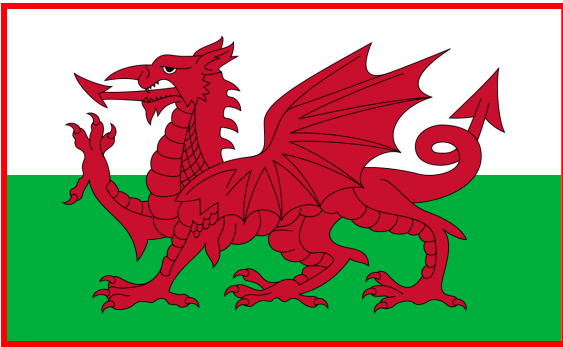


### Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus! Happy St David's Day



What a day! The children looked fantastic in their outfits chosen to represent Wales. I continue to be blown away by the talent at our excellent school. The children were a credit to us and you as they celebrated the wealth of creativity and ability during our Eisteddfod today. Diolch o galon i chi, for all your efforts in supporting children to make models, perform dances and tumblers, recite poetry and practise their instruments. It really was a great day.

I am pleased to announce that this year's winners are: **Usk - Llongifarchiadau, bawb!**

### Eisteddfod Coffee Morning

Parents are invited into school next Friday March 8th at 9:15 to see just how well our children have done during our Eisteddfod festivities.

You will get a chance to see the winners of the various competitions, which will include performances ranging from singing through to drumming, poetry recitals and much more!



### Our New School Library

I am so pleased to be able to show you pictures of our new library. A heartfelt thanks from all of us to the PTA who work tirelessly on behalf of the children to raise the funds in order to be able to do this. It is such a wonderful room now, and definitely back to looking it's best.

Our chair of the PTA, Emma Walker said:



"It was our great pleasure as the PTA committee to be able to fund the refurbishment of the school library into a bright, modern and inviting space for our children to select books, read and learn. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA events and fundraisers by volunteering time and giving generous

donations. It will be a huge asset to all the current and future pupils of the school and we will be looking to use additional funds to help them stock the library with further books over the next few months".

### Year 3 Gilwern Trip

Year 3 were lucky enough to get out and about this week to Gwilwern Outdoor Education Centre, where they stacked crates, Bush Craft and Archery - a great time was had by all! Da iawn, pawb!



### Meaningful Maths

Starting after Easter, parents from all classes will be invited into school to join us in learning about what maths looks like here and how you can support your children through their maths journey at home.

This is a six week programme, with sessions which will last approximately an hour, the last 20 mins of which your children will be able to join you.

We start with Reception and Year 1, on Friday 12th April at 9:30 am

Sessions for all other classes begin on Friday 7th June

**Year 2 and 3 at 9:15 am**

**Years 4, 5 and 6 at 10:30 am**

More details will be shared in due course.

### School Disco

To raise more funds for the school (To replenish the coffers after the latest big spend on the Library), The PTA are holding a School Spring Disco with Cosmic Discos on Thursday 7th March!

The cost for the It's £3 per child to include a drink and biscuits.

Reception to Year 2 - 3.30 to 4.30pm - send children in to school with a disco outfit, they will get changed in their classroom at the end of the day, pick up from their classroom door at 4.30pm. If your child normally goes on the bus then you will need to send a note to inform school that they are staying for the disco.

Year 3 to Year 6 - 4.45 to 5.45pm - parents to bring to the main door and pick up from the main door.

If your child uses After School Club but would like to come please inform staff at the club that they are to attend the disco. After School Club will pick up the younger children at the end of their disco and will bring older children to the hall for theirs. Please collect as usual from After School Club as they will need to be signed out in the usual way.

Please click on the link to sign up: [PTA School Disco Payment and Attendance Google Form](#)

## 🇬🇧 Ymadrodd yr Ywthnos - Phrase of the Week 🇬🇧

Our Phrase of the week this week is

**Llongyfarchiadau ((llong - guh - far - key - add - eye ) - Congratulations**

Have a look at the video of some of our Criw Cymraeg modelling the language pattern for you.

@[Siarad Cymraeg | Shirenewton Primary](#)

You can find a link to all of our phrases here! @[Ymadrodd yr Wythnos | Shirenewton Primary](#)

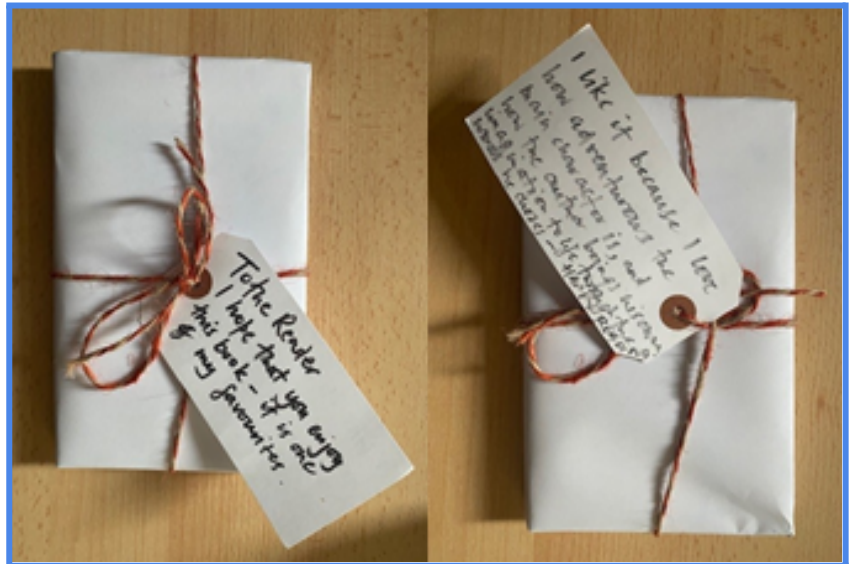
## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day at Shirenewton on Thursday 7th March. As last year, our plan is to ask the children to gift a book to someone else in their class. We would like each child to wrap up a book and write a short reason as to why they have chosen it on a gift tag, which we will provide. These have been sent home today.

Things to consider when choosing a book:

**The book should be appropriate to the class that your child is in**

**Please encourage your child to choose the book themselves, and help them to choose something that is stage appropriate**



**Try to help your child include as much detail as possible about the book that they are gifting. Encourage them to persuade the reader that it is worth reading**

If you do have anything that will appeal to all tastes we would be really grateful

I've included an example above

On the day, we will collect all the books together and display them in the classrooms. The children will have a chance to pick one book each.

We have books in school which we will ask pupils to wrap and review (based on the blurb) if we don't have quite enough.

We will unwrap the books in school - this way the children will get a chance to swap with someone else if needs be. They will bring the book and the gift tag (which can be used as a bookmark) home to keep!



This week we have been:

As part of our Cynefin topic, we have been looking at how other communities in the world are different to ours. This week we wrote some letters and made videos to send to the Emily Methodist Nursery school in Gambia. Today, we were lucky to have Emily visit us. @shirenewtonsch



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**Shirenewton Year 3** @Shire\_Year3 · Feb 28  
Year 3 have all really enjoyed their day at Gilwern. We have had a go at Crate stacking, bush crafting and archery! Below are those from Miss Minett's group.



Looking forward to share photos from the groups with Miss Orchard and Mrs Brace!

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**Shirenewton Year 2** @Shire\_Year2 · 16h  
Y tywydd (weather) was our focus today and they decided to make games to practice the language patterns @shire\_cymraeg @shirenewtonsch



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**Shirenewton Year 6** @shirenewton\_6 · Feb 28  
Here are our models we made at home, ready for the Eisteddfod. Pob lwc pawb. @shirenewtonsch @shire\_arts



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**Shirenewton Reception** @Shire\_Reception · Feb 28  
We had special visitors today! Emily helped to build a school in Gambia 🇬🇲 and she shared the differences between their school and ours. We had the opportunity to dress in traditional clothing and play African instruments. Some of us pretended to carry the water. @ShiHumanities



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## Diary Dates 2023/24

### New information highlighted in yellow

<b>Spring Term 2024 – Key Dates</b>	
<b>Fri 9th Feb</b> – Dydd Miwsig Cymru	<b>Mon 19th Feb</b> – Back to School
<b>Mon 5th Feb</b> - Y6 to watch Chepstow School performance	<b>Mon 19th - Wed 21st Feb</b> - Y5 to Gilwern
<b>Monday 5th Feb - Tues 6th Feb</b> - Y4 to Gilwern	<b>Thurs 22nd Feb</b> - Rec/Y1 trip to Cardiff Museum - change of date
<b>Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb</b> - Half Term Holiday	<b>Wed 28th Feb</b> - Y3 in Gilwern
	<b>Fri 1st Mar</b> - Eisteddfod
	<b>Fri 8th Mar</b> - Coffee Morning 9:15 am
	<b>Week Beginning 11th Mar</b> - Parent Consultations
	<b>Mon 18th Mar</b> - Governors' Meeting
	<b>Fri 22nd Mar</b> - Last day for pupils
	<b>Mon 25th Mar - Fri 5th April</b> - Easter Holidays

<b>Summer Term 2024 – Key Dates</b>	
<b>Thurs 2nd May</b> - Class Photos	<b>Wed 17th July</b> - Last day for pupils
<b>Fri 24th May</b> - INSET Day	<b>Thurs 18th July &amp; Fri 19th July</b> - INSET Days
<b>Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May</b> - Half Term Holiday	

# Devauden Village Hall New Community Café Tuesdays 10am to 2pm



**FREE** for residents of Devauden and surrounding areas

- Tea/coffee/cake/biscuits
- Daily newspapers and magazines
- Children's board games and crafts
- Soup and roll (between 12pm-1pm)
- Good internet connection for work or leisure







# Café Church

**coming soon to Shirenewton**

Save the date - **Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the Church Room**  
And thereafter on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month

Café Church is perfect for families!  
Café style refreshments and fellowship for adults and children  
Children's craft activities (primary/ pre-school)

Short service featuring:

- Modern worship songs
- Bible story
- All age address
- Prayers