



Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending –Friday 2nd February 2018

Tales from Wales

At the beginning of the week, we were treated to a performance of some of the Tales from Wales. It was a wonderful morning and will now be busy basing some of our Eisteddfod entries on the tales we heard.



Eisteddfod

This year the school Eisteddfod will take place during the school day on Thursday 1st March.

We are happy for children to dress up in Welsh costumes but are happy to accept the Welsh Rugby and Football Shirts too, or anything else that may add to the celebration of Welsh culture and tradition.

We would encourage all the children to complete the Homework Task over half term to gain valuable points for their house. This year we are asking pupils to design a **Welsh Love Spoon**. This can be presented in any medium, no larger than A4 size. Please may we ask that these are in school by Tuesday 27th February in readiness for judging.

Eisteddfod Music Competition

Once again Mrs Schartz is arranging the musical items for our school Eisteddfod. If your child plays an instrument and wishes to enter the Eisteddfod Mrs Schartz will be judging the musical items in the following two weeks prior to half term for each of the winners to perform during our School Eisteddfod on Thursday 1st March.

Please bring your instrument ready to perform on the following days:

Wednesday: Wind, Brass and any child in Foundation Phase

Thursday: Strings inc. Guitar

Friday: Piano and Percussion

Living, Learning, Laughing Together

Parent Governor Ballot

We are very pleased to announce that following a very close count that the Parent Governor Representative will be Mrs Julie Warren (Hazel: Year Three).

National Tests 2018

Year Two to Year Six pupils complete each National Tests in English (Reading) and Numeracy (Procedural and Reasoning). It is very important that every child is in school for these. Primary Schools have a week in which to complete the tests. This year these will take place between Wednesday 2nd May through to Wednesday 9th May. If for some reason your child will not be in school for some of these dates, please contact the school.

Staff Update

Miss Perry will sadly be leaving us on 8th February to take a new role in another school. We are very grateful for all her contributions whilst in Trellech and wish her every success in the future.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

As part of the new topic ' Mad Hatter's Tea Party', in Foundation Phase, all the pupils are having an opportunity to experience Afternoon Tea at Chepstow Garden Centre on Thursday 8th February. This will enable pupils to plan their own Afternoon Tea event. Please could you ensure any monies and consent box are completed via ParentPay as soon as possible.

World Book Day and Sport Relief.

World Book Day coincides with St David's Day, therefore we will celebrate World Book Day in Trellech on Friday 9th March.....please come dressed as your favourite character.

Sport Relief will take place on Friday 23rd March, we are hoping to participate in a range of sporting activities including launching our Daily Mile. Further details to follow nearer the time. Monies raised will be shared between Sport Relief and Trellech School to further help our fund for extending our path and outdoor facilities.



Rugby Skills in Year Three....getting ready for the Six Nations!

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Curriculum Pioneer School Update.

As a Pioneer School we are very proud to share the work we are doing towards the New Curriculum for Wales, based on Recommendations in Successful Futures a Report commissioned by Professor Graham Donaldson.

We are very proud to share that we are continuing and building upon the developments made during the last academic year. All classes are teaching through the Six Areas of Learning and include the Four Core Purposes in the day to day learning of the children. Engagement levels of pupils have been observed to improve as the focus of learning is delivered in collaboration with the pupils. We are proud to welcome colleagues from across Monmouthshire and the EAS region to share our journey so far as well as staff meetings.

Strategically, Mrs Peacock attends National Pioneer Meetings each month to develop the New Curriculum for Wales. Working within the Humanities AOLE (Area Of Learning and Experience) she works with colleagues from across Wales from a range of settings to ensure the curriculum is for all the stakeholders within Wales. Through studying curriculum design from other nations, as well as working with experts within the Humanities (Geography, History, Religious Studies, Business Studies, Social Studies, Economics and Social Studies) the AOLE have developed a series of What Matter Statements and are now beginning to develop Progression Steps within these with the guidance from colleagues from University of Trinity and St David & University of Glasgow.

School Lunches

Please may we ask that meals are ordered carefully to meet your child's dietary requirements. We are finding that there is a lot of waste at the end of lunch. If your child would prefer a Jacket Potato please let the office know which days these are required. The School menu can be found on the school website..

<http://www.trellechprimary.co.uk/school-dinners>

PTFA Update

With sadness Caroline Roberts has resigned as Chair person and Nick Blamey has been nominated to take over the role. We thank Caroline for her commitment to the role.

The Glade Tavern is the Pop Up Pub

at The Narth Hall

tonight from 7pm.

They are kindly donating all their profits to the Trellech School PTFA.

Dates for Academic Year 2017/ 18

Mon 5th Feb-	Y4 Parents Meeting for Talybont
Tues 6th Feb-	Y5 Parents Meeting for Viney Hill
Tues 6th Feb-	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 8th Feb-	F.P. visit to Chepstow Garden Centre
Fri 16th Feb-	INSET: School Closed to Pupils
Thurs 1st March:	Whole School Eisteddfod
Mon 5th- Weds 7th March-	Y5 Residential to Viney Hill
Mon 5th-Tues 6th March-	Y4 Residential to Talybont
Weds 7th March-	Gwent Wildlife Quiz Round 1 @ Chepstow School
Mon 12th March-	Y5 Playmaker Cluster Conference (Mon Sports)
Weds 14th March:	Personal Development Meeting for Parents (TBC)
Fri 23rd March-	Sport Relief
Tues 24th April-	Class Photographs
Weds 2nd May- 9th May	National Tests (Y2- Y6)
Mon 7th May-	School Closed: May Bank Holiday
Tues 22nd- Weds 23rd May-	Parents Evening
Mon 4th June-	INSET: School Closed to Pupils
Fri 8th June-	Sports Day 1.30pm (15.6.18-Reserve Date)
Weds 27th- Fri 29th June-	Y6 Residential to Gilwern
Thurs 5th July-	Summer Music Concert
Fri 20th July-	Y2 Graduation 9.30am
Tues 24th July-	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am End of Summer Term

Photography Competition

We have been invited by the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society to enter the School Photographic Competition. The topic for entries is 'Woodland Seasons- Spring' with prizes for the school and tickets to the Royal Welsh Show 2018 (23 -26th July). It would be wonderful to include some entries from Trellech. Photographs should be no larger than 175mm x 125mm (7" x5") and unmounted. Entries need to be in school by Wednesday 9th May to ensure they are entered into the show. Good Luck!

