

Newsletter Christmas 2021

It has been another extremely busy and successful half term here at The Dell Primary. Once again our pupils have been enthusiastic and engaged in their learning while also producing superb Christmas concerts. It has been wonderful to hear the pupils singing and rehearsing around the school. I hope you enjoy watching their performance videos later this week. I would also like to thank parents for being understanding about Christmas concerts again this year. I know how disappointing it must be not watch these in person but keeping classes and year groups open and maintaining provision right up until the end of term has been our priority.

This half term we have audited and updated our assessment procedures in line with Curriculum For Wales and this has been reflected in the changes we have made to our End Of Term Pupil Progress Reports. Mrs Pullan led our fantastic Maths and Numeracy Week in November, photos of this can be seen in this newsletter. Also our pupils have enjoyed planning their festive activities for our PTA Christmas Fundraising Week, details of this are below. I would like to thank all the staff as once again they have been outstanding this half term providing fantastic learning in very challenging times. Finally I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas. Nadolig Llawen.

Best wishes,

Mark Adams, Acting Headteacher

PTA Christmas Fundraising Week

This week our pupils have been enjoying a Christmas Fundraising Week for the PTA. They have been taking part in festive arts and crafts activities and playing Christmas games and activities in the hall. Pupils will bring home their Christmas craft creations later this week. As part of the fundraising week we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay. So far we have raised £441 for The Dell Primary PTA. Thank you for all your support.

New Outdoor Learning Spaces

I am delighted to announce that Monmouthshire County Council have approved our application for funding to build new outdoor spaces in Key Stage 2. This involves building canopies outside the Year 4 classrooms and the seating area outside of Year 5. We've also received funding to cover the remaining area outside the Year 6 classrooms. Building work will start on these new outdoor learning spaces during February Half Term.

Covid19 Safety on School Site

Just a reminder to parents to please wear a mask at all times on the school site and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

We also request that parents leave the site promptly when dropping off and collecting children. If you are exempt from wearing a mask then please display your lanyard when on site. Thank you.

Calendar

- 16 Dec - Class Christmas Parties
- 17 Dec - Christingle Assemblies (In school event)
- 17 Dec - Last day of Autumn Term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

2022

4 Jan - INSET DAY

- 5 Jan - School reopens for Spring Term
- 21-25 Feb - HALF TERM
- 25 Jan - St Dwynwen's Day
- 31 Jan - Humanities Week
- 7-10 Feb - Teacher/Parent Phone Consultations

28 Feb - INSET Day

- 1 Mar - St. David's Day
- 14 Mar - Rockstar Maths Battle begins!
- 28 Mar - Health & Wellbeing Week
- 7 Apr - Winning House Reward Activity
- 8 Apr - Last day of Spring Term

EASTER HOLIDAY

25 Apr - INSET Day

- 26 Apr - School reopens for Summer Term
- 9 May - Year 6 Residential Trip to Gilwern Outdoor Centre
- 16 May - Science & Technology Week
- 30 May- 3 Jun - HALF TERM
- 7 Jun - Meeting for New (Sept 2022) Reception Parents (TBC)
- 16 Jun - Sports Day (FP 9-12), KS2 1-3.30pm)
- 20 Jun - Languages & Literacy Week

27 Jun - INSET DAY (in-lieu of Platinum Jubilee holiday)

- 4 Jul - Rockstar Maths Battle Starts!
- 8 Jul - Pupil Reports go Home Today
- 19 Jul - 'Move Up Morning'
- 20 Jul - Winning House Reward
- 21 Jul - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9.30am)
- 21 Jul - Year 6 Leavers' Picnic, The Dell Park (1pm)
- 22 Jul - Last day of Summer Term

SUMMER HOLIDAY

*School term dates are set by the Welsh Government. Each year schools sets five INSET training days. In 2021/22, schools are expected to allocate a sixth INSET day which will focus on professional learning for staff. In addition, schools will take an additional closure day in-lieu of the Platinum Jubilee public holiday which falls in the may bank holiday week. INSET days are often, but not always, attached to the start or end of a half term. INSET dates will be notified near the start of each school year according to training needs.



Pupil Voice @ The Dell Primary

Always listening to our learners

"I really liked singing in the Christmas concert. My favourite was Herod's Song."

Year 2 pupil.

"I enjoy learning with my teacher but I also really like MY TIME because having a go at things myself is fun."

Year 3 pupil.



MY TIME in Year 6

"The rugby sessions with Mr Dunbar have been fun and exciting. His training is great. Learning new sports skills is cool!"

Year 6 pupil.

Huge thanks to our wonderful Ambassadors for representing the school at the Remembrance Day Service in November.



"The Christmas concert was just the best. I enjoyed being on stage with the lights on us. I used our school behaviours of courage and independence to perform really well."

Year 6 pupil.

Monmouthshire Family Support Services

Monmouthshire's fantastic support agency, which helps families with advice and signposting.

Helplines are available Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm.

Call - 01633 644152 / 07970166975

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



WANTED: BY THE PLAY TEAM

If you have any Lego that you now longer play with, we'd LOVE to have it! Please send into the school office!

**Maths And Numeracy Week @
The Dell Primary School
15th -19th November 2021**



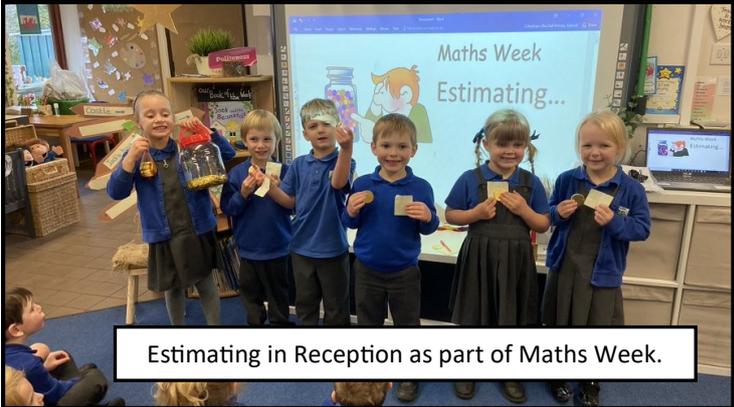
Year 4 investigating how we use Maths in our everyday lives.



Year 2 outdoor Maths skills



Year 6 measuring area & perimeter of natural objects



Estimating in Reception as part of Maths Week.



Year 2 looking at Maths All Around Us.



Year 3 learning about compass points on our playground.



Year 6 measuring area & perimeter of natural objects.



A bean stalk even appeared in Reception!

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When your child gets a place at The Dell!



Politeness

Trust

Love

Independence

Friendliness

Happiness

Courage

Respect



Be kind
Be your best

Looking for a Reception place in September 2022?

(We've got 60!)

1. Visit our website www.dell.monmouthshire.sch.uk
2. Watch our videos and read our FAQs
3. Come and meet our teachers
4. Apply from 3rd November 2021



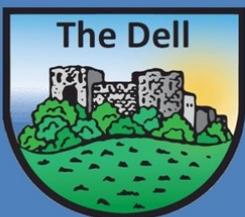
Construction of our new outdoor classroom started in November. Many thanks to Mr Graham, Mr James, Mr Davies and Mr Gibbon for all their hard work and expertise. What a great team!



Year 2 made amazing Remembrance Day lanterns.



Da iawn to our amazing Year 6 Remembrance Day poets.



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THE DELL DRAGONS

