



Monthly News October Half Term 2021

I would like to start this newsletter by saying how unbelievably proud I am of our pupils. They started this school year with so much energy and enthusiasm and have kept this vibe going right through to October half term. It has been a very demanding start to the school year but the pupils positivity and hard work has been inspiring. Thank you to all our pupils. I would also like to say a huge thankyou to the staff team who have been outstanding this half term. They have worked tirelessly to develop and enrich our curriculum while meeting the challenges of Covid19. This half term has been a fantastic team effort.

In the past 8 weeks we have further developed MY CHALLENGES/MY TIME across the school to ensure our pupils have opportunities to apply their learning in a range of contexts. Mr Leer has led a hugely successful Expressive Arts Week, photos of this can be seen in this newsletter. We have also greatly enjoyed being outside on the school field for our Friday Celebration Assemblies. Being together, but distanced, and seeing the 'STAR PUPILS' looking so proud is always a real highlight. Have a fantastic half term holiday and thank you for all your support.

Best wishes,

Mark Adams, Acting Headteacher

Harvest

Our Harvest Assembly was held on Friday 8th October 2021 and our fantastic School Ambassadors led the assembly on Teams. It was wonderful to hear the whole school singing as we all joined in with the Harvest songs. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection via ParentPay. So far we have raised £366 for Chepstow Food Bank. Thanks for all your support.

Building Developments

This term we have applied for a grant from MCC to improve our outdoor learning facilities. This involves building canopies outside the Year 4 classrooms and the seating area outside of Year 5. We've also asked for funding to cover the remaining area outside the Year 6 classrooms. These building improvements are important to our curriculum development as we are committed to providing quality outdoor learning spaces for all our pupils.

Best wishes to Mrs Sarah Vincent

Mrs Vincent (formerly Miss Lewis) leaves us on Friday to start her maternity leave. Mrs Vincent is an exceptional teacher who has recently led developments in our Maths & Numeracy Curriculum. She will be greatly missed by pupils and staff and we wish her all the best as she starts this new and exciting chapter in her life.

Calendar

1 Nov - INSET Day

9 Nov - New Reception Parent Evening 4-5pm

9/10 Nov - KNEX Workshop - Year 6

11 Nov - Year 6 visiting War Memorial

15 Nov - Rockstar Maths Battle Starts!

15 Nov - Maths & Numeracy Week

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 Consultation

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 enjoy MY TIME as we can choose what we want to learn".

Year 4 pupil.

"Playing and learning with the whole year group again has been great fun. I really missed it."

Year 4 pupil.



"Celebration Assemblies on Friday are amazing. We've been having them on the field. It's great to see everyone. I got a STAR PUPIL certificate and I felt so pleased."

Year 2 pupil.



Thanks to our superb School Ambassadors for leading our Harvest Assembly this month.

"Expressive Arts Week was so much fun. We got to practice our photography and write poetry. My favourite thing was our War & Peace art work. So cool!"

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

For Info [CLICK HERE](#)

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



YOUNGmINDS

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


SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

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

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

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.

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**Expressive Arts Week @
The Dell Primary School
11th-15th October 2021**



Finger painting in Reception



Year 1 Dinosaur art work



Year 2 water colour paintings



War & Peace art work in Year 6



Year 3 creating leaf animal pictures



William Morris inspired art in Year 5



Photography in Year 6



Hip Hop Bhangra Dancing in Year 3



When your child gets a place at The Dell!



Politeness

Trust

Love

Independence

Friendliness

Happiness

Courage

Respect



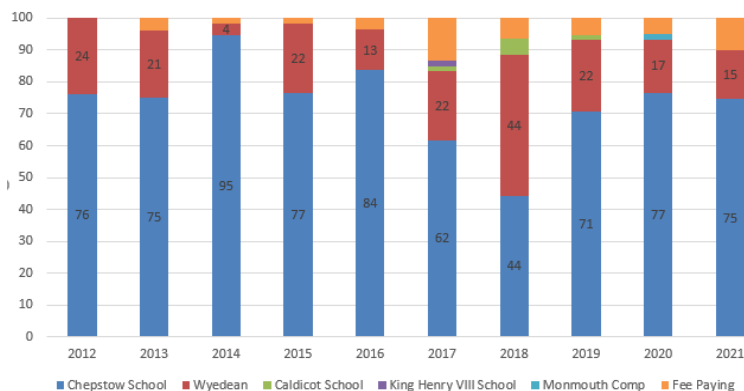
**Be kind
Be your best**

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

Year 6 Destination Secondary Schools (%)



School Development Plan 2019-22

(Summary for Parents – Sept 2021)



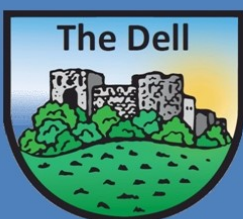
[CLICK HERE](#) to see our School Development Plan for 21-22



Thanks to our Year 6 pupils for the great tunes on The Dell FM



Friday Celebration Assembly on the school field



HOME OF

THE DELL DRAGONS

