



Monthly News June 2021

The sun has been out and we've seen as much learning outdoors as any month but this month we've also seen our first off-site visits which were a lovely step forward. We've achieved the 'Best Practice' award for Young Carers and we've had a beautiful piece of art painted by a well known local artist. We've also held two very busy sports days and rehearsals are well underway for our Summer Production - Treasure Island. We've created yet another pupil leadership team to develop our play provision and we've made further improvements to our outdoor facilities on the school field. Another full-on month of learning and laughter here at Monmouthshire's biggest primary school!

Steve King
Headteacher

COVID TEXT - Really important

If at any time during term time, weekends or holiday your child receives a positive COVID test, it's really important that you tell us straight away so that we can quickly assess which families we need to contact to keep them safe. Please do this by emailing thedellcovid5@hwbcymru.net which is constantly monitored.

Talking of Covid...

We're all now very familiar with frequent hand sanitising and social distancing and we're really grateful for the support parents have given us since we reopened exactly a year ago in June 2020. You've kept apart, avoided grouping, followed arrows and always done it willingly with a smile - thank you so much!

As we've moved through 2021, it's been incredibly challenging to reconcile the changes and easements in society with the operational guidance for schools which has changed very little over the past 12 months. We anticipate some updates ahead of the new term in September but of course until guidance changes, we'll be well-ventilated, sanitised and distanced. We look forward to being able to slowly return to our previous face-to-face working and provision as we've always really valued those opportunities to meet and talk with parents and carers and invite you in to the school. As we've said since day one, 'It'll all be OK but it's going to be a bit different for a while' and 'today is a day closer to normal than yesterday was'.

Susie Grindey Art



Working with Year 5, local artist Susie Grindey has created this wonderful piece of art for our school. Many of you will have seen Susie's art online or around the town and we're thrilled that she's created this wonderful piece for us. Susie has kindly agreed to make a donation to the school for every print sold and if you'd like to find out more and perhaps buy a copy as a memento of your child's time here with us please do have a look on her website [CLICK HERE](#). Big thanks go to Dell mum Sue Kingdom for liaising between Susie & the school and facilitating this great project.

We couldn't invite you but...

Sports Day this year was an in-house event. We wanted to make sure every child had the chance to take part, compete and be cheered on by all the other classes but we couldn't open up the event to parents and relatives as usual. But we did take photos and if you haven't seen them already, you can watch videos of both sports events on page 5 of this Monthly News.

Similarly we are thrilled to be able to present our Summer Production. Again this will be an in-house event but we've been rehearsing and recoding Treasure Island scene by scene and we'll give you a link to the final production before the end of term.

Finally, for our oldest pupils, we'll be holding and recording their Year 6 Leavers' Assembly which as usual will include awards and presentations for 'Most Improved Pupil' and the 'Pupil Leadership Award'. We'll make sure Year 6 children and parents have a chance to watch and download a copy of the assembly before they leave us on Friday 16th July.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Visits

Recently, changes to guidance for residential trips allows for these to resume but we do not feel it would be appropriate to ask parents to pay at this late stage for our usual Year 6 Gilwern trip in September. There are insurance issues to iron out too and we have booked the Gilwern trip for May 2022 which we hope will be trouble-free and allow adequate time for payment and a meeting for parents. We'll let new Year 5 parents know about our usual January visit to the Urdd Centre in Cardiff Bay later in the autumn term.

Calendar

- 2 Jul - Annual Pupil Reports Go Home
- 9 Jul - Y6 Learning Pathways visit to Chepstow School
- 9 Jul - Pupil Progress Reports go Home
- 12-16 Jul - Sharing Week (via SeeSaw)
- 12 Jul - Winning House Reward
- 12&13 Jul - Year 6 Outdoor Team Building Day
- 13 Jul - Move Up Morning
- 15 Jul - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.30am
- 15 Jul - Year 6 leavers' Picnic
- 16 Jul - Last day of Summer Term
- 5 Jul - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.30am
- 15 Jul - Year 6 leavers' Picnic
- 16 Jul - Last day of Summer Term
- 19 Jul - INSET Day
- 20 Jul - INSET Day



SILVER
SCHOOL
MENTAL
HEALTH
AWARD



Health and Wellbeing This Month

← *First school
in Wales!*



We've moved from online Celebration Assemblies each Friday to doing them outdoors [CLICK HERE](#)

The Dell have been amazing throughout the lockdowns and when they have re opened. Communication has been amazing and teacher support and learning has been great. All the teachers have worked so hard and it shows through how happy all the children are. The Dell have also won an award (1st in Wales!) A Silver in School Mental Health. The school did well being and mental health before the pandemic and because of this it has enabled the children to talk about how they are feeling and also cope with a difficult situation. They deserve this little Wellbeing Bundle! #WaveOfThanks

Young Carers in Schools Programme

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gofalwyr**
De Ddwyrain Cymru
gweithredu - cynorthwyo - cynghori

carerstrust
South East Wales
action - help - advice

The Dell Primary School

Gwobrwywyd : Arfer Gorau / Awarded : Best Practice
Tachwedd 2020 / November 2020

My child likes this school

[More Details](#)



Parents Survey 2021 - See all responses [CLICK HERE](#)

Agreement = 96% (Nearly All)



Monmouthshire Family Support Services

Monmouthshire's fantastic support agency, which helps families with advice and signposting. Helplines are available Monday to Friday between

YOUNG MiNDS

Support for children (AND Parents) at
www.youngminds.org.uk

SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Your School Nurse is available for you to talk about anything that worries you about your health.

Call
07500 124243
to arrange a virtual attend anywhere session

Sessions available on:
Monday - 9 - 2.30
Tuesday - 9 - 12
Wednesday - 9 - 12
Thursday - 9 - 2.30

SCAN WITH A SMART PHONE TO GET IN TOUCH



- ✓ Healthy eating and lifestyle
- ✓ Emotional wellbeing and mental health
- ✓ Weight support
- ✓ Alcohol and smoking support
- ✓ Sexual health and relationships

Talk to us privately

We would only pass on your information to protect you or someone else from serious harm. We would talk about this with you first.

GIG CYMRU / Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
NHS WALES / Aneurin Bevan
University Health Board





Year 6 giving something back to the school they've loved for seven years in their 'Be Kind, be your best' day



Our newest pupil leadership team will look at developing play across the school



Year 2 preparing their own lunch ahead of their visit to Piercefield Park



Thanks to our three lovely Year 6 girls who organised Wacky Wildlife Wednesday which raised £140 for these animal charities!



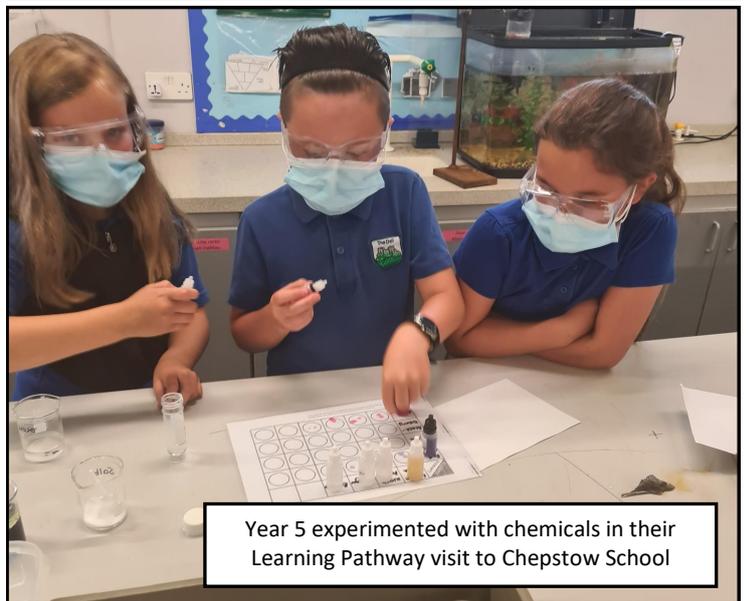
Year 5 enjoyed getting stuck into Welsh guided reading in the fresh air



THANK YOU to parents who have donated parasols for our benches



Year 6 were fascinated to learn about virology in their Covid workshop



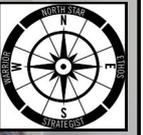
Year 5 experimented with chemicals in their Learning Pathway visit to Chepstow School



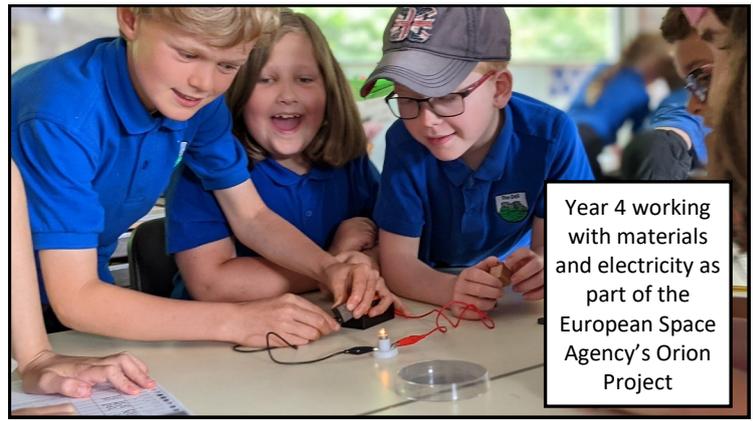
COMING SOON: Summer Production 2021 - Treasure Island



Year 5 & 6 enjoyed their 'Compass for Life' workshops looking at their future and how amazing they can be!



[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Year 5's 2 frame roll animations, thanks to Mrs Jeffrey from Chepstow School's Art Department



Year 4 working with materials and electricity as part of the European Space Agency's Orion Project



Our Year 1 testers like the new hill that we've created on the field



Year 2 enjoying our new barefoot sensory trail



Our new (nearly finished) holes in the ground also got the thumbs up from our testers!



Our Eco Team are looking at things they can do to earn their green Blue Peter badge!



This week children across the school are Dropping Everything And Reading (DEAR). Colourful, fun and often informative!



Children, don't forget you can enter the BBC Bee Garden competition by [CLICKING HERE](#)



Year 2 said a sad farewell to student teachers Mr Sykes and Miss Williams in the Secret Forest - GOOD LUCK!



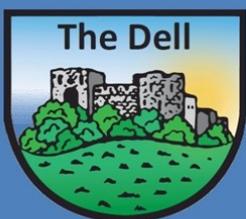
[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Reception's caterpillar's building a cocoon around themselves!



[CLICK HERE](#) to watch a video of Reception's butterflies hatching!

This Month's Dell Dragons' Update

(Everyone who represents The Dell in any sport is a Dell Dragon)



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THE DELL DRAGONS

