 **“Learning Together, Achieving for Life”** 

**"Dysgu Gyda'n Gilydd, Cyflawni am Oes"**

**13th January 2017**

**16th Edition**



**KS2 DELVE & DISCOVER**

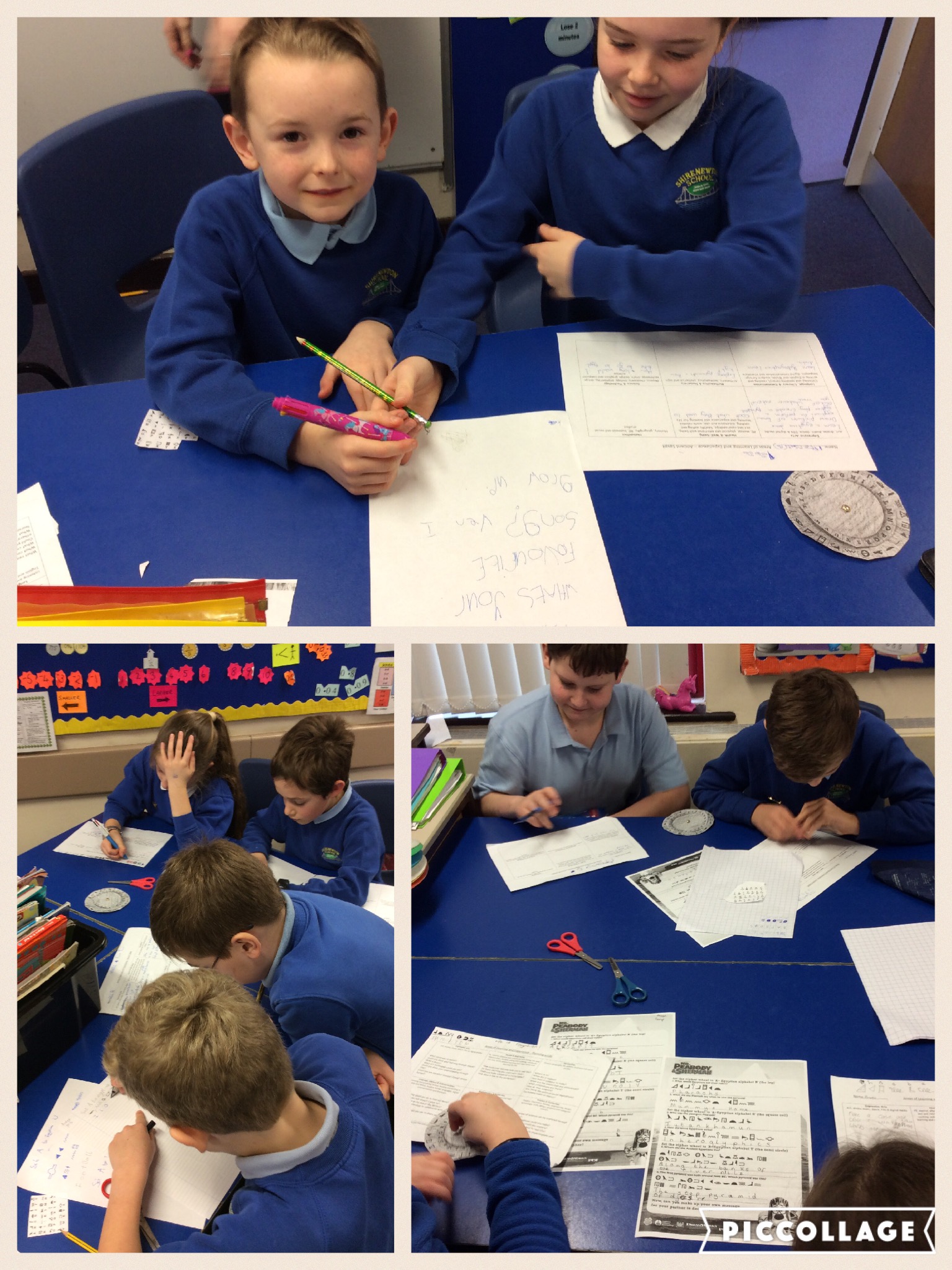
KS2 had an exciting launch to their new topic, Ancient Egyptians, with a wonderful Delve & Discover Day. The school was decorated with Ancient Egyptian artefacts & posters and the staff had arranged four wonderful activities to ensure the children were immersed in all things Egyptian!

“We learnt a song and it was really good because it was about our new topic, it was rock and roll and I thought the actions were really good. We liked that the teachers were all dressed up. We’ve also learnt how to write using Egyptian letters called hieroglyphics.” **Lowri, Phoebe & Evan, Year 3**

“It’s been really fun. When we were learning about mummification, it took lots of practise and we had to remember the order and we all had different jobs to do. The code cracking session was quite hard because we had a wheel with different pictures and they matched letters of the alphabet. They were called hieroglyphics and we enjoyed writing with them.” **Matilda & Libby, Year 4**

“We went around different classes and made Egyptian collars and in Y5, we learnt an Egyptian song. I think it was good because you get to learn different things.” **Myles, Year 5**

“We really enjoyed our Ancient Egyptian experience and have learnt so much we didn't know before today. We've really enjoyed it. We really appreciate that the teachers have worked so hard to make this an amazing day and we can use it in our future lives.” **Harry & Morgan S, Year 6**



**HWB**

Y1-Y6 children should have all come home with usernames and passwords this week for a learning platform called Hwb. By logging into <http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/>, they have access to Office 365, Encyclopaedia Britannica and J2e, where they can play, create and learn using technology.

They have been introduced to it in class and will be using it in future ICT lessons as well as across the curriculum.

**SCHOOP**

Some people may not have been receiving alerts properly lately. The easiest thing to do, should this happen, is remove the app completely and download again; this seems to solve the problem. Otherwise, go to <https://schoop.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new> for further support. Diolch.

**LUNCHTIME HELPERS**



This week has seen the start of our new lunchtime helpers, with their lovely new outfits. They encourage the children to make healthy choices and eat sensibly.

“We are responsible for helping out Foundation Phase whilst they’re eating, by showing them correct table manners. We help by cleaning up after the others and scraping the trays. We really enjoyed helping them.” **Hannah & Maddy, Year 5**

**CROSS COUNTRY FINAL**

Despite the snow at school, it was fine down at Caldicot Castle and Cross Country went ahead. The children all ran brilliantly and some children received medals as follows: Pippa & Bethan, racing in the Y5/6 age category received 2nd & 3rd place medals respectively. A fantastic achievement in such a large field of children. Diolch yn fawr to Mrs Humphreys and our parent volunteers for taking them.

**SNOW GUIDELINES**

At this time of year, in the event of snow, please make sure you keep an eye on Schoop as this is the quickest, most efficient way of us communicating with you. This may be before school or during the day should conditions change/deteriorate.

**REMINDERS**

**RECEPTION PARENTS RWINC WORKSHOP** - Open to all Reception parents on Thursday 19th January at 5pm. You will learn how your child is taught phonics in school and how you can help them at home.

**SWIMMING LESSONS** - Year 3 are going swimming this term. The transport for the 13 weeks will cost £26 per pupil. Cheques should be made payable to Shirenewton Primary School.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

This week’s head teacher certificates were awarded to:

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| **Rec** | **Y1** | **Y2** | **Y3** | **Y4** | **Y5** | **Y6** |
| James  Sam  Jessica R |  | Lauren  Floelyn  Seren | Henry  Reuben  Ella | Emily  Morgan  Frankie | Maddy  Archie  Carys | William L  Arran  Brynn |

**GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS**

Lucky golden tickets winners this week were:

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| **Rec** | **Y1** | **Y2** | **Y3** | **Y4** | **Y5** | **Y6** |
| Llewi  Anwen  Seb | Molly  Iestyn  Milo | Zak  Barnaby  Owen | Ethan  Mia  Eloise | Libby  Jayden  Frankie | Rhianwen  Ella  Cailin | Dylan  Grace |

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| **PTA NEWS**  The PTA are currently putting together a “Friends of the PTA” list. If you cant attend the monthly meetings, or don’t wish to be involved in event planning, but would be prepared to volunteer your time at the events themselves, then please contact us at r.dalton1976@outlook.com. Leave your name, the year group your child/children are currently in, and either your phone number or email address. We can then add you to our list of dependable helpers.    If you would like to participate in planning our next school events, the next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 6th February, 6.30pm, in the school, where we will be discussing upcoming discos, charity collections and fundraising events. All new faces welcome. |

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| **SPRING TERM DATES**  **Please note: New dates in red to help you spot them!** | **SUMMER TERM DATES** |
| **Mon 9th Jan** - Y3 Swimming on Mondays - 13 weeks  **Mon 9th Jan** - PTA meeting at school 6.30pm  **Tue 10th, Wed 11th, Thu 12th** - Reception Parents Evenings  **Tue 10th Jan** - KS2 'Delve & Discover' day  **Fri 13th Jan** - Cross Country Final 10am  **Mon 16th Jan** - Y4 to Science Lesson in Comp 1.45pm  **Wed 18th Jan** - Y6 Parents - Gilwern Meeting  **Thu 19th Jan** - FP 'Delve & Discover' day  **Thu 19th Jan** - FP Enrichment Afternoon  **Thu 19th Jan** - RWI workshop for Rec parents 5pm  **Mon 23rd Jan** - Hearing retests for selected Rec pupils  **Thu 26th Jan** - FP Enrichment Afternoon  **Mon 30th Jan** - Governors' Meeting  **Wed 1st Feb** - Open Morning for parents (Maths)  **Thu 2nd Feb** - FP Enrichment Afternoon  **Thu 9th Feb** - FP Enrichment Afternoon  **Fri 10th Feb** - Football Final at Caldicot Leisure Centre  **Mon 13th Feb** - Welsh Fortnight starts  **Mon 13th Feb** - Curriculum Cymraeg Workshops all day  **Tue 14th Feb to Fri 17th Feb** - Y6 to Gilwern  \* \* \*  **Mon 20th Feb to Fri 24th Feb** - Half Term  \* \* \*  **Wed 1st Mar** - St David's Day Eisteddfod  **Fri 3rd Mar** - Welsh Fortnight ends  **Mon 6th Mar** - Y4 trip to Hilston Park  **Tue 7th Mar** - Wildlife Quiz 1st Round (4 x Y6 pupils)  **Wed 8th Mar** - Parents Evening 4-7pm  **Thu 9th Mar** - Parents Evening 4-7pm  **Fri 10th Mar** - Eisteddfod Coffee Morning 9.15am  **Tue 21st Mar** - Wildlife Quiz 2nd Round  **Fri 24th Mar** - Red Nose day  **Mon 27th Mar** - Governors' Meeting  **Fri 31st Mar** - KS2 Enrichment Day  **Tue 4th Apr** - Y3 trip to Gilwern  **Wed 5th Apr** - Easter Assembly 9.30am - Y1 & Y4 parents are invited  **Fri 7th Apr** - Last day of Spring Term  **Mon 10th Apr to Fri 21st Apr** - Easter Holiday | **Mon 24th Apr** - Back to school  **Tue 25th Apr** - Y1 Forest School  **Mon 1st May** - May Day  **Tues 2nd May** - Y1 Forest School  **Wed 3rd May to Wed 10th May** - National Tests for Y2 - Y6 (No holidays authorised during this week)  **Thu 4th May** - FP Enrichment Afternoon  **Tue 9th May** -Y1 Forest School  **Thu 11th May** - FP Enrichment Afternoon  **Tue 16th May** - Wildlife Quiz Final  **Tue 16th May** -Y1 Forest School  **Thu 18th May** - FP Enrichment Afternoon  **Tue 23rd May** - Y1 Camp Fire  **Thu 25th May** - FP Enrichment Afternoon  \* \* \*  **Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd Jun** - Half Term  \* \* \*  **Fri 9th Jun** - Sports Day (KS2 at 9.15am & FP at 1.45pm)  **Mon 12th Jun** - Growth & Vision tests for Reception  **Wed 14th Jun** - Reserve Sports Day  **Wed 14th Jun** - New Reception parents meeting 6pm  **Mon 19th Jun** - Governors' Meeting  **Fri 23rd Jun** - Reserve, Reserve Sports Day  **Mon 3rd Jul** - INSET (Self Evaluation with Govs)  **Mon 3rd July to Friday 14th July** - Transition Fortnight  **Fri 7th Jul** - Reports to go home  **Mon 10th Jul** - Pupil Committee Elections  **Tue 11th Jul** - New Reception visit pm & lunch  **Wed 12th Jul** - Open Afternoon 2pm  **Wed 12th Jul** - Parents Evening for those that request it 4pm - 5.30pm  **Wed 12th Jul** - Music Event 6pm  **Thu 13th Jul** - New Reception visit pm & lunch  **Wed 19th Jul** - Y2 Graduation 9.30am - Y2 parents are invited  **Thu 20th Jul** - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am - Y6 parents are invited  **Fri 21st Jul** - Last day of academic year |

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| **COMMUNITY CORNER**  Chepstow Community Fit Club at Chepstow Rugby Club. (Western Ave, Bulwark, Chepstow NP16 5NW. Nr Homebase.)    Monday 8p.m & Wednesday 7.30p.m    A not for profit Fit Club designed to give affordable fitness twice a week to the local community.  It is run on a donations based principle, you turn up and pay however much you wish for that session. (Recommended minimum of £1)    Search for "Chepstow Community Fit Club" on Facebook.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  |  | |