

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

6th October 2023  
Edition 6

### Value of the Month

Our Value of the Month for October is Consideration. A value is a principle which drives our thinking and behaviour. Over the month, we will be considering how we are considerate towards our family, our friends, our school, our community and our world.

### Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Assembly for the children on Thursday 19th of October. Please note this event is just for the pupils. In the run up to this Assembly, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating items for the Food bank at Chepstow. Below are the items that they currently need:



We would like to see the donations grow in the run up to the festival assembly, in order to help the children consider the importance of the celebration.

Therefore, we would like to start collecting the items from Monday of next week. As they come in, we will display them on the stage in the hall.

Each day will have a theme:

**Monday:** Tinned Goods, (especially carrots, peas, sweetcorn, tomatoes, fish) instant coffee, custard, tinned fruit, tinned meat, pasta / curry sauces, noodles etc

**Tuesday:** Toiletries (especially shower gel, deodorants and toilet rolls), shampoo, soap, shower gel, toothpaste

**Wednesday:** Chocolate, crisps, biscuits, savoury snacks, puddings, sweets

**Thursday:** Instant coffee and hot chocolate, UHT fruit juice, UHT Milk, breakfast cereals NO Tea

**Friday:** Washing up liquid, washing powder, softener, hand soap

Of course, all donations of food and goods are welcome. We would appreciate items in date. Diolch!

### Lion's Roar Project



Our Year 6 pupils will once again be taking part in the Lion's Roar project. The ROAR is an innovative ideas competition for primary schools which provides an inspirational and fun learning experience, enabling our children to discover how to use their imagination in exciting new ways, learning how to work in teams, developing their communication and presentation skills and boosting their self-confidence and self-esteem.

We are hoping for a similar result this year, which saw our pupils win the competition with their innovative ideas for a business with a creative and enterprising idea for a device to ease plantar fasciitis!

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. This afternoon, you will have received a nomination form. If you are interested, please take some time to read the email and find out more

## **Shirenewton PTA Committee Members** **September 2023 - September 2024**



'I'm Katie Bedford, Mum to Freddie in Year 6 and William in Year 2. Having been a big supporter of our lovely school over the years I'm excited to join the PTA as Secretary and be part of the team to continue their successful fundraising efforts. Currently I work part-time and when not ferrying the boys to various sporting commitments I can be found walking the Monmouthshire countryside with our Labrador, Lottie!'



'I'm Emma Walker, Mum to Verity in Year 1 and Coralie in Year 4. Last year I held the post of Secretary for the PTA and have now taken on the position of Chair. I'm looking forward to getting stuck into the role; please stop and say hello if you would like to know more about becoming a friend of the PTA. Various volunteering roles and the kids' hectic social lives keep me busy but when I can I love an outdoor adventure or a dance class to unwind'.



I'm Leah Lewis, Mum to Kara in year 3, Seya in Reception and Kasper (age 2). I joined the PTA last year and I'm pleased to be continuing in the role of Treasurer. I've really enjoyed supporting the team to run fun events for the children whilst raising money for the school.

I'm looking forward to exploring more fundraising opportunities during the year ahead, when I'm not juggling work commitments or running around after the children!

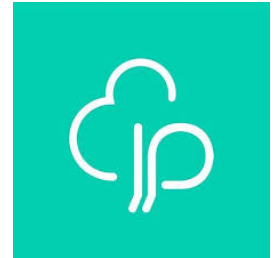
### **Christmas Raffle Prizes**

The PTA are thinking ahead to our Christmas themed fundraising efforts. We would like to ask if anyone works for a company or owns a business that might like to sponsor specific prizes for our Christmas raffle. If you are interested and would like to discuss further please get in touch with us via our email address [shirenewtonpta@outlook.com](mailto:shirenewtonpta@outlook.com) or catch us at school.

Many thanks, the PTA Committee

### **Park Run - Shirenewton 'Victory Runners'!**

The children of our Healthy Schools Pupil Voice Group have been looking at ways in which we can all be healthy and have fun. They have decided that they would like to promote Rogiet Park Run. They thought it was a good idea because it gave them an opportunity outside of school to exercise with their friends and it promotes being healthy. They also thought it would be a good opportunity for the school to win a prize and work together as a team to get a reward.



Parkrun is all about inclusiveness and wellbeing. They want as many people as possible to feel part of a real local community brought together by our events, as well as the global parkrun family.

- Rogiet Junior parkrun
- Every Sunday Morning at 9am
- Rogiet Countryside Park, Rogiet, Monmouthshire, NP26 3WF

There is also a competitive element for school teams! The team gets a point for every child that attends each week and the school with the most points wins a prize! The Pupil Voice Group have chosen a school team name, 'The Victory Runners'

More details are available below:

Follow this link to sign up to a park run account.

<https://www.parkrun.com/countries/>

This is the link to update your running group on your parkrun account.

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Reminder: Parent / guardian must attend with the young person at all times at Junior parkrun.

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### **Dydd Shwmae Friday 13th October**

Our Criw Cymraeg has decided to take part in Dydd Shwmae to launch their plan to develop the Welsh language across the school. Throughout the morning, all classes will be taking part in Welsh language activities. All children are welcome to wear red white and green (or combinations of the three).



### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We raised:

# £110

A great effort - Diolch!



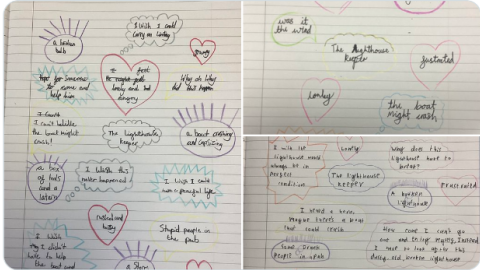
## Pupil Talents and Achievements

Thank you for continuing to share your talents and achievements

Longyfarchiadau to Max, Evan and Jude who have been selected again for the Under 11s Newport Schools District Rugby team.

### This week we have been...

**5** Shirenewton Year 5 @Shire\_Year5 - 9h  
Some of our fantastic body biography worked linked to the Lighthouse short film! We have really shown empathy with the lighthouse keeper! Dwi'n falch iawn! Bendigedig pawb! @shi\_llcaole @shirenewtonsch



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**6** Shirenewton Year 6 @shirenewton\_6 · Oct 4

Diolch to Sharron for our first Heddlu Bach lesson all about police dogs. Watch out for application forms for those children in Y6 who want to become Heddlu Bach officers... @shirenewtonsch @GNPxtGen #HeddluBach



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Shirenewton Year 2 @Shire\_Year2 - 11h  
More @Shire\_STEM celebrations 🎉



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Shirenewton Year 1 @Shire\_Year1 - Oct 2

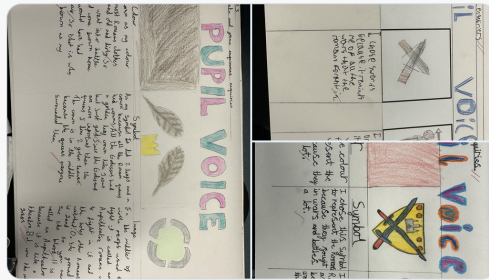
We were delighted to be joined by Cameron's grams today. Dee told us all about South Africa and brought in lots of fun things for us to explore. We learnt how to say some animals names in Zulu. @Shi\_Humanities



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**4** Shirenewton Year 4 @Shire\_Year4 - 30m

Today we did some pupil voice towards our Roman Topic. The children wrote Miss Whelan emails about what they'd like to learn about this term. We used our knowledge so far to chose a colour, symbol and image to represent the romans and gave reasonings behind our decisions



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## ★★★★★SEREN YR WYTHNOS★★★★★

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

"Longyfarchiadau" i...

Tîm Coed Coch		Tîm Helyg		Tîm Derwen		Tîm Collen
Dosbarth Reception	Blwyddyn Un	Blwyddyn Dau	Blwyddyn Tri	Blwyddyn Pedwar	Blwyddyn Pump	Blwyddyn Chwech
Marcus	Harry	Holly	Neveah	Jack JC	Huw	Jack W
Lyndon	Bow	Ruby	Halle	Morgan	Ava	Jude
Isla	Verity	William	Todd	Ruby	Elizabeth	Jasmine



## Diary Dates 2023/24

### New information highlighted in yellow

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
<p><b>Monday 2nd October</b> - Governing Body Meeting</p> <p><b>Friday 13th October</b> - Dydd Shwmae Day</p> <p><b>Saturday 14th October</b> - Shirenewton ShAMBLE</p> <p><b>Sunday 15th October</b> - Shirenewton ShAMBLE</p> <p><b>Tuesday 17th October</b> - Y3 and Y6 Football Tournament</p> <p><b>Thursday 19th October</b> - Harvest Assembly</p> <p><b>Friday 20th October</b> - Preloved Uniform Sale (after school)</p> <p><b>Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th October</b> - Parent Consultations this week</p> <p><b>Thursday 26th October</b> - Y4 and Y5 Romans trip</p> <p><b>Friday 27th October</b> - School closes for half term</p>	<p><b>Monday 6th November</b> – Back to School</p> <p><b>Monday 6th November</b> - Individual and sibling photographs</p> <p><b>Tuesday 7th November</b> - Rags to Riches</p> <p><b>Tuesday 7th November</b> - Flu Vaccinations</p> <p><b>Wed 9th November</b> – Y6 swimming this half term (every week until Christmas)</p> <p><b>Sunday 12th November</b> - Remembrance Sunday</p> <p><b>Wed 15th November</b> - Open Morning for parents 9:15am</p> <p><b>Fri 17th November</b> - Children in Need day</p> <p><b>Mon 27th November</b> - Governors' Meeting</p> <p><b>Monday 4th December</b> – Tim Helyg Dress Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday 6th December</b> – Tim Helyg Concert 2pm</p> <p><b>Saturday 9th December</b> - Christmas Fayre</p> <p><b>Monday 11th December</b> – Tim Derwen Dress Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday 13th December</b> - Tim Derwen Concert 2pm</p> <p><b>Monday 18th December</b> - Tim Coed Coch Dress Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Tuesday 19th December</b> – Y2 and 3 to Itton Church</p> <p><b>Wednesday 20th</b> - Tim Coed Coch Concert 2pm</p> <p><b>Thursday 21st December</b> - Last day of Autumn Term</p> <p><b>Friday 22nd December</b> – INSET Day school closed to pupils</p> <p><b>Mon 25th December to Friday 7 January</b> - Christmas Holiday</p> <p><b>Monday 8th January</b> - INSET Day school closed to pupils</p>



# FUN DOG SHOW

**07/10/23 11AM - 4PM**  
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**FACEBOOK: [FACEBOOK.COM/HELPFORDOGSSHOW](https://www.facebook.com/helpfordogsshow)**



**IN SUPPORT OF HELP FOR DOGS**





# CHICKENS IN NEED!

Our lovely chickens are searching for a new home. Need to be homed together. Need to be aware of the challenges having a cockrel will bring!


(They will come with a plastic coup)

WE HAVE 2 HENS AND A  
BANTAM COCKREL



PLEASE CONTACT LUCY ON :

[LUCY@LUCYFARRCOUNSELLING.CO.UK](mailto:LUCY@LUCYFARRCOUNSELLING.CO.UK)

The background is a solid orange color with a repeating pattern of autumn-themed icons: pumpkins, watering cans, and leaves. The text is centered and reads:

**PTA are holding a Preloved  
Halloween costume sale.  
Please bring in your donations  
and leave in the normal  
rags2riches location or give  
directly to Dawn Watling by  
Wednesday 18th October.  
Details of the sale to follow.**





ShAMBLE 2023 - Sat 14th & Sun 15th October.

ShAMBLE news - The Rec Hall is booked for the Saturday night of ShAMBLE! Don't miss the opening night party! We will have a selection of wine, beer and soft drinks available at **last year's prices!** It's family friendly, everyone is welcome.

You might have spotted some ShAMBLE info pinned up on the village notice boards and in the old telephone box over the Summer. We will soon be visiting the scrap store to buy more art materials for the community, watch this space!

**ShAMBLE 2023 registration is now open!** Register by 30th September please.

Go to: [www.shirenewtonshamble.org.uk](http://www.shirenewtonshamble.org.uk) and follow the instructions...

The theme this year is **children's books.**

Dates for your diary; Registration to decorate a window closes 30th September.

2pm 1st October - 'craft, cake & conversation' at the Rec Hall. We will have art materials available for everyone to have (for a small donation). A nice excuse for a chat & a cuppa! All welcome.

### **Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer**

Shirenewton Community Council serves the communities of Shirenewton, Mynyddbach, Earlswood and Newchurch West. Due to a change in circumstances, we are re-advertising for a new Council Clerk / RFO to deliver the Council's priorities and statutory requirements.

The Clerk will be both the 'Proper Officer' and 'Responsible Financial Officer' of the Community Council, responsible for executing its legal, financial and administrative requirements. The Clerk will administer the Community Council's affairs and act as representative of the Council in relation to a range of local bodies and organisations including officers and councillors of Monmouthshire County Council and outside contractors.

The person we're looking for will be an excellent communicator both in speech and writing and will be a well organised and flexible problem solver. The duties of Community Council Clerk / RFO involve mainly working from home and also require attendance at monthly evening and occasionally daytime meetings.

This is a part-time post of 15 hours per week, the salary range is £22,369 to £26,845, pro rata, LC1 (SCP 7-17) on the NJC pay scales 2022-23. The appointment will be made subject to satisfactory references and probation period.

The information pack and application form can be downloaded from our website:  
[www.shirenewtoncc.org.uk](http://www.shirenewtoncc.org.uk)

The closing date for applications is midnight on 29th September 2023

Interviews will be held on 6th October 2023

If you have any questions, please contact the Chair, Philip Butterworth  
Telephone: - 01291 641704  
Email: - philip.b@shirenewtoncc.org.uk





**Gwirfoddoli gyda ni**

**Volunteer with us**



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*Karen Millar DipABRSM CTABRSM  
Member EPTA.*