

## Value of the Month Compassion

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### Important dates coming up

**Mon 10th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Tues 11th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Wed 12th Feb** - Y6 class trip

**Thurs 13th Feb** - Y3 Gilwern

**Mon 17th-Wed 19th Feb** - Y5 Gilwern

**Fri 21st Feb - 9.30am** - Y6 Assembly (Parents welcome)

### Compassion

A Value is a principle which guides our thinking and behaviour. This month's Value is Compassion.

In our school, this means showing kindness to one another, and is reflected in the way members of our school support one another through difficult times, whether it is helping someone up after a fall, giving them a helping hand when work gets tricky, or even just being a good friend when needed. Everyone in our school can show compassion and is supported to do so. Take a look at Freya's piece of work which is an excellent example!

### Year 3 Gilwern

Year 3 will be attending Gilwern on Thursday 13th February. Please ensure pupils meet in the school car park at 8.20am, so that they are able to leave school promptly at 8.30am. They will be leaving Gilwern at approx. 4.30pm, hoping to return to school by 5.15pm. Schoop will update with the ETA.

### Medical Information

If your child's medical information requires updating, we have added a link on Page 1 to allow you to submit the required information. Depending on the medical condition, we may need to get in touch for further information or to arrange for a Health care plan to be put in place.



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## General Reminders and Information sent to parents this week

- Digital Art, French, Recorders and Choir will not be running next week
- Medical information letter for Rec to Y2
- Eisteddfod Music Competitions

A reminder that our Eisteddfod music competitions will take place next week. The competitions will be held on the following lunchtimes:

- Recorder and Woodwind - Monday
- Drums - Tuesday
- Guitar - Thursday
- Piano - Monday
- Strings - Tuesday



## Ymadrodd y penwythnos

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus

deeth goy-ull d-ow-ee hap-iss

Happy Saint David's Day.

in preparation for our Eisteddfod celebrations which we are preparing for at the moment.

## Talents and Achievements



## PE Days

Wednesday

## Reminders

**Mon 10th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Tues 11th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Tues 11th Feb** - Reception Vision & Growth Screening

## Seren yr Wythnos

★ Harley

★ Rosa

★ Macsen

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



This week in Reception the children have enjoyed exploring some of the different cultures in our class. They have learnt how to say hello in French, Bulgarian, Afrikaans, Polish and Welsh. The children have also started their art and creative writing pieces for the Eisteddfod. They have drawn and painted some beautiful daffodils and written lovely descriptive sentences about daffodils that they will use to create a poem.

In PE, the children have watched Welsh folk dancing, discussed the movements and then started to sequence some movements together to create their own Welsh folk dance. They were really resilient, especially when learning how to skip.

In maths this week, the children have been measuring length and height. They can identify which items are taller/ shorter/ longer. They liked measuring their towers.

## PE Days

Friday

## Reminders

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Tues 11th Feb - Parent Consultations

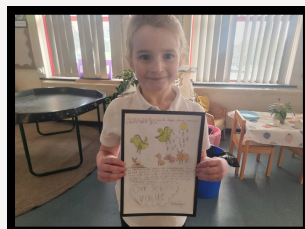
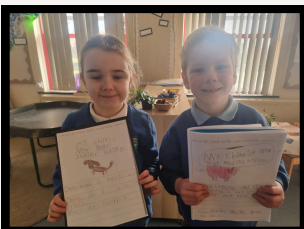
## Seren yr Wythnos

- ★ Lowenna
- ★ Noah
- ★ Skylar

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



To celebrate Chinese New Year, we baked biscuits inspired by Chinese lucky coins and decorated them with red icing, a colour symbolising good luck, prosperity and happiness. In maths this week, we have been learning about weight and used our knowledge to help us make the biscuits.



We also explored our own Chinese zodiac animals—either a Pig or a Dog—and wrote acrostic poems about ourselves. As part of our learning, we discovered the story of the Chinese New Year and connected it to our school value of compassion. We reflected on how the dragon showed kindness by helping some of the other animals and wrote about this in our work.



Since we couldn't use our lanterns for stargazing due to the weather, we made the most of them today. During our Jigsaw session, we sat with our friends, shared the biscuits, and reflected on the importance of teamwork and celebrating our achievements from the past week.

## PE Days

Tuesday

## Reminders

**Mon 10th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Tues 11th Feb** - Parent Consultations

## Seren yr Wythnos

★ Alys

★ Maddie

★ Xanthe

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



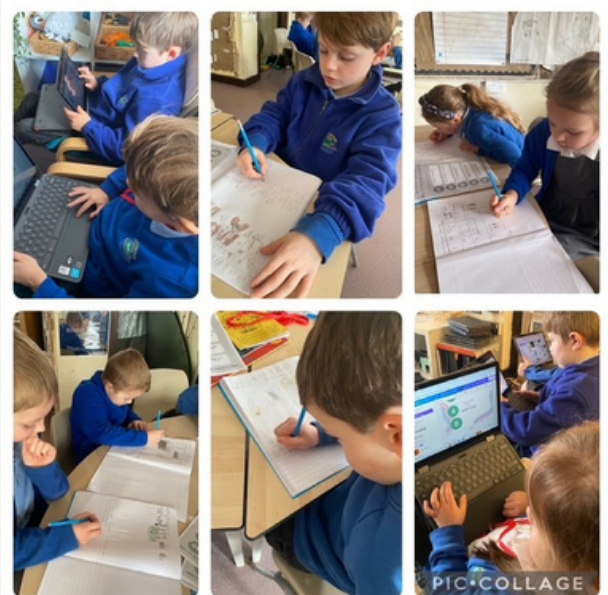
After our visit to Chepstow Castle, we have been inspired to write instructions on how to defend and attack a castle.

The children have been working very hard to use time conjunctions effectively when writing. They have been doing this in focussed tasks, as well as on Canva in enhanced provision.

In PE, they have continued practising Welsh Country Dancing, in preparation for Eisteddfod after half term.

They have also used the trip to help inform their ideas when planning and designing their castles, using the cardboard to make a prototype to support their creativity.

In maths, we have been resourceful, using manipulatives to help double and half, with some moving on to multiplying and dividing by 10.



## PE Days Friday

## Seren yr Wythnos

- ★ Ben J
- ★ Tilly
- ★ William

## Reminders

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- Tues 11th Feb** - Parent Consultations
- Thurs 13th Feb** - Y3 Gilwern
- Thurs 27th Mar** - Y3 Class trip
- Fri 11th Apr - 9.30am** Y3 Assembly (Parents welcome)

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

Year 3 have been flying high with their learning this week, exploring the incredible story of Amelia Earhart and the many obstacles she faced in her journey to becoming one of the world's most famous aviators. They discovered how she showed resilience in the face of adversity and how she broke barriers as a woman in a male-dominated world.

Maths has been a bit tricky at times, but they're doing really well with the three times table!



In literacy, they have focused on using speech in their writing. They danced to a song to remember what to do with speech marks, as well as learning how to describe dialogue to add more interest and emotion. In their swimming lessons, they have shown compassion by supporting and encouraging each other in the pool.

Well done to our Estimation Station winner for only being 2 clothes pegs away from the total in the jar.

## PE Days

Tuesday

## Seren yr Wythnos



All of Year 4 are this weeks

Seren yr Wythnos

Da iawn dosbarth 4!!!

## Reminders

**Mon 10th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Tues 11th Feb** - Parent Consultations

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

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



Wow! What an amazing time we had at Gilwern. The children were absolutely incredible from start to finish. They showed endless amounts of determination, resilience and resourcefulness. They faced fears and worked together to get tasks done. The staff at Gilwern were blown away by their manners and everything they achieved (not believing they were only in year 4 at their first residential). We couldn't be prouder of them ✨

## PE Days

Thursday

## Reminders

**Mon 10th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Tues 11th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Mon 17th-Wed 19th Feb** - Y5 Gilwern

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

## Seren yr Wythnos

★ Aoife

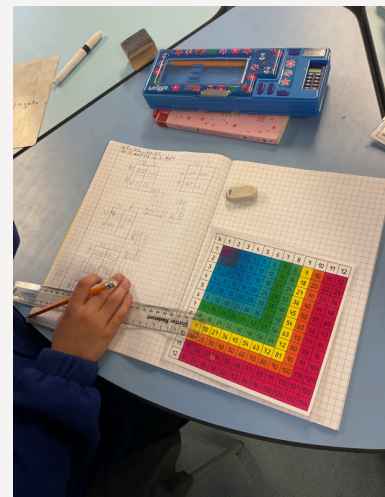
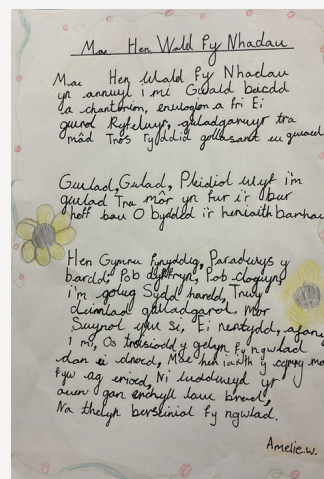
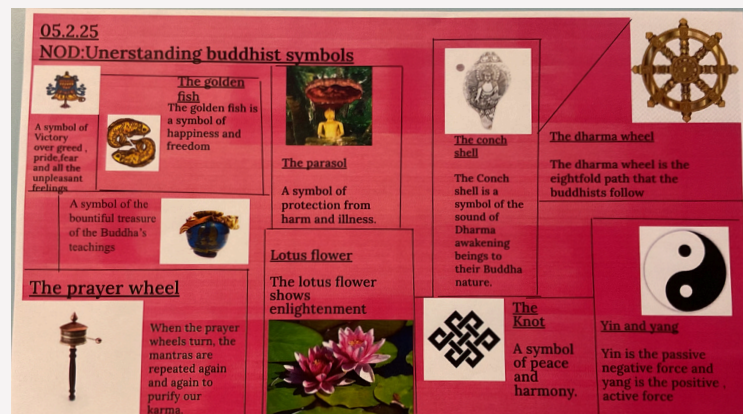
★ Amelie G

★ Kamil

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

Another brilliant and busy week for us in Year 5. We have:

- Completed our Eisteddfod handwriting competition
- Explored Buddhist symbolism
- Developed our push passing and dribbling in hockey.
- Revised multiplication and have started to take on long multiplication.
- Considered rhyme and personification as poetic devices.
- Developed our understanding of how we work and play together, reflecting on our own strengths and areas for development in group work and play



## PE Days

Thursday

## Reminders

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**Tues 11th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Wed 12th Feb** - Trip to Cardiff castle

**Fri 21st Feb - 9.30am** - Y6 Assembly (Parents welcome)

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

## Seren yr Wythnos

★ Florrie

★ Max I

★ Mila

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



We have been completing our comic strips about the work of Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 Czechoslovakian children who were displaced when the Nazi's invaded their country prior to WW2.

We have also been using the picture book, *Rose Blanche* (written by Ian McEwan and illustrated by Roberto Innocenti) as a stimulus for creative writing in literacy.

Sharron from Heddlu Bach taught us about Internet Safety this week. We will be using our new knowledge next week for Internet Safety Day.

We found out how to keep ourselves online when gaming. Here is some interesting data about our gaming habits.

Game	PEGI rating	Number of children in Y6 who play this game
Fortnite	12	12
Roblox	7	21
Minecraft	3	21
Rocket League	3	9
Fall Guys	3	10
Mario	3, 7 & 12	12
Call of Duty	18	4

# Clubs and Committees

## Clubs

There will be no school run after school clubs next week, due to parent consultations.



### Bienvenue à notre Club de Français!

In French Club, we've been making fantastic progress! We've been practising how to have simple conversations, including introducing ourselves and asking about names and ages. Everyone is doing an excellent job in speaking confidently in French, and we can now ask and answer questions like "Comment tu t'appelles?" and "Quel âge as-tu?" with ease!

We're also great with numbers up to 20, and we've been using them in fun ways, such as playing Bingo! It's a brilliant way to reinforce what we've learned while having some fun at the same time. In addition, we've been practising colours, which we will be able to use to describe everyday items, as well as using them to play Bingo.

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2	Deux	7	Sept	12	Douze	17	Dix-sept
3	Trois	8	Huit	13	Treize	18	Dix-huit
4	Quatre	9	Neuf	14	Quatorze	19	Dix-neuf
5	Cinq	10	Dix	15	Quinze	20	Vingt

# PTA Information

The PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to Jack Swift Carpentry for building us storage, rails and a counter top in our PTA storage unit so that we can display our Preloved uniform and keep the unit well organised for all our events. The generous donation of his time and skills is very much appreciated. In addition another huge thank you goes to Travis Perkins in Chepstow who donated all the supplies for Jack to use, amounting to a large financial donation and this is also so appreciated.

We will be organising some time to sort the storage out and get it in order so that we can have another uniform sale soon. If you'd be interested in helping us out please do get in touch with us [shirenewtonpta@outlook.com](mailto:shirenewtonpta@outlook.com) or via our Facebook page it would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone has any plastic storage boxes with lids they would be happy to donate that also would be very much appreciated.

Thank you,  
PTA team



# Important Dates

New information is highlighted

## Spring Term 2025

**Mon 10th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Tues 11th Feb** - Parent Consultations

**Tues 11th Feb** - Reception Vision & Growth Screening

**Wed 12th Feb** - Y6 class trip

**Thurs 13th Feb** - Y3 Gilwern

**Mon 17th-Wed 19th Feb** - Y5 Gilwern

**Fri 21st Feb - 9.30am** - Y6 Assembly (Parents

welcome)

**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

**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)

**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!



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- Make new friends
- Learn focus
- Learn commitment

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