



Newsletter Christmas 2022

As an incredibly busy Autumn Term draws to a close I want to thank all our pupils for their enthusiasm, hard work and dedication to school life. Our pupils have performed ten incredible Christmas Concerts in recent weeks. They have put in so much effort and practice, it was an absolute pleasure to watch them perform in front of parents again this Christmas. This half term our learners have been on many trips and visits - most recently to Newport's Riverfront Theatre to enjoy the Robin Hood panto where they behaved superbly. I know the staff are extremely proud of the efforts of all our pupils. Our learners have had some truly amazing experiences this half term and photos of the many trips and visits can be seen in this Newsletter.

Over the last 7 weeks staff have engaged with parents and carers on site holding a Sharing Afternoon, lantern making workshop and another successful Open Morning for parents looking for a Reception place for their child in September 2023.

In November staff worked closely with cluster colleagues on mapping assessment criteria for the new curriculum. We have worked hard in Professional Learning Meetings focusing on pupil progression during our teaching sessions. Staff have also attended woodwork training at St. Andrew's Primary School in Newport. We aim to have our new woodwork base up and running in January. We have also worked with St. Mary's Church supporting their Christmas Card Competition. Congratulations our pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who won the design awards.

I would like to thank all the parents for their help providing costumes for concerts, aiding pupils to learn lines and songs as well as assisting with the many trips and visits. Huge thanks go to the staff for all the long hours and hard work this half term. The close working relationship of all stakeholders really is a strength of our school.

School is open again following the Christmas holidays on Monday 9th January. I hope you all have a very relaxing and enjoyable Christmas.

Best wishes,

Mark Adams, Acting Headteacher

Robin Hood Panto Trip

This week we were thrilled to visit Newport's Riverfront Theatre to watch Robin Hood. This trip has always been a festive favourite and it was fantastic to see the pupils enthralled by the show. Thanks to all the staff and parent helper. Also many thanks to the PTA for purchasing and organising 400 snack bags. Diolch yn fawr!

PTA Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 16th December

2:30pm-4pm. There will be fun, festive stalls set up in the school hall and also big prizes to win in our raffle. It is the same day as Sharing Afternoon so please try to call in after you have visited classrooms. Thank you.

Woodwork Classroom

Our outdoor woodwork classroom will be up and running in January. We are currently 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 place them in the blue box located to the right of the main entrance by our school office. Thank you.

Children In Need at The Dell Primary

Huge thanks to the pupils, parents and staff for all their efforts fundraising in November for Children In Need 2022. As a school we raised an impressive £332.50. Thank you for all your support.

Calendar

16th December—Sharing Afternoon @ 2pm &

16th December—PTA Christmas Fayre 2:30pm-4:pm

22nd December—Last Day Of Autumn Term 2

23rd December— INSET Day

2023

9th January—Spring Term 1 Starts For Pupils

14th & 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

"Our Christmas concert was amazing. I liked being on the stage and singing really loud."

Year 1 pupil.

"The panto trip was so much fun. Robin Hood was very funny and it was exciting."

Year 2 pupil.



Year 6 World War II workshop at Shire Hall

"I've enjoyed working on our MY TIME projects this term. My project is about being ethical and investigating games played long ago."

Year 5 pupil.

"The school Senedd meets each half term and we discuss how to improve the school. We have just looked at new playground markings and equipment."

Year 6 pupil.



St. Mary's Church Christmas Card Competition winners.

Monmouthshire Family Support Services

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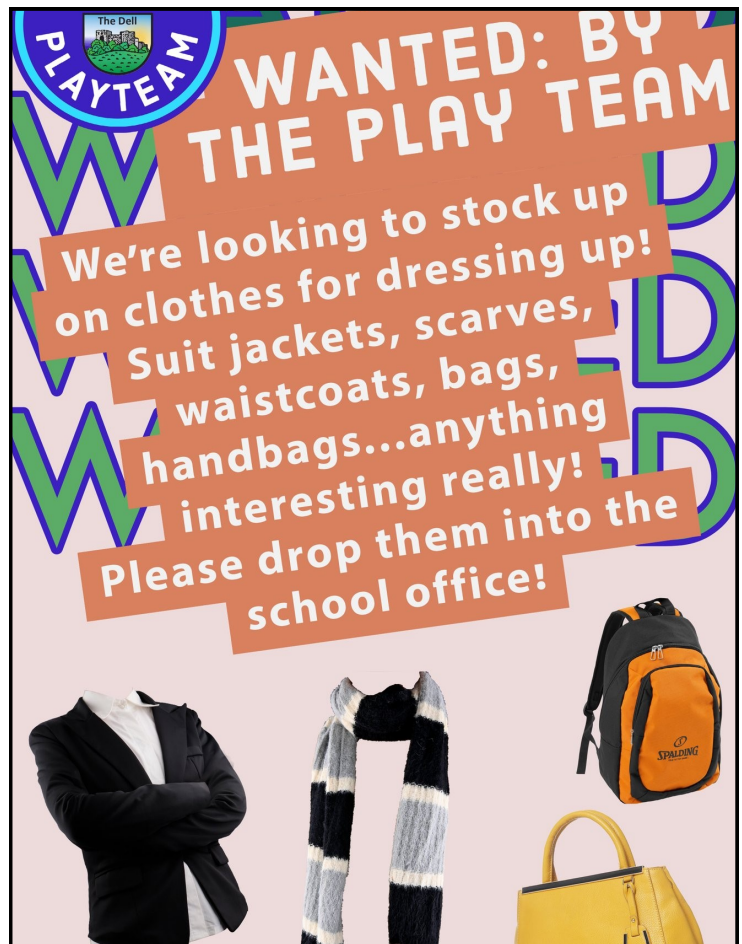
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**Autumn Term @
The Dell Primary School
November & December 2022**



Year 1 making volcanoes erupt as part of the Discoveries theme.



Year 6 mobile phone safety workshop with PC Cez.



Congratulations to our rugby team on their Bowl win.



Reception supporting Wales at the World Cup.

Year 5 visited Clifton Suspension Bridge for their Inventions theme.



Year 4 outdoor learning on area and perimeter.



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The Year 1 Christmas Concert was full of enthusiasm, energy and fun. Diolch yn fawr to pupils and staff.



Huge thanks to the High Sheriff of Gwent who visited school in November to present Star Pupil certificates to our learners. He also led a fantastic assembly on his role and charity work. Diolch!



Diolch to our Year 6 Ambassadors who represented the school at Chepstow's Remembrance Parade in November.



Making lanterns for Chepstow's Christmas lights event.



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