

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 25th September 2020

This half term our value is "perseverance"



Dear Parent/Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni

What a wonderful full week we have had at Garnteg. Breakfast club has been really successful and the start and finish time have operated smoothly. Our children have worked successfully both inside and outside sharing learning experiences, a big thank you to all parents/carers for both supporting us and keeping safe and healthy. We have continued to put a few reminders on the newsletter for this week. For your convenience our newsletter will continue online via all previous communication channels, school website, twitter, class dojo.

Important Dates for your diary

Inset Days for this academic year 2020-2021

October 22nd & 23rd 2020

January 4th 2021

July 19th & 20th 2021

Flu Immunisation

All children have the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine at Garnteg School on October 5th. Information has been sent out to pupils and signed letters should be returned to school by Monday 28th September.

Nursery Admissions

Closing date for Nursery Admissions for September 2021 is Friday 2nd October

St Albans - Year 7 Admissions - September 2021

Applications are now open for Year 7 September 2021 and are available on St Albans School website. Any queries please contact the school on 01495 765800

Important information

Covid Symptoms

Would all parents/carers please be aware of the symptoms of Covid;

We ask all parents and carers to keep the school informed of any changes to your family's medical state. If someone in your household has a confirmed case and they may have been in contact with others in school, those in their class / group and whoever they may have come into contact with will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 10 days. The other household members of that class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member develops symptoms.

Children are not a major risk group of the COVID-19 disease and seem to play a less important role from the transmission point of view. The negative effects of not going to school must be weighed against the possible positive indirect effects it might have on the mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, measures can and are being put in place in schools to minimise the risks to children and adults.

Message to parents from Torfaen CBC

Please only apply for a Coronavirus test if you or your child has symptoms.

Demand is very high for the service at the moment and it is important that only those with symptoms of coronavirus turn up for a test.

- New continuous cough**
- High temperature**
- Loss of taste and/or smell**

Then to prevent spreading coronavirus in your community, it's vital you self-isolate until you receive your test results

Useful links for parents in identifying symptoms of Covid

<https://www.facebook.com/educationwales/videos/394609874843267/>

Torfaen CBC information for parents

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/AboutTheCouncil/HomepageStories/Coronavirus/Education/Return-to-School-FAQs.aspx>

Important - Cleanliness & Safety - Hands & Nails

In the interest of cleanliness and safety, would parents/carers please ensure that your child's nails are kept short and clean.

Pupil Absence

If your child is absent from school, please would parents/carers ensure they telephone the **school office** on 01495 742934 by 9.30am to advise us of the reason for the absence. Please leave a message on the answerphone if you are unable to speak to a member of the office staff.

Collection at the gates at the end of day - no early arrivals please

- **Can we remind parents that we cannot release children to parents waiting in cars as there is a lot of movement on the roundabout and children's safety is paramount.**
- **Also parents/carers need to ensure that when they can see their children with their teacher(s), they need to move forward into the coned square in front of the gates for staff to release the pupils. We cannot allow pupils to meet parents on the road/roundabout outside the school.**
- **Staggered activities including lunch and break times to reduce the number of people in shared spaces including around school **entrances** and **exits** have been put into place. Please be reminded to only pick up and drop off your children at the **specified times given not earlier** and a reminder that only **one parent** needs to bring children to school; **meeting other friends and family at the gates is not allowed** it is a drop off only for the safety of all the community.**
- **Once children have been collected please move from the gates so other families can collect in a safe manner. In order to adhere to social distancing measures.**

Nursery Pupils

Please would parents/carers ensure that morning nursery pupils are collected at the **end of the session at the bottom gate** and that afternoon nursery pupils are dropped off at the **start of the session at the bottom gate**.

At the start and the end of the day Nursery pupils with siblings can be dropped off and collected at either gate.

Breakfast Club

We will be offering Breakfast Club to registered children from **Monday 14th of September** at two staggered times of entry. Only children registered for Breakfast Club will be met by a member of staff at the drop-off zone at main gates of school.

- For registered children **only** whose current start times are either 8:40am or 8:50am then they will need to arrive for the **first sitting at 8.20am**. Pupils will not be given access to the first sitting after 8.30am.
- For registered children **only** whose current start times are either 9:00am or 9:10am then they will need to arrive for the **second sitting at 8.45am**. Pupils will not be given access to the first sitting after 8.55am.

Tuck for pupils

Pupils will need to bring in their **tuck** for playtimes until further notice. Please ensure **only fruit** is provided for tuck, as we are a healthy school.

School Lunch menu

The school lunch menu can be downloaded from the following website. **If you click on the daily meals you will see many responses stating why our School Council 2019-20 enjoyed those meals.**

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/Schoolcatering/School-Menus.aspx>

Our School Council also feature in the LACA catering magazine pages 13-16, representing Torfaen, well done to our School Council!

<https://secure.viewer.zmags.com/publication/d049e5af#/d049e5af/14>

Photos on Social Media Data Protection

Would parents/carers please be aware when posting photographs of your children on Social Media that the photograph does not include images of other children and adults who you do not have permission to upload.

Internet Safety

As our home learning tasks will be shared with you online this year, we ask parents to be vigilant about how their children are using our online platforms such as Hwb Classes and Teams etc. Please ensure that work that is being uploaded to these platforms is checked to ensure it is appropriate. We ask that pupils and parents follow the terms of our acceptable use agreements which can be found on the school website

<http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/garnteg-e-safety-documents/>

Free online safety courses for parents will be available soon from the following website

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training/search?search=&sort=new&cat=parent&type=course>

Car Seat Safety

Children up to the age of 12 should legally use a car seat or booster cushion; in the interest of safety, please ensure all children use a car seat or booster cushion when being transported to and from school.

Pupil of the Week (in class)

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery	Amalee and Georgia	Class 7- Mrs Lewis	Keryn
Class 1	William S	Class 8- Miss Paske	Isabelle
Class 2	Charlie	Class 9- Mrs Rogers	Seth
Class 3	Beau	Class 10- Mrs Messore	Ffion
Class 4	Ruan	Class 11- Miss Grimmas	Elisha
Class 5	Jack	Class 12- Miss Williams	Ella-Grace
Class 6	Cai	Class 13- Mrs Parker-Evans	Charley T
		Class 14- Mr Phillips	Logan Po

Nursery- Diolch yn fawr to those who brought in photographs of their family. The children have enjoyed discussing their photos and creating a family display board. Photographs can also be brought in next week if you would like to contribute to our class display. A reminder that all clothing and water bottles need to be clearly labelled with your child's name. Hwb login details have been given out this week. Please contact me on class dojo if you need another copy. Have a great weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn for another fantastic week of learning Reception! We have enjoyed making autumn pictures, writing instructions for soup and investigating plants this week. A reminder that all clothing needs to be clearly labelled and for each child to have a spare pair of clothes in their bags. If you haven't connected with us on Class Dojo we encourage you to do so as this will be an important form of communication. Home learning tasks will be sent out this week via Hwb classes, Class Dojo and our class Twitter pages, we can't wait to see what you share with us!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 3 and 4, another fantastic week in school. We have really enjoyed learning more about our topic 'On the move,' and reading our 'Magic Train Ride' story. Our weekly PE sessions will be held on a Thursday and children must wear comfy clothes such as joggers, t shirt hoodie and trainers on this day as we will not be changing for PE during school. Can we also remind you to bring a spare pair of clothes into school clearly labelled. Please ensure to connect with us on Class Dojo as this will be an important form of communication. Our home learning tasks will be uploaded to Hwb, Dojo and Twitter this week, so keep an eye out for those. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - We would like to say a great big thank you to the children in Dosbarth 5 and 6 for their continued hard work this week. We have had a lot of fun thinking about our topic 'Explorers of the Outdoors' and making rain sticks.

Please can we ask that all jumpers/cardigans are clearly labelled. Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit for snack each day, along with a drink.

Our homework logs have been uploaded to Hwb (please see your child's hwb email for information) alongside our spellings and 'My Maths' homework. These will also be uploaded to Dojo and Twitter.

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Da iawn Blwyddyn 3 for another fantastic week of learning on our topic 'Fly me to the Moon.' Just a reminder that our P.E sessions will be held on Monday and Wednesday-the children must wear joggers, t-shirt, hoodie and trainers on these days, as we will not be changing into PE kits in school. Also please remind the children to have a go at the My Maths activities that have been set. To encourage the children to practise their reading at home we would like them to read their favourite book to you or alternatively you can sign up to www.oxfordowl.co.uk and click on the link for Oxford reading tree books. There are also reading resources on The Literacy shed - <https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>.

Dosbarth 9 & 10 -Benedegedig Pawb for another fantastic week of learning on our topic 'Fly me to the Moon.' Just a reminder that our P.E sessions will be held on Wednesday and Friday-the children are invited to wear joggers/t-shirt/hoodie/jacket and trainers on these days. Also please remind the children to have a go at the My Maths activities that have been set. To encourage the children to practise their reading at home we would like them to read their favourite book to you or alternatively you can sign up to www.oxfordowl.co.uk and click on the link for Oxford reading tree books and the children will be able to access the reading level that they have been reading at school.

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Da iawn Dosbarth 11 & 12 for another amazing week, we are so proud of the attitude you are showing to your learning! A quick reminder that P.E days for Miss Grimas' class are Monday and Thursday and Miss Williams' class are Tuesday and Friday. Please have a look at the MyMaths tasks set for you this week and at your Hwb Classes for this weeks spellings and our Learning Log's. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - We are so proud of your fantastic work again this week boys and girls. You are continually 'climbing to sparkle' and impressing us. A reminder that P.E days will be a Monday and Thursday for our classes, you are able to wear suitable clothing on these days. Please take time over the weekend and coming week to look at mymaths and spelling (on hwb and dojo). Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg

