performed Christmas songs at Llanishen hall (thank you for the support we had for that); hung our wishes for others on the school tree; been busy making Christmas tree decorations and coconut icing for our enterprise; creating cards and calendars and enjoying our Christmas party with Year threes. In amongst all this we have learnt about the nativity story and sequenced these events and carried out Christmas related maths to embed areas covered in numeracy we have covered so far this term. Pupils also enjoyed creating animations on Hwb using the JIT5 application. Thank you so much for your support this year. Have a fantastic Christmas and I wish you all a very happy and healthy new year.

Dosbarth 3

We have had an incredibly busy final fortnight in Year 3, with lots of festive fun! We have worked really hard on creating our 'seasons' calendar, using lots of different artistic skills, and had fun getting messy when making our Christmas cards! It was fantastic watching the younger classes performing in their nativity, and our friends in Year 4 and 5 leading the carol concert, and we really enjoyed the Pantomime at the theatre. This week we had our Christmas party and, along with Year 2, did lots of dancing, singing and elf running – we were exhausted, but had an amazing time. We also had a delicious Christmas dinner and looked great in our Christmas jumpers. After an exciting introduction on Monday, it was great to take part in our first Commando Joe's session. Our mission was to build a shelter for Mary and Joseph to stay in when they reached Bethlehem and found there was no room at the inn. It was a very tricky challenge, and needed good teamwork and clear communication for us to be successful in our teams. We look forward to carrying on developing these skills next term. I hope you all enjoy a restful break over Christmas and enjoy lots of time with your families doing all the things you enjoy. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



Dosbarth 4

Phew!! We got there. How much can you fit in, in a fortnight? We made calendars, cards, a little pressie to take home, planned, designed enterprise products, sang in a carol service, watched the younger children perform in their Nativity, were entertained by some very mischievous elves, had a party, eat Christmas dinner and finally went to the Pantomime at the Savoy. Now it's time to spend time with people you care about, do the things you enjoy, eat food that you love, watch TV, make someone laugh or smile, stay in your pyjamas all day, go for some long walks, play board games with the whole family and most of all make time for yourself. Have a lovely Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. See you all in 2024. Thank you so much for supporting us in all that we do, it is greatly appreciated.



Dosbarth 5 Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! The fastest fortnight of the term yet, we hope you enjoyed our Y4&Y5 Christmas Carol Concert Tuesday, we certainly enjoyed sharing it with you, and it got us into the Christmas spirit, there is something special about singing traditional carols together with the community at this time of year. The children made me so proud: those in the chorus, those who narrated and those that played an instrument, all of the children should be very pleased with themselves. Last week saw us calculating costs and finding change and money differences and this week we have looked at calculating profit and after the holidays we will start pricing up activities for our cultural residential to Cardiff, as well as creating timetables and planning events. We created persuasive adverts for the Caribbean islands and used skills learnt to create posters, PPTs and videos to encourage the community to join us at the Christmas fayre. We learnt how to make an advert on Adobe Creative and learnt how to add video clips, music, fades and even voice over, some of us even learnt how to trim a video. Da iawn pawb! We celebrated our last County in the Community football session and enjoyed learning how to mark other players and stop them getting the ball in netball, the children are really progressing well and I look forward to netball club next term. We have discussed in more detail what racism is and considered people from different races, cultures and ethnicities through scenarios. We have also begun working to understand how rumour-spreading and name-calling can be bullying behaviour and what to do in situations which may occur. Last week we covered in RSE puberty, the changes to the body and of course periods, I was so impressed with the children's sensitivity, Knowledge and confidence around this topic and I am still receiving questions in the questions box to this day... As the term draws to a close, we have had a fabulous final two weeks including YR & Y1 dress rehearsal, pesky elves game session, Enterprise including Christmas fayre, our Y4 & Y5 Carol Concert, a Christmas jumper and dinner day, Oaks Christmas party and the whole school theatre trip to watch a pantomime. Time for a restful break over Christmas I hope. A huge diolch for your continued support, the children have made my first term at Trellech magic! Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Diolch!



Dosbarth 6 Wow! The autumn term seems to have flown by! The Christmas spirit has been sprinkled all over year 6 and the activities they have completed these last two weeks. In forest school year 6 have made life size sleighs for Santa making sure there is enough room for all the presents and reindeer. For literacy they have written instructions on how to steal Christmas after reading "The Grinch" by Dr Seuss. I am incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked with their Christmas enterprise project this year. They have sorted through ideas, discarding several after initial costings, costed the products, created branding, wrote and recorded radio jingles using garage band, analysed their figures using google slides and formulae, as well as making the products. I am expecting to see them on Dragons Den in the future! We were very lucky to have several visitors - the first being PC Sharon who talked to us about the work of police dogs and the second were two rather excited elves who played some fun Christmas games. We have loved watching the nativity by Reception and Year 1 and joining in the carol service led by Years 4 and 5. To end the term in style we have been treated to a fabulous Pantomime in the Savoy Theatre and partied with years 4 and 5. We would like to say a huge thank you to the bell ringers at St Nicholas Church for allowing us to climb the bell tower and ring the bells out across Trellech. We all had a wonderful time. Thank you for all your support this term, enjoy a peaceful Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you in January.







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January 2024

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Parents are welcome to attend with their young person but we will not be able to answer any individual CAMHS queries during the workshop time.

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WHEN?
Wednesday 3rd January—11am

UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS

1.5 hour workshop exploring feelings and emotions. Please note that this workshop is also available to year 6 pupils who are moving up to secondary school.

WHEN?
Wednesday 3rd January—2pm

5 WAYS TO WELLBEING

1.5 hour workshop sharing tips and ideas on easy ways that students can actively improve their own well-being

WHEN?
Thursday 4th January—11am

UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY


1.5 hour workshop exploring what anxiety is and sharing strategies to manage feelings of anxiety in a positive way

WHEN?
Thursday 4th January—2pm

BOOKING INFORMATION

To register for one of the listed sessions, follow the Microsoft Forms link or scan the QR code below:

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Entry 1	Coleg Gwent, Crosskeys Campus	Monday	29/01/24	17:00-19:00	BOOK HERE
Entry 1+2	On-line	Tuesday	30/01/24	09:00-12:00	BOOK HERE
Entry 1	On-line	Tuesday	30/01/24	13:00-15:00	BOOK HERE
Entry 1 Welsh at Home	On-line	Tuesday	30.01.24	19:00 - 21:00	BOOK HERE
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