

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 13th November 2020

This half term our value is: Co-operation

Dear Parent/Carer,
Anwyl Rhieni

What another excellent week at Garnteg Primary for all classes and all pupils . Pupils have been continuing to engage in excellent learning which has included Remembrance activities and Children in Need activities this week a big thankyou to Pastor John who supported us in bringing the service into our school for all classes.All of the hard work by pupils is celebrated on Class Dojos, Hwb and Twitter, so please check these regularly so you can celebrate achievements with your children.

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

Christmas Parties - Pupils can wear party clothes

Monday 7th December

Morning - Year 3 - classes 7 & 8

Afternoon - Reception - classes 1 & 2

Tuesday 8th December

Morning - Year 2 - classes 5 & 6

Afternoon - Year 1 - classes 3 & 4

Wednesday 9th December

Morning - Nursery morning group

Afternoon - Nursery afternoon group

Thursday 10th December

Morning - Years 5 & 6 - classes 11 & 12

Afternoon - Year 4 - classes 9 & 10

Friday 11th December

Morning - Years 5 & 6 - classes 13 & 14

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner in School pupils may wear Christmas jumper or any of their own choice to celebrate

Santa has also informed us he will be making a special outside flying visit to Garnteg this year .

Inset Days for this academic year 2020-2021

January 4th 2021

July 19th & 20th 2021



Children in Need update - Thank you so much for your generosity.

Everyone made a huge effort today for our non-uniform fundraising day for 'Children in Need.' From wearing spots, ears and Pudsey t-shirts to storm troupers, football players and princesses, the children had great fun. Once all of the donations have been counted we will publish the total which will be sent to the BBC Children in Need appeal. Thank you to parents, children and staff from making the day such a success. We will update you next week on the final total raised by Garnteg.

Christmas Raffle

The staff have been busy this week asking local companies for donations to our annual Christmas Raffle and have already received many fantastic prizes. Next week we will be sending home raffle tickets with pupils in an envelope and we would really appreciate if you can buy and return raffle tickets and money in the envelopes we send home. If you require additional raffle tickets please let staff know by returning the slip in your envelope. Money raised from the raffle will be used to support Christmas activities in classes and support the homeless . We thank you for your continued support with this. We already have lots of lovely prizes including android devices toys games and many more!

Carols Under the Arch (on line)

Due to Covid restrictions, this year Carols Under the Arch led by Noddfa Church and Victory Church Blaenavon will take place on line on Sunday 20th December at 7:00. The service will also include contributions from pupils at Garnteg, with pupils playing instruments and solo singing. We will update you with further information in the forthcoming weeks.

Remembrance Assembly

We would like to say a big thank you to Pastor John from Noddfa Church for delivering an excellent on line assembly for Remembrance day on Wednesday. All of our pupils watched the assembly in their classes observed 2 minutes silence and took part in activities.

World Diabetes Day - Saturday 14th November

The NHS has asked for this message to be sent out to parents/carers as it is World Diabetes Day this weekend.

Undiagnosed Type 1 diabetes in children requires urgent medical attention.

If your child has ANY of the main symptoms of Type 1 diabetes please make an urgent GP appointment or contact the Out of Hours service. The main symptoms are known as the 4 Ts - Thirst, Toilet, Tiredness, Thinner. If you notice your child is thirsty or using the toilet more frequently, is always feeling tired, or has lost weight recently, seek immediate medical advice.

NHS services are very well equipped to look after children safely if they are unwell. Please do not delay seeking medical advice because of Covid-19.

There is more information available here:

https://www.diabetes.org.uk/in_your_area/wales/campaigning/know-type-1---wales

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.

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>

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.

Pupil of the week - in class

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Mason and Kenadee	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Leo
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Alara	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Shannon
Class 2 - Mr Key	Oliver	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Charlie
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Lavanah	Class 10 - Mrs Messoro	Summer
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Leo	Class 11 - Miss Grimmas	Ethan
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Seren	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Cian
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Amelia	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Finley
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Jacob G

Nursery- Da iawn Meithrin for a fantastic week of learning! Please continue to upload your homework to your J2e folder or tag me on twitter. A reminder that children need to have all belongings labelled and healthy snack only please. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Dosbarth 1 & 2 for another fantastic week of wonderful learning! We have completed lots of activities for Remembrance Day, including making natural wreaths and making our own poppies. It has been lovely to see so many brilliant home learning activities, please continue to upload them to Class Dojos, Hwb Classes or share with us on Twitter.

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Bendedegid for another fantastic week of learning! We have had such a busy week with Remembrance Day and Children in Need this week. Thank you everyone for your monetary donations and the

clothing for children in need. We had a fantastic day and the children loved baking, playing games and learning all about why we support children in need every year. The new homework is uploaded onto HWB and spellings and big maths are added each week ready for Friday.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Another great week in Dosbarth 5&6! 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. Many thanks to those who have already sent pictures of fantastic homework being completed!

Dosbarth 7 & 8

Da iawn for another successful week of wonderful learning. We have been busy creating our own versions of In Flanders Field and busy creating our very own Remembrance silhouette artwork. We have loved seeing all homework being done at home too. So, please continue to send us photos and emails of this work so we can share it with the rest of the school. Diolch. Have a wonderful weekend.

Dosbarth 9 & 10

Another fantastic week in Year 4! The work that has been produced has been amazing. The Remembrance poems and artwork were wonderful and we all very much enjoyed the assembly with Pastor John. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe everyone.

Dosbarth 11 & 12

A big da iawn to all of Dosbarth 11 and 12 for another fantastic week! You have worked super hard this week and created some beautiful work for remembrance! We are so proud of how respectful you were during our remembrance service this week and how you have contributed to today's children in need total. Remember to keep uploading your homework to all of our different learning platforms, we love seeing what you create! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 13 & 14

A huge well done and Thank you for the respect and citizenship you have shown this week year 5/6, for both remembrance and children in need. You have made us all so proud! Please remember a spare pair of shoes on PE days as we don't want you having wet feet for a whole day following our lessons. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

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