

**"Learning Together, Achieving for Life"**  
**"Dysgu Gyda'n Gilydd, Cyflawni am Oes"**



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## NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

We are trialling ways to get the Newsletter to as many people as possible in different accessible ways. To this end, we have developed a new way of presenting the information using Microsoft Sway. Please click on the link <https://sway.office.com/31dV82FrngBIEY9D?ref=Link> to access it, and let us know whether or not it is a useful, easier way of reading the newsletter electronically. We would appreciate your feedback through the form (see link below) in the new format - diolch yn fawr.  
<https://forms.office.com/r/cRxwnkRYui>

## INSET DAYS

We have planned for 2 out of the remaining 3 INSET dates available to us for  
School will be closed to pupils on these days

**Monday 16th January**

**Tuesday 17th January**

Apologies for the timing so soon after Christmas - it is always tricky to plan INSETs which accommodate everyone. However, after Christmas we will be working together with the EAS and the Local Authority to Celebrate, Share, Support and Refine our practice around teaching and learning.  
We would like to have time together as a staff to work together to find ways to continue to improve our great school.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

You should have received tickets for next week's Christmas concerts. If you are unable to attend, please return any spare tickets to school so they can be reallocated if needed.

## TÎM COED COCH DELVE & DISCOVER

Tîm Coed Coch had an exciting Delve & Discover this week to kickstart the festive season.



## ENTERPRISE WEEK

The children have had a great week making products and games for today's Christmas Fayre; wonderful to see such creativity throughout the school.



## SEREN YR WYTHNOS

Congratulations to the following learners for earning themselves a headteacher certificate this week  
"Llongyfarchiadau" i ...

Tîm Coed Coch		Tîm Helyg		Tîm Derwen		Tîm Collen
Dosbarth Reception	Blwyddyn Un	Blwyddyn Dau	Blwyddyn Tri	Blwyddyn Pedwar	Blwyddyn Pump	Blwyddyn Chwech
Alys Sebastian Xanthe	Grayson Holly Penelope	Ffion Nevaeh Todd	Amelie Daniel Digby	Abe Florence Halli-May	Arsenii Evan Max G	Evie C Jalal Sara

## GOODBYE, MRS ARNOLD!

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Arnold at the end of this term, as she will be retiring from her position as midday Supervisor. We wish her every success in her new found freedom, and would like to thank her for all her years of dedication and service to Shirenewton and Monmouthshire.

## HELLO NEW OPPORTUNITY! MIDDAY SUPERVISOR REQUIRED!

As we say goodbye to Mrs Arnold, it means that we have a vacancy for a new Midday Supervisor. If you are interested in the position, please contact the office for more details. Diolch.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

The governors would like to inform parents that there is a recruitment exercise in process to appoint a substantive Deputy Head to support Mr. Penn. We are obliged by Welsh Government to advertise this role nationally. Shirenewton staff have been invited to apply.

## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES - CHANGES TO POLICY

At some stage of their primary school journey, most children will need to take medication at school, whether that's antibiotics for an ear infection or medication to control and manage longer term health problems. In order to keep everyone involved safe, all schools should have a policy that dictates how they will administer medicines. It's important to note that teachers are not legally or contractually required to give children their medicine, or to supervise them taking it.

Those adults in school who agree to administer medication do so voluntarily. In order to manage this process responsibly we would ask that where you can, please schedule your child's medication so that they don't need a dose during the school day. We know that this isn't always possible, and, if your child does need medication during school hours, the following will happen:

Please note, only prescription medications will be administered. **We will only issue non-prescription medicines in exceptional circumstances, with the agreement of the headteacher.**

Medications must be brought into schools in their original container, as dispensed by a pharmacist, labelled with your child's name. They must include instructions for administration, dosage and storage, as well as possible side effects. You must provide written consent for your child to be given the medication. We have a form that you must fill in. You will need to complete this form every time your child brings a new type of medication to school; our form is taken from Welsh Government.

If your child is currently having any medications administered by school, it is important that we speak with you so we can fill in the necessary form.

This policy will be shared with the Governing Body at the next meeting. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter

## Diary Dates 2022/23

### Autumn Term 2022

**Any new information or changes will be highlighted**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Tîm Helyg Dress Rehearsal

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Tîm Coed Coch Dress Rehearsal 10am

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Tîm Helyg Concert 2pm

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Pupil Committee Meetings

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Tîm Coed Coch Concert 2pm

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Tîm Derwen Dress Rehearsal

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Rec & Y1 to Panto

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Y4, 5 & 6 to Panto

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Y2 & Y3 to Panto

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Tîm Derwen Concert 2pm (change in time)

**Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Tîm Helyg to perform at Itton Church 10am

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Y6 Carol Concert at Shirenewton Church 6pm

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Tîm Coed Coch Christingle Service at Shirenewton Church (no parents at this event)

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day in School

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec** – INSET Day

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Dec to Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Christmas Holiday

## Spring Term 2023 – Key Dates

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Back to school

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y3 swimming all term

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** - INSET School closed to Pupils

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Jan** - INSET School Closed to Pupils

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** - Governors Meeting

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – Dydd Miwsig Cymru

**Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** - PTA Disco

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Y5 to Gilwern for 2 days

**Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Y6 Urdd Football Competition

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Half Term Holiday

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Back to School

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar** - Eisteddfod

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar** - Eisteddfod Coffee Morning 9:15am

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Mar** - Rec to Y6 Parents' Evening 4-7pm

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Mar** - Rec to Y6 Parents' Evening 4-7pm

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Mar** - Governors' Meeting

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** - Rags to Riches collection

**Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Mar** - Easter Assembly 9:30am

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** - Last day for pupils

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Apr** - Easter Holiday

## Summer Term 2023 – Key Dates

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Back to school

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Apr** - Year 4 swimming all term

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May** - May Day (school closed)

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Governors' Meeting

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Sports Day 9:15am (Y4-6) & 1:30pm (Rec-Y3)

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May** – INSET Day

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun** - Half Term Holiday

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jun** – Back to school

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Jun** - Reserve Sports Day

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Jun** – School photos

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June** -Summer Fayre

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Hogroast

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul** - Governors' AGM Meeting

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jul** – Y5 Transition morning at Chepstow School

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Jul** – Y6 Transition Day at Chepstow School

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jul** – Y6 Transition Day at Chepstow School

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jul** - Y6 Leavers assembly 9:30am

Please note – 1 additional INSET Day will be added to the calendar later on in the year.



## COMMUNITY CORNER



**Advent Fair**

In the Church Room  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
11:00 - 12:00

Hand crafted Christmas goodies  
Cakes, Biscuits, Mincemeat, Jams, Jellies and  
Marmalades

A raffle and of course, coffee and mince pies.

The money raised will go to 'The Friends of Rwandan Rugby' after we heard an amazing and inspiring talk from the founder Mary Watkins in the Church Room last year.



**Carols Around the Village  
Christmas Tree  
With the Chepstow Town Band!**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.30

Tredegar Arms Car Park.

The Collection will go to

**'Medicins sans Frontieres'**

Bring a torch. And some gloves.

A warm hat. And loud voices!

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine afterwards





SODS proudly present:

**"The Emperor's New Clothes!"**

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>, Fri 27<sup>th</sup>, Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan '23

Earlwood Hall 7:30

Tickets £10 and £5

Alison Broughton - 641 451 or email

[shirenewtonpanto@gmail.com](mailto:shirenewtonpanto@gmail.com)

And there are also a few places left if  
anyone would fancy being a 'Young  
Actor' in the panto. I also need a 4<sup>th</sup>  
fairy - of the grown-up variety

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