



Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending - Friday 4th December 2020

Thank you...

...for your continued support in helping keep our school and community as safe as possible during the current times. Across Wales the introduction of face masks in the last week has been met within our school with great positivity, thank you.

We continue to experience an increased number of children having to self isolate and/ or have a test. Therefore we are continuing to ask for your support and be aware that if your child presents with COVID symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss of smell and/ or taste) and as a result has a test, please isolate them and your household until the result is received. *On no account send your child back to school; even if they seem better in themselves.*

We require confirmation of a negative test.

We continue to ask for your support in the number of items being brought into school. Items linked to learning are supported, stored and shared accordingly once safe. However, we have an increasing number of birthday gifts, cards, favourite items etc. that cannot be brought into school. If you are wishing to share gifts we ask for your cooperation by exchanging these outside of the school premises.

Anti- Idling

We continue to observe some visitors to the school grounds who despite the important message shared by our pupils leaving their engines idling/ running. Please support our children with their important message by switching off your vehicles when stationary/ parked—please help to keep our air clean and save money.

Eco Committee

Following their recent meeting, Eco Committee have agreed that we will not send Christmas Cards to each other to reduce our use of valuable resources. Instead each pupil will make a card which will be distributed in their class from the 'whole' class. In support of their initiative staff have agreed not to send cards to each other, instead making a donation to the Monmouthshire Wishes fundraising appeal, supporting vulnerable children or care leavers in the authority.

Open Morning for New Parents

Last week saw our first ever On-line Open Morning for Prospective Parents. Although unlike visiting school, which we wish we were able to do, it proved beneficial with valuable information shared. A special thank you to Mrs Miles who once again shared her wealth of knowledge of the children's journey into Reception at Trellech.

Starting School

Arrangements for Pupils starting Reception in September 2021
4th November 2021— Application Packs sent to Parents
13th January (midnight)- Closing Date for Rec Pupils due to start Sept 202 https://oneonline.monmouthshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Dogs on School Site

Please may we remind all visitors to site that as a Monmouthshire LA site no pets are permitted within the grounds.

Breakfast Club

Our numbers attending Breakfast Club are beginning to increase and we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the need to book this provision. In order to maintain the safety of all children and staff it is essential we have accurate numbers in advance.

Christmas Festivities

We are busy in school trying to ensure the children enjoy Christmas within the school calendar as 'normally' as possible!
Each class are currently completing an Entrepreneur project, items can be ordered using the following link:

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/QSPQROFGda1LL/>

Monies for any items you wish to purchase can be brought into school in a clearly labelled sealed envelope. Any profit will be used to purchase resources chosen with the pupils to enhance their classrooms.

Classes are busy rehearsing their performances to share with you virtually. The children are all working so hard to learn their words and songs.

Friday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children organised by Y4 Charity Committee. Get the tinsel out and decorate your jumpers!

Wednesday 16th December: School Christmas Dinner and PTFA Christmas Hat Day! Please can Christmas Lunch orders be booked via ParentPay **by 9am on Monday 7th December at the latest.**

In our final week each class will have a Christmas Party in their class bubble and watch a performance of the Snow Queen, performed by Image Theatre via pre recorded video link.

Our last day of the term is Friday 18th December and we would like to say a huge thank you for the support you have given us, as we have experienced a very different Autumn Term.

Year Five Play Makers and Y6 Sports Ambassadors

This week saw our Y5 pupils complete their Bronze Play Maker training with MonLife and Y6 Sports Ambassadors completed their Ambassador Training via Teams. Well done to you all.

Seeds for All

We took delivery of our seed bed ready to plant our tree seeds. The soil will follow shortly and we will be able to plant them and watch them grow into trees for our future local community.

Local Schools Nature Grant

We are very proud to announce we have been successful in our application for the Learning Through Landscapes Local Schools Nature Grant to enhance our Foundation Phase Area, thank you to our Parent Governor, Charlotte Bates for helping us achieve this. We look forward to our training and equipment in the new year.



Class Communication

Reception: Reception Class have had an eventful couple of weeks over the forest. Some of the children thought they had seen evidence of a fairy home, others believed a Troll lived under the little wooden bridge. Well who knows? However, we received a letter in the post from Ronnie the Robin and he had some photographs of a beautiful, graceful fairy and a handsome troll! Well, we thought he was. "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" A gorgeous Christmas tree appeared in our class this week. We think this might have something to do with Ronnie the Robin. The frost was dazzling last week and we went on a walk to give us inspiration for a poem. The children came up with some interesting words to describe the frost.

We are going to be very busy this week making decorations to sell as part of our entrepreneurship. Details will follow.

Year One: Have been busy in the last couple of weeks completing an investigation about which surface the vehicle will travel the furthest along. They have continued to embrace the outdoors by making stars with treasure from forest school as well as decorating the 'Trellech Pew' with some special thankyou messages this Christmas. We had a special visitor to class who left us a special letter with a message from Father Christmas, we found Buddy in our sparkly tree. We were very excited to receive our class certificate for completing the London Mini Marathon as well as the news our designs and ideas for our outdoor area had been successful.

Year Two: Year 2 have had a really interesting two weeks! We have finished our 3D hot air balloons that look incredible! each and every child has worked very hard. In maths we have been focusing on division sharing numbers between each-other. Over in forest school the learners needed to figure out the sum to create a mystery word. All learners thrived in this task. Our forest school sessions have been investigating the meadow, we have searched for different mushrooms and also made frost angels. The next coming weeks we will be making lots of Christmas craft and practicing for our Nativity.

Year Three: In year 3 we have been learning how to use a number line for subtraction. We can do this by counting on from the smallest number or counting back from the largest. It has taken some getting used to but the pupils are getting more confident with this. It's always best to go the next or nearest 10 firstly. We have also played games using degrees of turn and learnt how to use our times tables to calculate division problems. In Literacy we have performed our pupil written scenes based on 'The Imagination Box' novel. Thanks for the costumes; the pupils looked great as their characters! We have also written a diary as an elf getting ready for Christmas; these were superb! The pupils have also written some fab Haiku poetry which originates from Japan. The pupils made some great observations and conclusions related to our science experiment on dissolving and have written a paragraph about themselves in Welsh. Da lawn Year 3!!

Year Four: In Year 4 we have been continuing to work on our novel "The Explorer" by Katherine Rundell, watching interviews with her and writing her biography. The children found it fascinating to find out what motivates her and that she really has eaten grub pancakes like the characters in the book! We are hard at work making our product for the enterprise project, having calculated the potential profit we will make. Our ICT skills have been improving greatly through copying, pasting and editing pictures using Adobe Spark. It was wonderful to see everyone being able to crop pictures and understand why pictures need to be edited. We have also answered the question of "What is deforestation?" which provided us with lots of ethical questions to answer. Bendigedig Year 4.

Year Five: In Year 5 we have been making great use of our ICT skills this week! We have been recording news broadcasts using green screen to add in a background and iMovie to edit video clips together. We also created interactive advent calendars to share with the other classes. Have a look on Twitter to see what we created!

We have been working hard on our Christmas Enterprise project, thinking about what items would sell well, designing items, finding out where we can buy our materials for best value, and working out how much we should sell for and what profit we could potentially make....phew!

We also enjoyed taking part in our Playmaker session on Thursday, finding out all about what makes a good leader, and how we can work effectively in a team to improve our games.

Year Six: Over the last 2 weeks Year 6 have been very busy in their learning. Last week we had an Art in Maths week where we learnt to draw cardioids, used mosaics to find fractions, percentages and decimals, drew mazes, and created geometric patterns - we all had a lot of fun. We continued with our Rainforest topic and wrote a newspaper report based on our stories 'Lost in the Amazon'. We completed branching diagrams to classify animals using J2Data and had a go at drawing our own - which was more complicated than using the computer! This week we have been extremely busy researching, costing and advertising our Christmas Fayre items to sell at our Virtual Christmas Fayre - we really hope you will like our Christmassy items. PC Finnister has also visited us to talk about Cyber Bullying and Keeping Safe Online.

A special well done to **Foundation Phase** pupils and staff who have a beautiful Christmas window display in Monmouth (near Barclays Bank. We are very proud of all your hard work.



Charity Committee Reminder

Christmas Jumper Day: Following Year Four's committee meeting on Thursday they have agreed to hold Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 11th December** for Save the Children. Donations of £1 can be made for the event via ParentPay. As part of the day they are holding a competition within each class bubble who can wear the 'silliest' Christmas Jumper. The event doesn't involve purchasing expensive jumpers, dig out that old tinsel and bauble or two and upcycle your silly Christmas Jumper in style! Good Luck!

Reverse Advent Calendar: In support of Monmouth Foodbank the Charity committee have agreed to complete a reverse advent calendar collecting essential items in each class. Children will receive a letter giving further information and which day to add their item to the Advent Hamper which will be donated as a Christmas Treat to local families this Christmas. All items must be added to the hamper by **Friday 11th December** to ensure their safe delivery in time for Christmas. Donations of food (excluding beans and pasta), treats for children, nappies, baby food and anything dairy or gluten free. Any food must have a minimum shelf life of three months.

PTFA Update Please support our PTFA during these unusual times who are still working hard to raise funds for @TrellechSchool. This year a virtual raffle will be held and drawn live via the PTFA Facebook page and wear A Christmas Hat to school in exchange for £1 which will can be added to the money 'pot' within each class and collected by the PTFA.

Academic Year 2020/ 2021

1 Further INSET Days to be confirmed

Thurs 10th Dec– Flu Vaccinations for All Pupils

Fri 11th Dec– Christmas Jumper Day and Final Day for Reverse Advent Calendar Hampers

Weds 16th Dec– Christmas Dinner And PTFA Wear a Christmas Hat Day

Fri 18th Dec– End of Autumn Term

Mon 21st Dec– Christmas Break

Mon 4th Jan– Spring Term Commences

Mon 4th Jan– INSET Day School Closed to Pupils (new date)

Fri 12th Feb– INSET DAY: School Closed to Pupils

Fri 12th Feb– End of Spring Term 1

Mon 15th Feb– Half Term

Mon 22nd Feb– Spring Term 2 Commences

Fri 26th March– End of Spring Term

Mon 12th April– Summer Term Commences

Fri 28th May– INSET DAY: School Closed to Pupils

Fri 28th May– End of Summer Term 1

Mon 31st May– Half Term

Mon 7th June– Summer Term 2 Commences

Weds 21st July– End of Summer Term

**St Nicholas Trellech
Old Church Penallt**
wish you a very happy Christmas

Sunday 6 December Advent 2
11.00 St Nicholas Patronal Eucharist Festival
Hands around the World presentation & collection

Saturday 12 December Ember Day
14.30 St Nicholas Family Celebration Worship
Live music, poems, carols & drama

Sunday 20 December Advent 4
11.00 Old Church Advent Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve
23.30 Old Church Midnight Mass
23.30 St Nicholas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day The Nativity of Our Lord
10.00 Old Church Family Eucharist
10.00 St Nicholas Family Eucharist
St Nicholas Holy Communion every Wednesday except 23rd
Trellech Parking at Surgery 6 & 12 Dec Village Hall on 24 & 25 Dec

**Trellech Primary PTFA
Christmas Raffle**

We're doing things a bit differently this year but we still have some amazing prizes including:

1st Prize – Design your own Giant Chocolate Bar (retails at £800)
2nd Prize – Kids FitBit ace2
3rd Prize – £50 voucher for Square Farm Shop
Plus Christmas hampers, wine & a magnum of Prosecco!

Entry £2.50 each or get five chances for £10
Enter by donating to our GoFundMe page at:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/astro-hurf-at-trellech-primary>
Draw will take place live on the Trellech PTFA Facebook page at 7pm on
Tuesday 15th December 2020

Raffle promoter: Mrs K Hennessy
Wye Vale, The North, NP23 4QY

Parentkind
Member Association

Registered under the Gambling Act 2005
with Montauk House CIC
Registration No. 043095

Christmas Cracker Lunch

Wednesday 16th December, 2020

A Decorated Christmas Box containing

- A Hot Turkey Roll
- Pigs in Blankets
- Hash Brown Puffs
- &
- A selection of Mini Doughnuts served with
- A Christmas Ice-cream
- A Fruit Drink

Also includes a Christmas Cracker

Christmas Cracker Lunch

Wednesday 16th December, 2020

A Decorated Christmas Box containing

- A Hot Veggie Burger in a Roll
- Mac & Cheese Bites
- Hash Brown Puffs
- &
- A selection of Mini Doughnuts served with
- A Christmas Ice-cream
- A Fruit Drink

Also includes a Christmas Cracker