



Newsletter

February Half Term 2023

January and February has been a period of action and endeavour for pupils and staff at The Dell Primary. We have worked hard to ensure that our MY TIME projects have been a real success this half term. Pupils have been applying their previously taught skills to theme related projects in their year groups. It has been wonderful to see our pupils engaged in their learning so enthusiastically. For example I've seen Year 1 working superbly on their MY TIME activities about Exploration. Our Year 4 pupil projects reflected their Journey Through Wales theme and Year 6 pupils produced some amazing independent work on their Culture Clash projects.

Over the last 6 weeks staff have engaged with parents and carers holding Parent and Teacher Consultations, RWI Workshops and an online survey to review our Trips, Visits and Events Calendar. Thank you if you participated in these important engagement activities.

This half term staff have worked hard in Professional Learning Meetings focusing on feedback and pupil progression during teaching sessions and further developing Welsh skills through games and group activities. Staff have also worked on updating and resourcing our outdoor learning spaces in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. These spaces now have Maths games and equipment, Literacy activities and building tools such as Kapla Blocks and Lego. We aim to make our outdoor provision consistent for all learners across the school.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication this half term. We have put in long hours to improve provision for our learners and meet with parents and carers. I would like to remind you all that we have a Sharing Afternoon for parents and carers on Friday 24th March. This will be another opportunity for you to visit classrooms and look at your child's books and work.

School is open again following the half term holiday on Tuesday 28th February. I hope you all have a very enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,

Mark Adams, Acting Headteacher

Trips, Events and Visits Survey

In January we emailed a survey to all parents and carers asking you to let us know your thoughts and feelings on the amount and cost of school trips and events. We initially only had 38 responses so have extended the survey's deadline to Friday 17th February. Myself and the Governing Body will let you know the results of this survey in March. Your comments and opinions will help shape next steps regarding our trips and events calendar.

St. David's Day 2023

We will be celebrating St. David's Day on Wednesday 1st March. Pupils are encouraged to wear Welsh costume, sports tops and colours to mark the day. Pupils have also participated in Eisteddfod activities such as Welsh poetry writing, dancing and art work. Please follow our Twitter account on St. David's Day to view the winning entries. Pob lwc to all our pupils!

Woodwork Classroom Resources Needed

Our outdoor woodwork classroom is now up and running. However we are still looking for donations of bottle tops, corks, buttons, loom bands and ring pulls from cans. If you have any of these items for school use please bag them up and drop them into the main school office. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal at The Dell Primary

Huge thanks to pupils, parents and staff for all their efforts fundraising in November for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022. As a school we raised over £524. Thank you for all your support.

Calendar

2023

13th & 15th February—Parent & Teacher Meetings

17th February— Last Day Of Spring Term 1

27th February— INSET Day

28th February— Spring Term 2 Starts For Pupils

24th March—Sharing Afternoon @ 2pm

31st March— Last Day Of Spring Term 2

17th April— Summer Term 1 Starts For Pupils

25th May— Last Day Of Summer Term 1

26th May— INSET DAY

5th June— Summer Term 2 Starts For Pupils

14th June—Sports Day, FP in morning & KS2 in afternoon

4th July—Summer Production @ 2pm

5th July—Summer Production @ 6pm

6th July Summer Production @ 6pm

14th July—Sharing Afternoon @ 2pm

20th July— Last Day Of Summer Term 2

21st July— INSET Day

*School term dates are set by the Welsh Government. Each year schools sets five INSET training days. In 2022/23, schools are expected to allocate a sixth INSET day which will focus on professional learning for staff. 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

"The new playground toys are amazing. I enjoy the basketball hoops best. It's a great game.

Year 3 pupil.

"I'm in Eco Team and we planted trees on the school field and by the car park. It was a very cold day but it was fun and really important."

Year 2 pupil.



Year 6 responding to Music Of The Month.

"Our new outdoor area is fun. It has Maths equipment and Lego. I really like the Kapla blocks. You can make amazing things by following the ideas in the book."

Year 5 pupil.

"I really enjoyed working on our MY TIME projects. My project was all about being creative and building a model of Chepstow Castle."

Year 4 pupil.



New equipment on our Upper School Playground.

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
For Info [CLICK HERE](#)
To watch an info video [CLICK HERE](#)



YOUNGmiMDS

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

A colorful poster with a purple and blue circular logo at the top left that says 'The Dell PLAYTEAM'. The main text is in large, bold, orange letters: 'WANTED: BY THE PLAY TEAM'. Below this, in smaller white text on an orange background, it says: 'We're looking to stock up on clothes for dressing up! Suit jackets, scarves, waistcoats, bags, handbags...anything interesting really! Please drop them into the school office!'. At the bottom, there are images of a black jacket, a black and white striped scarf, a yellow handbag, and an orange and black backpack.

**Spring Term @
The Dell Primary School
January & February 2023**



Year 6 updating our Den Darllen with new books.



Eco Team tree planting as part of The Queens Canopy.



Year 5 participating in Road To Riat Glider Challenge.

Great to have lunchtime and after school clubs back in action.



Children's Mental Health Week in Year 2.



Year 6 Pizza Project with Chepstow School.



Congratulations to our gymnasts who took part in the East Wales Tumble & Vault Competition.



Reception Tree Workshop led by Keep Wales Tidy.



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Thanks to our amazing PTA for helping fund the new climbing wall on our Upper School Playground.



Reception pupils enjoying NSPCC Number Day in February. A great chance to work with numbers in real life contexts right across the school. Da iawn to pupils and staff!



Year 5 thinking about helping others as part of our work on Children's Mental Health Week. Diolch!



Year 5 participating in our Safer Internet Day.



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