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Lythys - Newsletter - 6th November 2020

This half term our value is: Co-operation

Dear Parent/Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni

Welcome back after October half term. We hope that you had a lovely time with your families, and you all are continuing to stay well and to keep safe. It has been wonderful to have so many children return to school. We have already had a fabulous start to the half term celebrating the many achievements of children who have been working really hard either at school or at home.

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

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner in School

Inset Days for this academic year 2020-2021

January 4th 2021

July 19th & 20th 2021

Children in Need - 13.11.2020

Children in Need activities will take place within your child's class this year. We invite the children to wear non-uniform in a variety of colours!

There will be a bucket for children to toss their coins in as they enter the school in the morning. At the end of the school day, staff will be ready to collect any other donations during pick up times. Diolch.

Remembrance - 11.11.2020

At 11 o'clock, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, we will remember the British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in two world wars. We also remember the men and women in the armed forces who have given their lives in all the wars that have taken place since the ending of the Second World War. On this day each class will share in a pre-recorded service from Pastor Funnell and silently reflect on the sacrifices made. We will be thinking especially of many brave soldiers who are still striving for peace today.

Autumn Safety advice from our Police Liaison Officer

The latest COVID-19 regulations mean that we can't perform many of our traditional engagement activities as well as our School Liaison Officer assemblies entitled 'Operation BANG'.

We would like to invite children/parents to access the Gwent Police links below which has the official posters that may be downloaded along with an activity pack for the children to print and complete if they so wish.

<https://www.gwent.police.uk/en/newsroom/operations-campaigns/halloween-and-bonfire-night-2020/>

<https://www.gwent.police.uk/en/newsroom/resources-for-children/>

www.schoolbeat.org is another valuable police website where activities for Year 4 & 5 pupils and information for parents, regarding Anti-social behaviour and stranger danger can be found.

Important changes to NHS Services in Gwent

Please see below important information from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, who provide NHS healthcare services to our families.

When the new Grange University Hospital, in Cwmbran, opens on 17th November 2020, the way you access urgent healthcare will change - it is vitally important that you understand these changes for you and your family.

Please visit our website for full information about these changes

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/clinical-futures1>

A dedicated information leaflet on children and maternity services can be found at

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/files/clinical-futures/clinical-futures-information-leaflets/children-and-maternity-layout-1-pdf/>

Please also look out for a printed A5 booklet which will be posted to your home in the coming weeks.

Community Support Officers visit

Community Support Officers (CSOs) 332 Back & 340 Davis attended the school over the last few weeks 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>

Pupil of the week - in class

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Milly and Kainan	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Jacob
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Joseph	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Cody
Class 2 - Mr Key	Sienna	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Lowri
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Jasmine C	Class 10 - Mrs Messore	Jacob
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Freya	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Eva
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Amelia	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Taya
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Georgina	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Saskia
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Darcy

Nursery- Da iawn Meithrin for a fantastic start to the second half of this term! This week we have created Bonfire night themed artwork and practised mindful breathing techniques. A reminder that food brought in from home for snack time must be a healthy choice such as fruit or yoghurt. Please continue to use Hwb to access lots of resources to support your home learning. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Dosbarth 1 & 2 for a fantastic first week back after half term! We have had a wonderful week exploring fireworks and Bonfire Night. Thank you all so much for your amazing home learning, you all worked so hard over half term! Just a reminder that our home learning challenges

will continue for the rest of the term. Homework can be shared with us via Class Dojo, Hwb Classes or Twitter (be sure to tag us using @MrsKNgwenya or @MrEKey95)

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Da iawn Dosbarth 3 & 4 for a wonderful first week. We have really enjoyed making firework themed crafts this week, as well as learning about Diwali and creating our own diva lamps! Bendigedig! Thank you for all of the homework which has been sent in through Dojo and Hwb, we have uploaded new home learning tasks for the following half term. We love seeing all of your home learning photos so keep sending them in. Enjoy your weekend.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - What a fantastic first week we have had after half term! A big thank you for all the homework that was sent on dojo/Hwb from half term, the children looked like they had a fabulous week! Just a reminder that PE is every Thursday and children should have a hoodie/jumper as we will be completing PE activities outdoors, weather permitting. Please can all also children ensure they have a coat everyday. A new homework log has been uploaded to Hwb, dojo and twitter; this log will continue until the end of the term.

Dosbarth 7 & 8

Da iawn Blwydden 3 for a wonderful start to this second half term. Reminder that children can wear their PE kits to school on Monday's and Wednesday's. As it is getting colder, please remember to send your child in with a jumper/cardigan and a coat. We have loved all pieces of homework completed so far. Please continue to complete the homework tasks and send photos of the tasks to us. We are looking forward to seeing the final products. Have a wonderful weekend. Keep climbing to sparkle. Diolch Year 3 staff.

Dosbarth 9 & 10

Bendigedig pawb for a fantastic start to the start of the second half term. We are really impressed with your hard work. It has been wonderful to see your lovely homework that you have uploaded. There has been plenty of dojo points given. Now the weather is changing please can the children wear suitable clothing for our outdoor sessions on a Wednesday and Friday. We hope you have a lovely weekend and keep sending us your learning log tasks. Keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 11 & 12

Well done for a brilliant start to the second half term. Da iawn for all the wonderful homework being uploaded! We thoroughly enjoy seeing all the hard work being done at home. As the weather is getting colder, please can children wear suitable joggers and long sleeve hoodies or jumpers for PE. Have a wonderful weekend year 5/6 and keep climbing to sparkle! Diolch.

Dosbarth 13 & 14

We are really proud of both classes for the effort they have put into the virtual athletics competition this week! Next week we will continue to train, hopefully on the field- therefore children may wish to wear slightly older trainers on our usual P.E days (Monday and Thursday). Well done on a fantastic start to the half term year 5/6! And remember your coats next week.

Kind regards,

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School

