

Value of the Month Compassion

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Important dates coming up

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 - more information to follow (The celebration won't involve dressing up)

Period Products

We have a large selection of period products in school that are available. We spoke to all children in Year 5 & 6 today to let them know that they are in the foyer, should they need or want them. There are a selection of pads, tampons and period pants in various styles and sizes, so if you require anything, please pop into school.

Flu Immunisation Uptake

The School Nursing Team were very pleased with the efforts from Shirenewton pupils and parents to immunise against the flu virus. They awarded us with a Platinum certificate which means that over 90% of pupils were immunised while the Team were at school earlier in the academic year. Da iawn, Shirenewton



Relationships and Behaviour

Over the last month, we have been working with Staff and Pupils to revisit what was formerly known as our behaviour policy, which will now be known as our Relationships and Behaviour Policy. In developing this have worked with our Well Being Pupil Voice group to understand the words:

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Kind

The pupils have considered what they mean for us, and what they should look like in and around our school community. After talking to pupils about it next week, we will share it with you all at the end of next week and welcome your thoughts. We aim to introduce the approach outlined in the policy after half term.

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General Reminders and Information sent to parents this week

- Y5 pupils to arrive at school for 8am on Monday 17th February for Gilwern
- Eisteddfod models and cookery (for Y4, Y5 and Y6) to be sent into school week beginning 17th February



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



Reception

PE Days

Wednesday

Seren yr Wythnos

★ Autumn

★ Ellis

★ Tomas

Reminders

Monday 17th Feb - Singing auditions

Weds 19th Feb - Daffodils due in today

Please return your child's reading book so that 2 books can be sent home over half term.

This week we have been.....

In Literacy the children have reflected on their descriptive writing from last week about daffodils and have added exciting adjectives to make their writing even better!

In maths, the children have been exploring odd and even numbers. They have used resources to make pairs which helped them identify if there was "one on it's own" and so an odd amount of resources. They then sorted numbers into a table showing odd and even numbers.

In our topic sessions this week, the children have explored different flags and created their own. They have continued to create their own Welsh folk dance and written part of the Welsh national anthem as part of the Eisteddfod handwriting competition.



Year 1

PE Days

Friday

Seren yr Wythnos

★ Ellie

★ Rowan

★ Ryan

Reminders

Mon 17th Feb - Groups Melyn and Glas are going for a walk around Shirenewton in the afternoon as part of our Cynefin topic.

Tues 18th Feb - Groups Coch and Porffor are going for a walk around Shirenewton in the afternoon as part of our Cynefin topic.

Tues 18th Feb - Singing and poetry recital auditions

Weds 19th Feb - Sheep due in today

This week we have been.....



This week, Year 1 have been busy preparing for the Eisteddfod by drawing pictures of the Welsh flag. At first, we found it quite challenging to copy the flag accurately from a picture. After our initial attempts, we watched a video called *Austin's Butterfly*, which tells the story of a young boy who, through resilience, determination, and reflection, continually improved his butterfly drawing.

Inspired by the video, the children shared their drawings with each other and gave thoughtful feedback on 'what went well' and 'even better if' to help their friends improve. With this feedback in mind, they had another go at drawing the flag—and the progress they made was incredible! I am so proud of their determination, perseverance, and positive attitude. Just look at the improvements they achieved!

"I put the leg in the air. I did two eyes at first, but there's only one! My second one is in the middle of the paper instead of in the air." – Ellie



"The first time I did fire out of the mouth, but this time I did a tongue. The other feet were down on my first go, but on my second try it turned out really good because I put the foot up!" – Rowan



"I changed the tail and made it pointier and curlier. I forgot about the leg in my first one, but then I looked at the picture properly and saw the leg in the air." – Paige



"My second one is bigger and more in the middle. It's more detailed too—I did the claws better!" – Olivia



Year 2

PE Days

Tuesday

Seren yr Wythnos

- ★ Bow
- ★ Reggie
- ★ Verity

Reminders

Tues 18th Feb - Singing and poetry recital auditions

Weds 19th Feb - Castles due in today please

This week we have been.....



Some of us have entered the music competitions and Mrs Burbidge is looking forward to judging the home-made castles next week. Please make sure they are all in by Wednesday 19th Feb.

Auditions for singing and poetry recitals will be on Tuesday morning, so please make sure they practise over the weekend, if they would like to enter.

Finally in maths, our multiplication and division unit has come to an end, with multiply and dividing by 5.

In literacy, we have been exploring poetry so we can write poems next week about Wales. We have been looking at rhyme, alliteration and similes and how we can use them to create imagery.

We have also been doing our handwriting, showing super determination to do the best writing possible.

For the art competition, we have been exploring the use of pastels and paint before completing our final piece of art, ready to be judged.



PE Days Friday

Seren yr Wythnos

- ★ Elliott
- ★ Florence
- ★ Rohan

Reminders

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

Wed 19th Feb - Singing & Recital Auditions.

Thu 20th Feb - Dragons due in today.

This week we have been.....

Year 3 have been working wonderfully with alliteration about Wales, as they get ready to write a poem for the Eisteddfod. The 3 times table continues to improve as we become more confident using it in our maths lessons. In swimming, we had another fantastic session, everyone is showing great determination to improve their strokes and skills in the pool. The children showed great maturity and curiosity as they listened attentively to a presentation about cerebral palsy, demonstrating amazing compassion and understanding.



A real highlight of the week was our trip to Gilwern. The children displayed outstanding teamwork and resilience. They tackled all the activities (crate stacking, bush craft, archery and orienteering) and supported each other, embracing the experience with a positive attitude. It was a day full of fun and memories!

Year 4

PE Days

Tuesday

Seren yr Wythnos

- ★ Fred
- ★ Halle
- ★ Ifor

Reminders

Thurs 20th Feb - Y4 Eisteddfod Baking Competition

Fri 21st Feb - Final Day to bring in Coal Mines for Eisteddfod Competition

This week we have been.....



In maths, we've been continuing our journey with times tables and have challenged ourselves with long multiplication. It's wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm as they tackle these concepts! They are making great progress and developing confidence in their skills.

We've also started getting ready for the Eisteddfod! The children are preparing for different competitions. It's a great chance for them to show off their talents.

We have continued exploring the Tudors and their influence on Wales today. It's been a fascinating journey, highlighting how decisions made by the monarchy shaped our society today.

Year 5

PE Days

Thursday

Seren yr Wythnos

★ **Amelie W**

★ **Digby**

★ **Ruby**

Reminders

Mon 17th-Wed 19th Feb - Y5 Gilwern

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

For children attending the Gilwern Residential, please be at school by 8am on Monday.

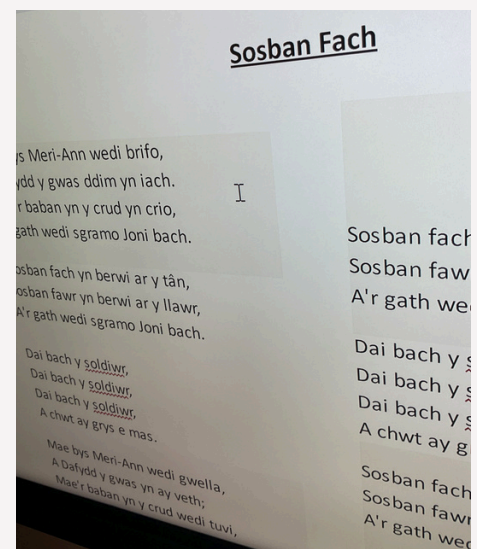
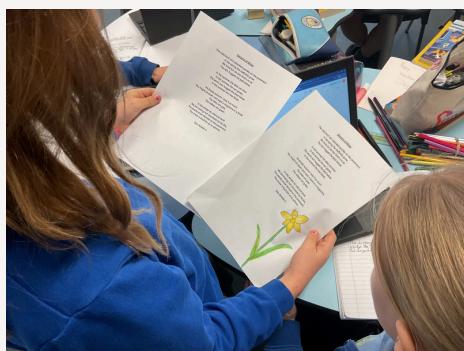
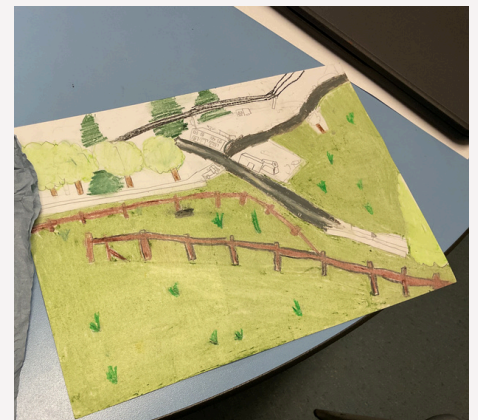
This week we have been.....

A week filled with Eisteddfod activity in year 5. We have been building up to and writing our Eisteddfod poems inspired on the Seasons of Wales.

We also applied our pastel skills onto landscape art inspired by a Welsh artist, Chris Neale. The children were really determined and resilient when completing their artwork.

In maths this week we have been using the formal method for division, even showing remainders as fractions.

Now onto next week and the adventures of Gilwern.



PE Days

Thursday

Reminders

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

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

Seren yr Wythnos

★ Lucas

★ Sara

★ Stan

This week we have been.....



Cardiff Castle WW2 Experience

We extended our learning about life in WW2 by visiting the community air raid shelters which are within the battlements of Cardiff Castle. This was exciting, noisy, damp and claustrophobic. We spent 45 minutes there and now appreciate how difficult it must have been for the people who had to shelter there during the air raids of 1941. We also met an Air Raid Warden and found out so many interesting facts. We could have stayed for much longer chatting to the Castle staff and looking at artefacts!



Clubs and Committees

Clubs

All school clubs will return next week after being postponed this week for parent consultations. 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.

Wellbeing Council



The Wellbeing Council have been working hard to introduce an exciting new initiative across our school —the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award (UNCRS). This initiative focuses on embedding children’s rights into everything we do, ensuring that our school is a place where every child feels valued, heard, and respected. To support this, the council has been busy creating engaging activities for classes to help everyone learn more about their rights. Meanwhile, our Chair, Secretary, and Vice Chair have been preparing a special launch assembly to introduce the initiative to the whole school. We are really looking forward to seeing our school grow and develop with children’s rights at the heart of everything we do!

To learn more about this award please click on this link;
[The Rights Respecting Schools Award | UNICEF UK](#)



PTA Information



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



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





Important Dates

New information is highlighted

Spring Term 2025

Mon 17th-Wed19th 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!

Community Corner

**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
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
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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

