

### Another great week

Another great week - the term seems to be flying by already!



### **Value of the Month - Respect**

We continue to work hard on our value of respect - the children are working hard on their understanding of what this means for themselves, for others, for nature, pets, property and our precious environment. We are very proud of their efforts, especially how they are coming in and out of assembly. Da iawn!

### **Immersion Weeks**

After a few weeks of getting back into the swing of school life, some of our classes are starting their topics with an immersion week this week

Year 4 and 5 will be launching their topic, finding out what the Romans have ever done for us? It's actually titled How did the Romans change the world? Either way they are sure to find out an awful lot

Year 1 have already started and they are exploring, going 'Around the World and Home Again! They were pleased to talk to Bow's mum about her home country of the Czech Republic - **Děkuju (thanks)!**

### **PTA**

Sarah Denne, our long standing PTA chair will be stepping down this year. From us at school, a huge thank you and well done to Sarah (and to Julius!) who has worked really hard to raise so much for our school. This term we will be looking to spend a significant amount of the money in the PTA coffers on reviving our library! Please see a message from her below:

Thank you for all your support and generosity over the last year. We've had some great events and made an incredible amount of money. It has been a relief to finally get things moving again, following the limitations of the last few years.

The AGM will be held on the 21st September at 6pm in the school. Please come along to get more information on how the PTA works, events old and new, and discuss how the money raised will be spent. There is no obligation to join the committee at this meeting, or to even come along every month, but it would be lovely to see new faces and discuss fresh ideas. Everyone with a child at the school is very welcome and every volunteer or offer of help is greatly appreciated.

After 7 years as PTA chair, I am stepping down at the AGM this year and will not be available to be re-elected. I believe it is now a good time to pass the baton on, as there are other people willing and able to take on the role. I will not disappear completely though, as I will still be available to volunteer for the next 3 years, while I have a child at the school.

If you are interested in finding out more about the committee roles before the meeting, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.





### **Big Dig and Do Days**

On Saturday 16th September, we are calling on gardeners, carpenters, diggers, ploughers, planters, painters and much more.

Thank you so much to those of you who have volunteered your time - the weather looks good and we are raring to go!

It's not too late to join in - many hands make light work and we would love to see you, whatever contribution you can make.

### **Term Time Absence**

If you plan on taking your child out of school during term time, please email the office to request a term time absence form and this will be sent home with your child. These forms are used to accompany the safeguarding procedures used on the first day of absence, which is to contact home if school have not been informed of an absence.

Please note you will not receive a reply from these forms, as the main purpose is to ensure school are aware of the absence. Absences are calculated from the date of the request to the previous 12 months. If the absence percentage falls below the required figure, a term time absence would be marked as unauthorised. The current required percentage is 96%.

Any absence whether authorised or unauthorised affects attendance percentages. Therefore even if your child has been unwell, which is an authorised absence, their percentage will decrease.

### **Girls Football**

Girls from Year 5 and 6 took part in a taster day today with schools from across Monmouthshire. They had a great time and represented Shirenewton really well. Da iawn, pawb!



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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
Paige Archie Seraphina	Harrison Fynnley Alys	Heti Ben Dottie	Ethan Levi Oscar	Alexander Amber Noah	Lucas Henry O Isla	Milana Freddie Max C

**This week we have been:**

**6 Shirenewton Year 6** @shirenewton\_6 · Sep 12  
Inspired by William Kamkwamba, we created our own windmills today. We will be testing their efficiency and robustness with a hairdryer next lesson!  
@shirenewtonsch @Shire STEM



**1 Shirenewton Year 1** @Shire\_Year1 · Sep 11  
We had our immersion day today! We are starting our new topic: Around the world and home again! We dressed in different costumes from around the world. We learned a West African dance, made Chinese fans, filled in our passports and learned about the 7 Continents!



**2 Shirenewton Year 2** @Shire\_Year2 · Sep 8  
Such a wonderful day and week getting to know the children and so impressed with their resilience, conscientiousness and manners. We've worked hard to develop new routines and independence and had a wonderful time doing it!  
@shirenewtonsch



**R Shirenewton Reception** @Shire\_Reception · Sep 12  
We've had fun being creative!



**4 Shirenewton Year 4** @Shire\_Year4 · Sep 13  
Introducing our superstar Year 4s! We've had such an exciting first week and can't wait for the year ahead!



**5 Shirenewton Year 5** @Shire\_Year5 · Sep 12  
Blown away by the incredible creativity displayed today in blwyddyn pump. We have been looking at @PhilipPullman's 'His dark materials' and exploring what our daemon might be based on our own character traits.  
@shire\_arts @shirenewtonsch



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## Diary Dates 2023/24

### New information highlighted in yellow

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
<p><b>Monday 4th September</b> – Back to School for Pupils</p> <p><b>Wednesday 6th September</b> – Y5 swimming this half term (every week until half term)</p> <p><b>Friday 8th September</b> - House Captain Elections</p> <p><b>Friday 15th September</b> - First Pupil Committee Meetings</p> <p><b>Friday 15th September</b> - Girl's Football Tournament</p> <p><b>Saturday 16th September</b> - Big Dig and Do Day</p> <p><b>Monday 18th September</b> Y6 Parent Forum: 5pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday 19th September</b> Rec Parent Forum: 4pm Y1 Parent Forum: 5pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday 20th September</b> Y2 Parent Forum: 4pm Y3 Parent Forum: 5pm</p> <p><b>Thursday 21st September:</b> Y4 Parent Forum: 4pm Y5 Parent Forum: 5pm</p> <p><b>Fri 29th September</b> - MacMillan Coffee Morning 9:15am (all parents/grandparents/carers/local community welcome)</p> <p><b>Monday 2nd October</b> - Governing Body Meeting</p> <p><b>Saturday 14th October</b> - Shirenewton ShAMBLE</p> <p><b>Sunday 15th October</b> - Shirenewton ShAMBLE</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>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>Monday 11th December</b> – Tim Derwen Dress Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday 13th December</b> - Tim Derwen Concert 2pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday 19th December</b> – Y2 and 3 to Itton Church</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>





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.

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