

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

**23rd February 2024**  
**Edition 18**

**Welcome Back!**

Those of you who have come to reception recently may have noticed some changes. We have a new hatch between the office space and the 'porch' space between the two sets of entrance doors. Fortunately, this has allowed us to improve site security. Unfortunately, we are not able to take orders for McDonalds through the hatch!

**Esiteddfod Next Week**

St David's Day will take place on Friday next week. 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 a red top.

**A reminder to send all of your children's entries in this week. For Years 3 - 6, cooking entries should be brought in on Thursday for judging!**

Some of the competitions are compulsory and will be completed in lessons: art, handwriting, creative writing and Welsh reading. Other competitions are voluntary and pupils may put themselves forward if they want to - singing, recitation, model making, instrumentals, cookery (Y4-6). Individual class teachers will share further details via SCHOOP after half term.

**Don't worry if you haven't sent your models in yet - there is still time! Please send it into school between the 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February.** Pupils are free to use materials of their own choice but we ask for it to be no larger than 30cm x 30cm so the winning entries will fit in our display cabinets. If you need help with resources, please ask your child's class teacher. Each class is invited to make a different model:

**Reception** = Daffodil

**Year 1** = Sheep

**Year 2** = Castle

**Year 3** = Dragon

**Year 4** = Coal mine

**Year 5** = Welsh building/ monument

**Year 6** = Puppet of a famous welsh person/ character

If your child plays a musical instrument, make sure they get practising!

Music judging is also taking place. Please make sure that bring in their instrument on the days above (apart from the



pupils entering drums!)

Piano Competition	Miss Symons Miss Whelan	Monday Lunchtime
Strings Competition	Mrs Graham Miss Minett Mrs Burgham	Tuesday Lunchtime
Woodwind Competition	Mrs Burbidge	Tuesday Lunchtime

Guitar Competition	Mr Lloyd	Wednesday Lunchtime
Drum Competition	Miss Whelan Mrs Denne	Wednesday Lunchtime

### Meal Change

The canteen will be changing their menu to a St David's Day themed menu on Friday 1st March. Your child's current meal booking will be deleted and you will need to ensure that you login to Parentpay to select your child's meal choice.

The options for the menu are:

Beef and Leek Meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta

Or

Glamorgan Balls in tomato sauce with pasta

### Reception and Year 1 Trip to Cardiff Museum

As part of their topic on Cynefin this term, Reception and Year 1 went on a trip to the Museum in Cardiff. They had an excellent trip. Their behaviour was exceptional and staff were struck by the number of adults and members of the public who commented on this - we even had an email from the Museum tour guide to congratulate them. Da iawn, pawb!



### Gilwern Residential

Our Year 5 class took a big step this week, going away to Gilwern Outdoor Education Centre. We would like to say a very big well done to them - their behaviour was great, they excelled in the activities and faced their challenges with determination! They were supportive of each other, respectful to the staff at the centre, and all round legends, and again, as with Reception and Year 1, we were complimented on our children's behaviour. Da iawn!

### Ymadrodd yr Ywthnos - Phrase of the Week

Our Phrase of the week this week is

**Esgusodwch fi ((usk - uh - sod - ooch (as in look) - vee) - Excuse me**

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](#)



### ★★★★★ 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 Derbyn	Blwyddyn Un	Blwyddyn Dau	Blwyddyn Tri	Blwyddyn Pedwar	Blwyddyn Pump	Blwyddyn Chwech
Archie	Evelyn	Siena	Neveah	Ruby	Jack B	Henry

Ryan Lewis	Arkadii Ronan	Max William	Dylan Laken	Daniel Morgan	Emily Alexandra	Milan Heidi
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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 5th Feb</b> - Y6 to watch Chepstow School performance <b>Monday 5th Feb - Tues 6th Feb</b> - Y4 to Gilwern <b>Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb</b> - Half Term Holiday	<b>Mon 19th Feb</b> – Back to School <b>Mon 19th - Wed 21st Feb</b> - Y5 to Gilwern <b>Thurs 22nd Feb</b> - Rec/Y1 trip to Cardiff Museum - change of date <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>Fri 24th May</b> - INSET Day <b>Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May</b> - Half Term Holiday	<b>Wed 17th July</b> - Last day for pupils <b>Thurs 18th July &amp; Fri 19th July</b> - INSET Days



# 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