

# TREMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER: CYLCH LYTHYR

#### New admin email address

Please note that the admin email address is now <u>admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru</u>. *Please remember to state your child's full name and class in your email.* 

We hope that you had a wonderful Easter break with your families and friends.

Owing to the Easter holidays, the March Newsletter is a little overdue but we hope you enjoy reading about how the children celebrated a variety of events.

# <u>Big Bocs Bwyd – BBB</u>



We are delighted to announce the re-opening of Big Bocs Bwyd immediately following the Easter break on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Big Bocs Bwyd will be open every day.

#### Monday – Friday between 8:00 am – 9:00 am and 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

We have a dedicated team of volunteers that are committed to supporting the development of Big Bocs Bwyd for our families, the community and as a resource to support children's learning.

We are always pleased to welcome more volunteers to join this team and to make this project a success. Please contact the school if you are interested. You can call 01656 815900 or email <u>admin@tremainsps.bridgend.cymru</u>.

See over for some of the surprises within the box....





# We are pleased to let you know that we will shortly be able to accept card payments or cash.

### There is something different every week...





# **St David's Day Celebrations**

Year 1, Reception, Nursery





















# World Book Day in Reception classes



#### Nursery



Nursery thoroughly enjoyed their St David's Day celebrations, where they carried out a daffodil hunt and tally with Nursery staff, made Welsh flags with Reception staff and joined in with Welsh songs and folk dancing with year 1 staff.





Our Nursery are extremely lucky that one of our mums is a yoga teacher- we want to say a huge "Diolch yn fawr" to Rhian for coming into school and teaching our children some yoga techniques. We look forward to your next visit!

Nursery had lots of fun during World Book Day! We spent lots of time exploring various books, as well as making our own mini books and performing with puppets in our puppet theatre!





#### <u>Blwyddyn 6</u>



Year 6 visited Margam Discovery Centre on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, as part of their Spring term topic 'Wonderful Wales'. The aim of the visit was to investigate a local place and experience outdoor learning in a different environment. The pupils of classes 17EP and 18NW had an amazing day completing different outdoor activities. For the first activity they explored

the local area through an orienteering challenge. This challenge helped the pupils develop their use of map skills to find their north starting point. They then used these skills to lead and play different roles in their teams to complete a final orienteering challenge. For their second activity the pupils went on a walk through the park taking photos of habitats and land uses. The pupils learnt the impact humans have on our local habitat in



Margam Park, along with sustainability measures used to reduce human impacts in the environment. The pupils had an amazing day, but I think the highlight of the trip was having fun jumping in muddy puddles with their friends.







#### **Eisteddfod**

Our Eisteddfod winner for the Year 6 'Chairing of the Bard' writing competition was Iris Jones. Congratulations Iris you wrote a lovely biography about the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas.

#### Bridgend Library Quiz

Two of our Year 6 pupils took part in a book quiz, organised and held at Bridgend Library. Alicja Wozniak and Lucy Self represented Tremains, against 5 other schools from the area and had to read the book, Raven Winter. On the day, all competitors had to answer 20 questions about the story our girls had obviously done their homework as they went on to win the competition!

Congratulations Alicja and Lucy. They will go on to the grand final, to be held later this year.



#### Classes 7JH and 8RK/JW

Children in classes 7JH and 8RK/JW have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of activities they completed for St David's Day. We used our creative skills to create a daffodil card by following instructions. We tasted some different Welsh foods and tried really hard to do some folk dancing.

We loved dressing up in our Welsh themed clothes on St David's Day and had lots of fun participating in all the celebrations.



Children in 7JH and 8RK/JW were very excited to wake up to a snow day. We used all our senses to explore the look and feel of the snow indoors and outside.



#### Year 3 St David's Day

Year 3 had an 'Amser Gwych', celebrating St. Davids Day. We participated in various activities to celebrate our Welshness and develop a sense of Cynefin. We measured dragons outside, explored building castles and made Welsh placemats. We ended our day with a mini-Eisteddfod in the hall. Da iawn pawb!



#### World Book Day.

What a fantastic day we had in Year 3. We came dressed as our favourite story characters and celebrated the wonders of literature.

We used iPads to create Chatterpix recordings of Supertato and the Evil Pea.



#### **Design and Make**

Who can design and make a space buggy?

That has been the challenge in Year 3 over the past few weeks. We have researched and made prototype models. We are holding a 'Make Day' on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Parents and carers have been invited into school to work alongside their child to make a working buggy with specific features and specifications. We cannot wait to see their final products and models.



#### <u>Year 4</u>

Celebration of all things Welsh

Year 4 enjoyed celebrating St David's Day alongside other pupils in their Phase. Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 joined together to take part in a carousel of activities to celebrate being Welsh. It was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to work with others, both staff and pupils alike. Some of the activities that took place included : finding out about Welsh Artist Martyn Evans (who we contacted all the way in New Zealand) and replicating his work, Tag rugby, Performance Poetry, sketching symbols of Wales and making dragon marionettes.



#### News from Class 14TM

We had a fantastic first week back after half term, being immersed in all things Welsh for our Eisteddfod. Feedback from the pupils was fantastic. Logan particularly enjoyed the rugby skills session delivered by the WRU. Scarlett and Harry thoroughly enjoyed making model Castles in DT. Konrad showed great eye for detail in creating his own Martin Evans inspired Welsh scene during the Art session.

We have been enjoying our weekly trip to the local park as part of our physical and sensory development and as a result have agreed as a class that our next Dojo reward will be a trip to the Spar Park with the opportunity to purchase a snack at the Spar shop next door. More details will be sent out to parents once we're closer to our target of 1000 Dojos!!



#### Year 1 have been celebrating!



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed the St.David's Day celebrations. They took part in a carousel of activities, visiting other teachers to find out about symbols of Wales, make Welsh flags, create a Welsh lady, decorate daffodil cakes and make leeks or daffodils. Such a busy few days!



We enjoyed participating in World Book Day, dressing as favourite characters from books and films. The children drew themselves as their character and enjoyed listening to the story 'The Enormous Crocodile' by Roald Dahl.



Year One were so excited to have a snowy day at school! They used pastels and black sugar paper to draw some wonderful pictures.



#### Blwyddyn 5

Our topic this term has been coal mining. In our science lesson, we explored what happens to an environment when mining has taken place. We 'mined' chocolate chips from a chocolate chip cookie! We found out mining can affect an environment and the changes can be irreversible. It was great because we got to eat the cookie at the end!!





Over the last few weeks, we have been practising the song, 'Don't Stop Believing'. We have been working with Year 6, the School Orchestra and

Mrs MacDonald and Mr Donaghy from Bridgend Music Service. We are going to perform the song in Porthcawl Pavilion on 30<sup>th</sup> March at the 'Music For Youth' Festival. We will let you know how we get on!

PC Matt came to talk to us about cyber safety. We learnt how to communicate safely online and that cyber bullying is against the law. We know that if we receive inappropriate messages, we should-

- not reply
- block the sender
- save the message
- tell a responsible adult
- report it



#### Community Links – March 2023



The children from Forest Schools and Tremains Rangers joined forces to help plant a variety of fruit trees. A huge thank you to the Rotary Club for their help and providing the trees. We may even have fruit as early as next year!





## Year 2

# Dydd Gwyl Dewi



We celebrated St David's Day! First we did a dragon dance workshop and it was amazing. Next, we split into groups and did different activites. We enjoyed building castles, measuring and drawing dragons and we made badges and coasters. Bendigedig!

By Ellis and Millie

### World Book Day in Year 2



We had a fun day. We wore costumes and looked fabulous! We made up silly stories and we loved it! Also, EVERYBODY had a new book!

By Callen, Finn P and Joel

#### **Reception - Parental Engagement sessions**

Parents of **Reception** children spend time with their children learning new phonic/reading games to play at home. The children ran the sessions by explaining to their parents how to play the games. The children were very excited to share the games with their parents and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to all parents – your support is greatly appreciated.





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# Parking on Channel View and Surrounding Areas

In the interest of preserving the good relationship that we have with our local community, can we please ask parents to park carefully around the school site at drop and pick up times.

Please be considerate to the privacy of our local residents and ensure that they have access to and from their properties at all times. Thank you to all of our parents who do park responsibly and thank you in advance for continuing this practice. The police are monitoring the situation and we would be pleased to hear from them that the situation has improved.

Thank you for your support.

### Easter Raffle



Thank you to the staff and pupils of Year 6 who organised the Easter Raffle.

The Easter Raffle was won by Thomas Real Y3. Congratulations Thomas.

Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets and supporting this fundraising event. A grand total of **£400** was made to support the Y6 Leavers Party next term.

# Dyma Criw Cymraeg!



Shwmai ,Sienna ydw i a dwi'n 9 oed. Dwi'n hoffi gymnasteg, bwyd a chwarae gyda fy ffrindiau! *Hello, I am Sienna and I'm 9 years of age. I like gymnastics, food and playing with friends!* 

Shwmai! Scarlett ydw i a dwi'n deg oed. Dwi'n hoffi bale a nofio. Mae ci a cath gyda fi! Hello, I am Scarlett and I'm 10 years of age. I like ballet and swimming. I have a dog and a cat.





Morgan ydw i and dwi'n 9 oed. Dwi'n hoffi rygbi, pel-droed, nofio a chwaraeon! I'm Morgan and I'm 9 years old. I like rugby, football, swimming and sports!

Millie ydw i a dwi'n 9 oed. Dwi'n hoffi nofio, anifeiliad a fy ffrind Violet. Mae un ci, un pysgod aur a dwy cwningen gyda fi!

I am Millie and I'm 9 years old. I like swimming, animals and my friend Violet. I have a dog, a fish and two rabbits!





Lexi ydw i a dwi'n un deg un oed. Dwi'n hoffi gymnasteg a nofio gyda ffrindiau. Mae un ci gyda fi. I am Lexie and I'm 11 years old. I like gymnastics and swimming with my friends. I have one dog.

Freya ydw i a dwi'n 9 oed. Dwi'n hoffi chware gyda fy brawd. Mae dau ci and pedwar cwningen gyda fi. Dwi'n hoffi dawnsio!

I am Freya and I'm 9 years old. I like playing with my brother. I have two dogs and four rabbits. I like dancing!





Eli ydw i a dwi'n deg oed. Dwi'n hoffi watermelon a cathod. *I am Eli and I'm ten years of age. I like watermelons and cats!* 

Deacon ydw i a dwi'n 9 oed. Dwi'n hoffi nofio a mae un cath gyda fi! *I am Deacon and I'm 9 years of age. I like swimming and I have one cat.* 





Angel ydw i a dwi'n 9 oed. Dwi'n hoffi mathemateg, darllen a chwarae un yr parc gyda fy ffrindiau. Mae un ci a un crwban gyda fi. *I am Angel and I'm 9 years old. I like maths, reading and playing in the park with friends. I have one dog and one tortoise.* 

Holly ydw i a dwi'n 11 oed. Dwi'n hoffi pel rhwyd. Mae ci gyda fi o'r enw Lola. I am Holly and I am 11 years old. I like netball. I have one dog called Lola.



Dexter ydw i a dwi'n naw oed! Dwi'n hoffi chwarae gyda fy ffrindiau. Mae un brawd gyda fi o'r enw Marley a un chwaer gyda fi o'r enw Willow. *I am Dexter and I'm 9 years of age. I like playing with my friends. I have one brother Marley and one sister Willow.* 

Deacon ydw i a dwi'n deg oed. Dwi'n hoffi chwaraeon gyda fy ffrindiau. Mae dau cath gyda fi o'r enw Bowzer a Bones! *I am Deacon and I'm 10 years of age. I like sports with friends. I have two cats called Bowzer and Bones*.





Sydney ydw i a dwi'n deg oed! Dwi'n hoffi chware pel-rhwyd a gwneud athletau ar yr penwythnos! Mae ci gyda fi, o'r enw Ralphie. *I am Sydney and I'm ten years of age. I like playing netball and doing athletics on the weekend. I have a dog called Ralphie.* 



#### Summer Term Clubs

#### The following After School Clubs will be run during the Summer Term.

Netball Games Club Tremains Rangers Forest Schools Minecraft Club Dance Club Rugby Club Choir

# <u>There is something for everyone.</u> Please encourage your child to try <u>something new – to step outside of their comfort zone.</u>

#### The Clubs are free to children of Tremains Primary.

After School Clubs will be set up on Edulink. We will send you an email when the club lists go live. Due to the popularity of some clubs, pupils who have already attended either Minecraft, Forest Schools or Dance Club in the Autumn and Spring terms will not be able to apply

#### **Breakfast Club at Tremains Primary**

Breakfast Club is open every weekday from 8:10 am

Please contact the school office if you are interested in registering your child for our Breakfast Club. Last entry is at 8.20 am. **Please do not drive on site to drop your child off.** Please park on the road and walk your child down through the yard. All children to be accompanied to breakfast club by an adult and handed to a member of staff.



#### Future Events for Your Diary: Am eich

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Bank Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Bank Holiday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Yr 6 Leaver's Concerts:** 18<sup>th</sup> July 2pm-3pm and 6pm-7pm

Yr 6 Leaver's Party: 19th July 5.30pm-7.30pm

**Teacher Training Day:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July

More information to follow on the above events, please watch this space!

(All events are subject to change but we will endeavour to inform parents accordingly)

#### **This School Year**

#### 2022/23 Term dates

**Summer Term Start:** Monday 17 April 2023

Half-term: Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023

End: Monday 24 July 2023

#### Next Year 2023/24 Term Dates

Autumn Term Start: Monday 4 September 2023 Half Term: Monday 30 October 2023 – Friday 3 November 2023 End: Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term
Start: Monday 8 January 2024
Half-term: Monday 12 February 2024 –
Friday 16 February 2024
End: Friday 22 March 2024

Summer Term Start: Monday 8 April 2024 Half-term: Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024 End: Monday 22 July 2024

#### Simply After School

Simply out of School is open and running from the Infant school hall for after school childcare Monday to Friday.

Open to all children from nursery to year 6. Fully CIW registered so all means of funding are accepted.

Open until 5.30pm starting at just £10.50. Varied activities, and food and drinks included.

Emergency, ad hoc and set day bookings welcome.

Message fionna@simplyoutofschool.co.uk for more information and to book a free trial