

GARNTTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter -16th October 2020

This half term our value is "**perseverance**"

Dear Parent/Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni

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

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - half term

Spooky Day

We are inviting the children to wear a spooky costume on Wednesday 21st as we end our very successful first half term at Garntteg. We look forward to seeing all the pupil's costumes! Pupils **cannot** bring in anything to hold, e.g. a witch's broom, as we continue to adhere to Covid-19 guidelines - costumes only. We are all looking forward to what will be a 'Spooktacular Day!'

Parents Autumn term reports and Targets 19-20th October opportunities for a meeting via teams at request

This term parent consultations will be taking place on Microsoft Teams at request. If a Teams meeting is requested after receiving your child's report, pupils will be allocated a time by invite on email. This invite will need to be accepted. Your child's target report will be sent to your child's Hwb email account today Friday 16th of October. The home school agreement will also be sent for you to sign electronically.

Community Support Officers visit

Community Support Officers (CSOs) 332 Back & 340 Davis attended the school last week with regards to concerns about dangerous parking during peak school times.

CSOs felt that the visit was successful. Many parents observed the parking requirements in the immediate area which had a positive impact on the safety of the children who attend the school. We ask that this positivity continues so that both children and residents remain safe.

Parents and children also actively engaged with us and provided a positive image of the school and wider community - we are looking forward to working with the school more when circumstances allow.

Please continue park safely and courteously - diolch yn fawr!

CSO 332 Back & CSO340 Davis

Emergency Contact Numbers

Please update the school office if you have changed your mobile number or if any of your child's emergency contact numbers have changed. This is **highly important** should we need to contact you in the event of an emergency, or your child becomes ill in school.

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.

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 are available from the National Online Safety website:

Ages 4-7 - <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/courses/online-safety-klass-for-parents-and-carers-ages-4-7>

Ages 7-11 - <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/courses/online-safety-klass-for-parents-and-carers-ages-7-11>

There are also many free guides available for parents/carers relating to online safety, including Top 10 Tips to Keep Your Child Safe Online

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/what-parents-need-to-know-about-online-content-10-tips-to-keep-your-children-safe-online>

More guides can be found here <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

If parents/pupils are experiencing problems accessing Hwb or Class Dojos can you please contact the school so we can support you with this.

Healthy snacks

We would like to remind parents and pupils that we are a healthy school and therefore, will be monitoring snacks that children bring in. Please refrain from giving your child large quantities of unhealthy food such as chocolate, biscuits and crisps. Fruit, vegetable bags, healthy cereal bars and low-sugar yoghurts are acceptable.

We would also like to remind parents and pupils about the importance of not sharing food in school, especially during these times where hygiene is paramount. Diolch yn fawr.

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>

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>

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.

Pupil of the Week (in class)

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	William and Alexis	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Maya
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Nael	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Joshua
Class 2 - Mr Key	Matilda	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Jacob
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Kaiden	Class 10 - Mrs Messoré	Riley P
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Llewellyn	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Mason
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Taylan	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Myleigh
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Darcy	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Jakey
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Livi-Mai

Nursery- Thank you nursery for sending in wonderful photographs of your home learning! Remember to tag us on twitter and to upload your photos to your child's J2E folder. A reminder that all children need a spare change of clothes kept on their pegs. We are so proud of your hard work this week. Diolch yn fawr Meithin!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Well done for another amazing week! Thank you so much to everyone that has sent in wonderful photos and videos of your home learning this week, we have loved seeing your hard work and talking to you about it in school! Please can the children bring one healthy snack each day, such as one piece of fruit or a yoghurt that they do not need a spoon to eat. Next week we are looking forward to a spooky afternoon on Wednesday, the children are welcome to dress up in suitable costumes if they wish.

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Da iawn Dosbarth 3 & 4 for another fantastic week. We have been super busy this week. Don't forget to keep up to date on Dojo and Twitter @missbones90 and @missbrooks95. We would like to say a huge thank you to all for the home learning pictures you have sent us this half term, we love seeing all of your home learning and have awarded Dojo's for each piece of work. To celebrate an amazing first half term, on the last day of school we will be having a spooky afternoon with lots of fun games, crafts and treats. Please let us know of any dietary requirements. Diolch.

Dosbarth 5 & 6

Thank you for another fantastic week! We have loved seeing your home learning! P.E will be every Thursday but it will currently be taking place outside, please can children dress appropriately. Just a gentle reminder, to please help your child learn their spellings for their test which will take place every Friday. Your child's spellings can be found on Hwb emails, they are sent every Friday to be practised at home. Also, when collecting your child at the end of the day, can we just remind parents that they need to be inside of the cones before we can release your child. Thanks once again. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 7 & 8

WOW! What another successful week in Year 3. We have been busy completing more tasks based on our Autumn Term topic 'Fly Me To The Moon.' Next week, the children are having a choice of what they would like to do on the last day of this half term, to celebrate their successful first half term in Year 3. The choices are:- a talent show, movie time or fun and games time. We would appreciate it if you could help your child choose their favourite choice. Have a wonderful weekend. A big diolch from Blwydden Tri staff. Keep climbing to Sparkle!

Dosbarth 9 & 10

Benededig pawb for another fantastic week of learning-we even had the exciting news of a reply from Tim Peake on Twitter. Please can we remind pupils to wear suitable footwear when we have our P.E days on Wednesday and Friday. Also please could you check your child's HWB emails for their Autumn Term reports. Have a lovely weekend and keep climbing to Sparkle!

Dosbarth 11 & 12

Da iawn for another successful week! You have all worked incredibly hard and we are so impressed with the homework that is being uploaded and completed; keep it up! A polite reminder to check MyMaths for new activities. Year 6 pupils will have a prospectus to look through at home this weekend. Autumn term reports will be sent to your child's hwb email account. Have a lovely weekend and keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 13 & 14

Another amazing week for classes 13 & 14, da iawn to you! Year 6 pupils will have prospectus' to look through with you at home this weekend. Please ensure also you check their hwb emails to see their reports for the Autumn term.

Kind regards,

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg