

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



18th November 2022
Edition 11

REMEMBRANCE PARADE



I was very proud to walk with some of our pupils, staff and parents to the centre of the village to lay our Shirenewton Wreath on Remembrance Day last week. It was a poignant and dignified service and our pupils who were representing both Heddlu Bach and local Cubs, Scouts and Guide groups, among others did a very good job.

HEDDLU BACH OATH



Our Heddlu Bach Pupil Team were proud to stand in front of their parents this week to take their oath of 'office', promising to do their best to help their school community

Arrangements for Drop Off and Pick Up at the Beginning and End of the Day

The safety of the children is paramount to all of us, which is why the end of the day looks as it does. Our official end of the day is 3:30, however, arrangements have been made for certain children to be released earlier than that to help us manage the volume of traffic on site, for example pupils using the bus are walked up first to enable traffic to flow more freely after that. The beginning and end of the day can be difficult times for all schools, especially those in rural positions such as ours. We are lucky to have the space for cars to be able to drive onto site, as well as the turning circle, which makes things much easier for buses, cars and pedestrians as well.

Teachers and teaching assistants have a difficult job to do in order to make sure everyone is where they need to be. Thank you for your patience whilst you are waiting to pick your children up from all areas, especially when waiting outside classroom doors - we are grateful.

ART OPEN MORNING

Thank you so much for those of you who were able to come in this week to work with your children. You created some outstanding art and we were very pleased to see you. We have received some great feedback about the event and look forward to organising more opportunities for you to come in to school to find out about how and what we learn at Shirenewton.



LIONS ROAR FINAL

I was privileged to be a judge for the Year 6 Lion's Roar Competition this week, alongside Denise and John from the Chepstow and Caldicot Lions. We saw some outstanding ideas for products which were innovative, useful and more importantly realistic. I was blown away by the children's speaking and listening skills. The winning team of the 'Roar' will go on to represent Shirenewton at a competition involving other schools from our cluster and the surrounding area. Da iawn!



CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

It's Children in Need today - the children looked lovely in their spotty costumes and non-uniform. As a school, it is so important for us to use events like this to raise awareness amongst our children of the situations of others. We are very grateful for your donations. Diolch!



Weekly Newsletter

CHRISTMAS DINNER - WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Christmas Day has been booked for Wednesday 21st December. If you want your child to have a festive feast, you will need to go on to Parent Pay and pre book the meal for your children. We would love it if you could do this as soon as possible, but by Wednesday 14th at the latest. Christmas Jumpers can be worn!

PTA and the CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We met with the PTA last night to discuss plans for the PTA Christmas Fete this year. Thank you to them for the excellent job they do, having most recently raised over £500 from the Disco, the Christmas Card Designs and the Firework Display at Chepstow School. If you do have some spare time and can offer them any help in organising and setting up the Fayre, please get in touch using this link <https://forms.gle/5wTf9h79DAq8VkuR7> - they would be very grateful, I am sure.

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 |
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| Dosbarth Reception | Blwyddyn Un | Blwyddyn Dau | Blwyddyn Tri | Blwyddyn Pedwar | Blwyddyn Pump | Blwyddyn Chwech |
| Hattie Oscar Reggie | Dottie Max Tilly | Betsy R Ifor Kara | Amber Francesca Jack JC | Catherine Elizabeth Henry G | Ben Dima Elliot | Evie D Izzy Sophia |

Diary Dates 2022/23

Autumn Term 2022

Any new information or changes will be highlighted

Sun 13th Nov - Heddlu Bach & Community Ambassadors - Remembrance Parade 10:40am

Mon 14th Nov - School photos - including siblings

Mon 14th Nov - Heddlu Bach Oath Assembly 1:30pm

Wed 16th Nov - Open Morning for parents 9:15am

Thurs 17th Nov - Y5 Playmakers course

Thurs 17th Nov - Heddlu Bach First Aid with Police

Fri 18th Nov - Children in Need day

Mon 21st Nov - Governors' Meeting

Thu 24th Nov - Chepstow Football Festival - non-competitive, so those interested will have their names pulled out of a hat

Thu 24th Nov - Pupil Committee Meetings

Fri 25th Nov - Rags to Riches Collection

Fri 2nd Dec - Christmas Fayre - 3:45-6pm

Mon 5th Dec - Tîm Helyg Dress Rehearsal

Wed 7th Dec - Tîm Helyg Concert 2pm

Wed 7th Dec - Tîm Coed Coch Dress Rehearsal

Thu 8th Dec - Pupil Committee Meetings

Fri 9th Dec - Tîm Coed Coch Concert 2pm

Mon 12th Dec - Tîm Derwen Dress Rehearsal

Mon 12th Dec - Rec & Y1 to Panto

Tues 13th Dec - Y4, 5 & 6 to Panto

Wed 14th Dec - Y2 & Y3 to Panto

Wed 14th Dec - Tîm Derwen Concert 2pm (change in time)

Thu 15th Dec - Tîm Helyg to perform at Itton Church 10am

Mon 19th Dec - Y6 Carol Concert at Shirenewton Church 6pm

Mon 19th Dec - Tîm Coed Coch Christingle Service at Shirenewton Church (no parents at this event)

Wed 21st Dec - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day in School

Friday 23rd Dec - INSET Day

Mon 26th Dec to Fri 6th Jan - Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2023 - Key Dates

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| Mon 9th Jan - Back to school | Mon 27th Feb - Back to School |
| Wed 11th Jan - Y3 swimming all term | Wed 1st Mar - Eisteddfod |
| Mon 23rd Jan - Governors Meeting | Fri 3rd Mar - Eisteddfod Coffee Morning 9:15am |
| Fri 3rd Feb - Dydd Miwsig Cymru | Tue 7th Mar - Rec to Y6 Parents' Evening 4-7pm |
| Thur 9th Feb - PTA Disco | Thu 9th Mar - Rec to Y6 Parents' Evening 4-7pm |
| Wed 15th Feb - Y5 to Gilwern for 2 days | Mon 13th Mar - Governors' Meeting |
| Thur 16th Feb - Y6 Urdd Football Competition | Tues 28th Mar - Rags to Riches collection |
| Mon 20th Feb to Fri 24th Feb - Half Term Holiday | Thu 30th Mar - Easter Assembly 9:30am |
| | Fri 31st Mar - Last day for pupils |
| | Mon 3rd Apr to Fri 14th Apr - Easter Holiday |

Summer Term 2023 - Key Dates

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| Mon 17th Apr - Back to school | Mon 5th Jun - Back to school |
| Wed 19th Apr - Year 4 swimming all term | Fri 9th Jun - Reserve Sports Day |
| Mon 1st May - May Day (school closed) | Fri 16th Jun - School photos |
| Mon 15th May - Governors' Meeting | Sat 24th June - Summer Fayre |
| Fri 19th May - Sports Day 9:15am (Y4-6) & 1:30pm (Rec-Y3) | Fri 14th July - Hogroast |
| Fri 26th May - INSET Day | Mon 3rd Jul - Governors' AGM Meeting |
| Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd Jun - Half Term Holiday | Wed 5th Jul - Y5 Transition morning at Chepstow School |
| | Tues 11th Jul - Y6 Transition Day at Chepstow School |
| | Wed 12th Jul - Y6 Transition Day at Chepstow School |
| | Fri 21st Jul - Y6 Leavers assembly 9:30am |

Please note - 3 additional INSET Days will be added to the calendar later on in the year.

COMMUNITY CORNER



Shirenewton Dramatic and Operatic Society is wondering if anyone would like to be in this year's panto. This year we are staging "The Emperor's New Clothes" on Thursday 26th- Sat 28th January. We will be rehearsing on Tuesdays from 22nd November up at Earlswood Hall from 6:30 - 7:30 . If you fancy treading the boards - do get in touch!

Glynis MacDonald, 01291 641818 or glynis.macdonald@btinternet.com



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WELSH ATHLETICS
ATHLETAU CYMRU



**Trawsgwlad Ysgolion Cynradd De Cymru
Primary School Cross Country South Wales
19.11.2022**

Maes Sioe Fynwy - NP25 4LG

Monmouthshire Show Ground NP25 4LG

Categoriâu Cystadlu

Competition Categories

Merched Bl.3-4

Merched Bl.5-6

Bechgyn Bl.3-4

Bechgyn Bl.5-6



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Worrying about money?

You are not alone. Money worries are more common than most of us realise. It might be an unexpected drop in income, bills starting to pile up, or finding it harder to cover the basics - these issues can affect anyone.

Remember, there's more help available than you might think. There are people and organisations who can help with some of the most common financial problems. These might include:

- Checking to see if you're entitled to more money in benefits or small grants.
- Help with reducing essential costs and connecting with local support.
- Advice on managing debts and ways to reduce your repayments.
- Help getting back into work or into more secure employment.
- Support to help you stay in your home.

If you are struggling it is always better to seek help and advice sooner rather than later – but it is also never too late to ask for help. You may be surprised at how much can be done to help you get back on your feet.

We have a short guide to help you see the types of help and support that are available, with details of national organisations as well as local links and connections. Help may be available in places you might not expect.

Visit: monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/

If you're not sure where to start, places like Citizens Advice or your landlord (if you are a social housing tenant) are a great place to find all the help and support that is right for you.

You can also phone Monmouthshire County Council's contact centre or walk into any of the council's Community Hubs in Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow or Monmouth or Usk, where staff will be happy to have a conversation with you about some of the help you could access.



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monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters

In partnership with:

Abergavenny: 01873 856466

Caldicot: 01291 422119

Chepstow - 01291 622185

Monmouth - 01600 773297

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Coming to Chepstow soon.... ! BOOKING NOW....



GOLDSLOCKS

Sherman Theatre's specially created show for 3-7 year olds

brought to

The Drill Hall, Chepstow,

by MonLife Heritage Museums

Saturday 19 November 2pm

Places are limited so please book online to avoid disappointment www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

Elgan Rhys's new telling of the Goldilocks story is the perfect show to introduce children to the magic of theatre at Christmas...

Orangylocks, Purplylocks, Silverylocks, anything but Goldilocks!

Goldie is fed up of her Nain's rules.

The porridge is bland and everyone in the village must have yellow hair.

All Goldie wants is to live in a place where everyone can be themselves.

One day she sets out on an adventure to the edge of the village.

Who will she meet along the way? And can they help her change Nain's rules?

Sherman Theatre's show is a lovely heart-warming treat for young children.

Show length approx 1 hour

