

## Value of the Month Compassion

## Useful Information

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## Important dates coming up

**Mon 24th-Fri 28th Feb** - Half term break

**Mon 3rd Feb** - Return to school

**Tues 4th Mar** - School St David's Day Celebrations

**Fri 14th Mar** - World Book Day - more information to follow (The celebration won't involve dressing up)

### St David's Day Celebrations

A reminder that the annual school Eisteddfod on Tuesday 4th March. Children are invited to wear traditional Welsh costumes on that day or dress up as / wear something related to Wales e.g. dragon, daffodil, leek, coal miner, wear a Welsh rugby/football shirt or simply wear something red.

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book day with a range of exciting activities which will run throughout the whole school day with the aim of getting the children excited and enthusiastic about reading. Leading up to World Book Day we will also be running a "Reading for Pleasure Anywhere" competition. This is where the children will be challenged to read a book in an "out of the ordinary" situation, showing that you can read enjoyably anywhere. Children will be asked to send/bring in pictures of them reading and show and tell it to the class. Further information regarding this will be sent to parents after half term. There will be many more activities centred around, books, stories and reading throughout the day

### Healthy Snack

Please remember we do our best to promote healthy eating in school. If you send your child into school with a snack for break time, please make sure that it is fruit or vegetables. If we see children eating crisps or sugary snacks we will ask them to put it back in their bags until home time.

### School Lunches

We are lucky enough to be able to take advantage of Welsh Governments Free School Meals initiative, which means all children in school have the opportunity to eat a healthy balanced meal at lunchtime. We have noticed that children are throwing lots of food away. Please make sure that when choosing lunches for your child that they are happy with the choices made for them - this will help us to waste less food.

## Contact Information

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## Respectful Relationships and Good Behaviour Policy

Last week, I told you that before half term we would be sending out our updated Behaviour Policy. We have developed it with the Pupils from our Well-being Team. At Shirenewton, we aim to be at all times.

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe
- Kind

We have spoken to the children about the things that we do in school to help us to be this way all of the time, and about what will happen when we are not. We will be trialling the new approach after half term. The new policy can be found [here](#)

### READY

- 'Do our best learning and don't distract others'
- 'Look at the chosen speaker'
- 'Have our resources ready'
- 'Follow instructions first time, every time'

### RESPECTFUL

- 'Always listen to adults and the chosen speaker'
- 'Treat everyone equally - adults and children'
- 'Value yourself, other children, and all adults'
- 'Value other people's opinions, decisions, thoughts and feelings'
- 'Care for our own and other's property'
- 'Care for the indoor and outdoor environment'
- 'Take care of our own and others well-being'
- 'Always use excellent manners. Saying please, thank you, excuse me, are really helpful. Holding doors for others and letting others go first helps too'

### SAFE &

- 'Keep hands, feet and unkind words to yourself'
- 'Move carefully around school'
- 'Be a good role model'
- 'Listen to adults'
- 'Following school rules first time every time'
- 'Exercise self-control'
- Use equipment safely (Chromebooks, scissors etc.)

### KIND

- 'Include others in our games and activities'
- 'Offering a helping hand to others'
- 'Welcome others to our school'
- 'Think about how others may be feeling'
- 'Be positive about everyone'



## Respectful Relationships and Good Behaviour Policy Shirenewton Primary School

'Too often we forget that discipline really means to teach, not to punish. A disciple is a student, not a recipient of behavioural consequences.' Dr. Dan J. Siegel

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## Keeping Safe Online - Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)- Information for Families

Please click on the heading above to take a look at a Welsh Government guide for families providing overview of how Generative AI integrates into smart devices, highlighting risks and safeguards, created in partnership with Praesidio Safeguarding.

## General Reminders and Information sent to parents this week

- Shirenewton School Eisteddfod 4th March
- Estyn Parent questionnaire sent to parents



## Ymadrodd y penwythnos

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus  
deeth goy-ull d-ow-ee hap-iss  
Happy Saint David's Day.

## Junior Yard / Yard Mawr

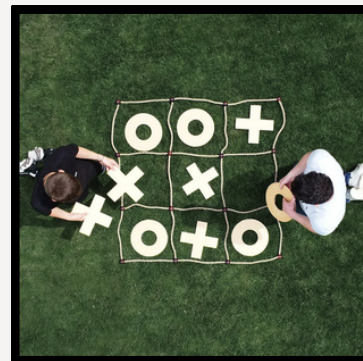
Mr Lloyd and a group of pupils from Year 5 and 6 have been working with all of the Junior children to consider changes they would like to see on their play yard. Here are the top 10 ideas ranked in order:

- Outdoor Library
- Giant Chess / Draughts set
- Skipping Ropes and Hula Hoops
- Giant Jenga
- Ring Toss
- Giant Noughts and Crosses
- Giant Connect 4
- Lego
- Giant Snakes and Ladders
- Giant Dominoes



They will be working together to take responsibility for the organisation and care of this equipment themselves. Year 6 wondered whether, to save the school money, any parents or members of our community may already have these items or connections with companies who may be able to support us with these additions and improvements to our yard provision.

Please get in touch if you can support us in any way. Diolch!



## PE Days

Wednesday

## Seren yr Wythnos

- ★ Jamie
- ★ Jolie
- ★ Robin

## Reminders

Thank you for all your support this half term. We hope you all have a lovely week!

Mrs Harris and Miss Morgan

## This week we have been.....

We have had another busy week in Reception. This week the children have been learning about Saint David and have written some lovely facts.

They have been identifying, making and writing number sentences to show doubles.

In our topic this week, the children have explored Welsh music and African drumming. They loved creating rhythms and playing the drums very loudly! The children have also explored different landscapes and painted several landscapes to show the differences. At the end of the week the children enjoyed tasting traditional Welsh food.

It has been so difficult to judge the Eisteddfod competitions and choose winners. The children have worked incredibly hard on their competition pieces in school and have been having lots of fun at home making their daffodils. Thank you for supporting your children They are all amazing!



## PE Days

Friday

## Reminders

## Seren yr Wythnos

- ★ Archie
- ★ Ruby
- ★ Seya

## This week we have been.....



As part of our Cynefin topic, Year 1 went on a walk around Shirenewton to learn more about the area where we go to school. We were fortunate to have Dorothy from the Shirenewton Historical Society guide us, sharing fascinating facts and introducing us to new places along the way.



## PE Days

Tuesday

## Reminders

We have had another great half term. Thank you for all of the support and we hope you have a lovely break.

From all of the Y2 staff.

## Seren yr Wythnos

- ★ Freya
- ★ Harry J
- ★ Luca

## This week we have been.....



This week, we have been focussing on measuring in cm and m. The children have been estimating and checking, ensuring they use the ruler accurately, starting at the 0.

They have then applied these skills across the curriculum, busily making their final castle models, practising our skills of measuring and using simple mechanisms to make the drawbridge move.



In literacy, all of the work last week exploring poems and practising poetic features came to fruition. Their Welsh poems all embodied Wales and I am not looking forward to picking a top 3!

Diolch yn fawr for all of the fantastic castles submitted for the Eisteddfod too. Another one I'm going to struggle with...

**PE Days**  
Friday

## Seren yr Wythnos

- ★ Grayson
- ★ Holly
- ★ Theon

## Reminders

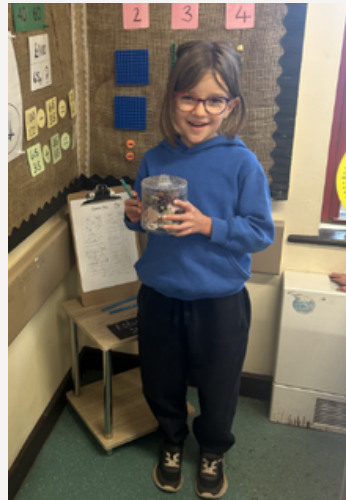
**Tues 8th Apr - 2pm** - Y4 Brass Concert (Parents welcome)

[Trip lunch order form](#) - [Click here](#)

**Thank you for another great half term.  
Have a great week off. See you on the 3rd March!**

## This week we have been.....

It's been a busy and creative time in Year 3 as we concentrated on our Eisteddfod learning! In literacy, they have all been developing their poetry skills, introduced last week, using alliteration, similes, and metaphors to write beautiful poems about Wales. The students have also embraced their inner artists, creating stunning artwork inspired by the style of Rhiannon Roberts. I have been so impressed with the amazing dragon models created at home - it's going to be incredibly tough to judge them!



In maths, they have made a fantastic start on the 4 times table, also learning that they could double the number twice for super quick mental maths.

Get ready for the 8 times table after half term!

A special shout-out to our Estimation Station winners for the past two weeks, who came so close to guessing the correct number of bows and pompoms in the jar.

## PE Days

Tuesday

## Seren yr Wythnos

★ Chloe

★ Lev

★ Betsy R

## Reminders

**Thurs 3rd Apr - 9.30am** Y4 Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Tues 8th Apr - 2pm** - Y4 Brass Concert (Parents welcome)

Photos from the Y4 Gilwern trip are available to view on your child's Google classroom

## This week we have been.....



What an amazing week we have been having in Year 4 this week. The children have been showing great determination and resilience towards all of their Eisteddfod work. The children should be incredibly proud of all their efforts and hard work. It's definitely been a very hard task judging.

The children have also loved using our outdoor classroom. This week we went exploring our grounds and collecting as many different types of nature we could find. We then worked hard grouping them in a range a creative ways - size, shape, type, texture, the children were amazing.

## PE Days

Thursday

## Reminders

Fri 28th Mar - 9.30am Y5 Assembly (Parents welcome)

## Seren yr Wythnos



All of Year 5 are this weeks

Seren yr Wythnos

Da iawn dosbarth 5!!!

## This week we have been.....

Well, what a week! As a school, we are so proud of Year 5 and the way they applied themselves at Gilwern. They represented our school so well, demonstrating their values and were so determined to succeed when faced with a challenge.



We had such a fantastic time and we loved seeing the children really grow from the experiences. Caving, climbing, abseiling and hill walking all presented obstacles to overcome and year 5 really did revel in that challenge.



Da iawn Year 5, we are so proud of you all!

## PE Days

Thursday

## Reminders

**Mon 17th Mar** - Chepstow School Beauty and the Beast performance

## Seren yr Wythnos

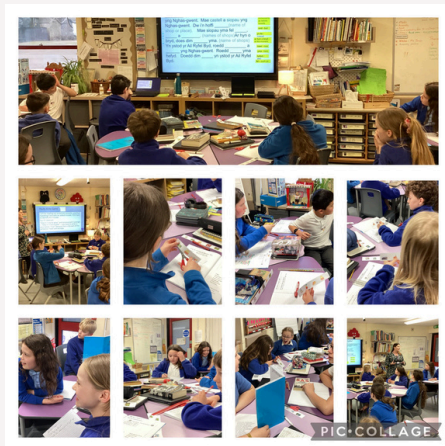
- ★ Ava D
- ★ Finley
- ★ Jack

## This week we have been.....

What a week we have had in Year 6! Mrs Graham has had the incredibly difficult job of judging the Eisteddfod cookery, models, art, poetry recitation, singing and handwriting! The standard of entries this year has been phenomenal. Everyone has worked hard writing Welsh language poems in preparation for one person to be crowned the Bard at our Eisteddfod next month. Additionally we have been reading and performing Welsh language poetry and once again proved what we can achieve when we work collaboratively.

The highlight of the week was a superb Welsh lesson by Mrs Jones from Chepstow School. Being taught by Mrs Jones is the start of our transition to life at secondary school. We were complimented on our listening skills and our Welsh pronunciation. We learnt how to compare life in Chepstow today with life during WW2, which links to our topic this term.

To top the week off, we have been busy writing and practising for our first school assembly. Mrs Graham allowed us to write it ourselves! We are nervous to perform in front of parents and peers but we know that we will do our very best to keep calm and carry on!



# Clubs and Committees

## Clubs

Clubs will restart after half term however clubs will not be running week beginning Monday 3rd March and Monday 10th March due to staff training. Clubs will finish on Thursday 10th April and information on Summer term clubs will be sent to parents before the Easter break.

## Recorder Club



What fun we have every week, learning a new piece of music! So far we have learnt to confidently play pieces containing the notes G, A, B and E. We are beginning to recognise and read these notes in the music, can accurately beat out the rhythm and understand how many beats there are in each bar.

It has been great to hear and see how much progress everyone has made in such a short space of time. We are a small, yet supportive group and we cannot wait to perform in assembly next term.

# PTA Information

The PTA had their first successful meeting of the year last night and have got planning off to a start.

We are looking to build an events team for our three main events during the year, the Summer Fayre, Summer Social and the Christmas Fayre.

Would you be willing to:

- Commit to attending events meetings, which could be on line if needed?
- Be across the event from start to finish and be part of the planning, organising and decision making?
- Willing to take on certain aspects of events and lead on them?
- Help during the weekday in the couple of weeks before an event and especially on a Friday, the day before an event?
- Can you help oversee set up of an event on a Friday after pick up; supervised kids are welcomed to help?



**Shirenewton PTA**

## Rags2Riches

Our next Rags2Riches Collection is on  
Tuesday 4th March

You can leave donations from Thursday 13th  
February in our PTA storage bin next to our  
container in the staff car park. On the day of  
collection please leave by the kitchens.

Please see what items are suitable below, NO damaged or  
dirty clothing and NO uniform. Thank you.

SHIRENEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.  
Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.  
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING**

- ✓ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ✓ Jewellery and Accessories
- ✓ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ✓ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website  
[www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.  
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.  
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

We understand everyone is busy and life is hectic but if we all want to continue to enjoy the school's big three social and fundraising events and the benefits that brings to the children, we now need some more role specific help.

If anyone thinks they can help in anyway please do get in touch:  
[shirenewtonpta@outlook.com](mailto:shirenewtonpta@outlook.com), or via our Facebook group

# Important Dates

New information is highlighted

## Spring Term 2025

**Mon 24th-Fri 28th Feb** - Half term break

**Mon 3rd Feb** - Return to school

**Tues 4th Mar** - School St David's Day Celebrations

**Fri 14th Mar** - World Book Day

**Mon 17th Mar** - Y6 to Chepstow School Beauty and the Beast

**Thurs 20th Mar** - PTA School Disco

**Fri 21st Mar** - Comic Relief - Wear Red

**Thurs 27th Mar** - Y3 Class trip

**Fri 28th Mar - 9.30am** Y5 Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Thurs 3rd Apr - 9.30am** Y4 Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Fri 4th Apr** - Class photos

**Tues 8th Apr - 2pm** - Y4 Brass Concert (Parents welcome)

**Fri 11th Apr - 9.30am** Y3 Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Mon 14th-Fri 25th Apr** - Easter Holiday

## Summer Term 2025

**Mon 28th Apr** - Return to school

**Mon 5th May** - Bank holiday

**Fri 16th May** - Kids Cancer Charity fundraising day

**Wed 21st May** - Sports day (Y3-Y6 am, Rec-Y2 pm), parents invited

**Mon 26th-Fri 30th May** - Half term break

**Mon 2nd Jun** - Return to school

**Wed 4th Jun** - Reserve sports day (Y3-Y6 am, Rec-Y2 pm), parents invited

**Mon 9th Jun-Fri 20th Jun** - National test fortnight

**Fri 13th Jun - 9.30am** Y2 Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Thurs 19th Jun - 9.30am** Y1 Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Fri 27th Jun - 9.30am** Rec Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Mon 30th Jun-Wed 2nd Jul** - Y6 Residential trip

**Friday 18th July** - Last day of school for pupils

**Fri 18th Jul** - Y6 Leavers Assembly am

**Mon 21st Jul** - Inset day - School closed to pupils

**Tues 22nd Jul** - Summer holidays officially begin!

## Term dates 2025-2026 (Inset days to be confirmed)

**Autumn Term** - 1st Sept (first day back for pupils tbc)- 19th Dec

**Autumn Half term Break** - 27th Oct - 31st Oct

**Spring Term** - 5th Jan - 27th Mar

**Spring Half Term Break** - 16th Feb - 20th Feb

**Summer Term** - 13th Apr - 20th Jul

**Summer Half Term Break** - 25th May - 29th May

## LUCAS JET CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA! CHEPSTOW

**FEB HALF TERM**

Wednesday 26th February 2025  
Showtimes are 11, 1 and 3  
Doors open 30 minutes before with a free circus workshop to get warmed up. Under 2's are free.  
Drill Hall, Chepstow, NP16 5HJ  
Tickets available from the QR code or go to [www.lucasjet.party/shows](http://www.lucasjet.party/shows)  
Alternatively text 07891374983 to arrange your booking

**£7  
TICKETS**

"Social media doesn't do you justice. Live was even better!"

"A perfect blend of skill and humour with an evident passion for circus"

## SHIRENEWTON playscheme

AGES 3-12

8AM - 5:45  
HALF DAYS AVAILABLE

**26TH - 27TH  
FEBRUARY**

A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO GET OUT, BE CREATIVE AND PLAY!

LOCATION: SHIRENEWTON SCHOOL  
EMAIL: REBECA.JAMES1@BTINTERNET.COM  
TEXT 07484664592

**ACTIVITIES:**

FOOTBALL  
TAG RUGBY  
ROUNDERS

ARTS AND CRAFT  
MUSIC / DANCE  
PLAY TRAYS  
BAKING

and more!

HGL Theatrical Present

## RAPUNZEL A MESSY, TANGLY, HAIRY STORY

AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SEDBURY

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 7:30PM  
SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2:30 & 7:30PM  
SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2:30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM TICKETSOURCE