

GARNTTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

This half term our value is: Co-operation

Dear Parent/Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni

It is starting to feel like Christmas at Garntteg. 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.

Important Dates for your diary



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December is Elf day for Alzheimers

Elf Day is all about dressing up to raise money for people affected by dementia. There will be buckets at the gates both morning and afternoon if you wish to donate any pennies!

### Festive/Sparkle/ Non-Uniform Days

Every Thursday and Friday until the end of term children can wear their normal clothes, their Christmas Jumpers, or sparkle outfits!!

### Christmas Parties - Pupils can wear party clothes

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Morning - Year 3 - classes 7 & 8

Afternoon - Reception - classes 1 & 2



#### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Morning - Year 1/2 - classes 5 & 6

Afternoon - Year 1 - classes 3 & 4

#### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - change of date!!**

Morning - Nursery morning group

Afternoon - Nursery afternoon group

#### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Morning - Years 5 & 6 - classes 11 & 12

Afternoon - Year 4 - classes 9 & 10

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Morning - Years 5 & 6 - classes 13 & 14

### CHANGE OF DATE FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas Dinner will now take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - pupils may wear Christmas jumper or any of their own choice to celebrate - Please would parents contact school via class dojo by 1<sup>st</sup> December if your child will be having Christmas Dinner

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 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

## Important New Guidance from Welsh Government on the use of face coverings in schools

Dear Parents,  
Wearing of face coverings (primary)

The Welsh Government has updated its guidance on the use of face coverings in schools. To reduce the risk of transmission amongst parents and relatives, please wear masks when visiting school, and at drop-off and collection areas. Maintaining clear social distance at the school gates will also reduce risk and set a good example to pupils. If you have a secondary school aged child, be aware that face coverings should now be worn by year 7 and above pupils in all areas outside the classroom and be worn on dedicated school transport for year 7 and up. Please follow these guidelines and encourage your child to follow theirs too. Along with regular hand washing/sanitising and social distancing, this will reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 at school as far as possible. They have been made stronger to keep you and your families as safe as possible. They are based on new advice from Welsh Government's Technical Advisory Group, as we learn more about the way COVID-19 is transmitted. Thank you for your help in doing all we can - together - to keep ourselves and others safe.

## Christmas Raffle Reminder tickets on sale now don't forget to ask for extra tickets

The staff have been busy this week asking local companies for donations to our annual Christmas Raffle and have already received many fantastic prizes. You should have received raffle tickets which have been sent home 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Important updates Garnteg Covid response

Please can parents/carers check for updates and letters which have been sent this week on Class Dojos and pupils' Hwb accounts.

There are also updates and letters to parents on our school website this week:

<http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/>

## 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>

## Please Support the Welsh Blood Service



Please help the Welsh Blood Service by donating blood if you can

The link to the Torfaen page on our website is <https://wbs.wales/YCCwmbran> No walk-in slots are available, all donors will need to book an appointment.

Only 3% of the population in Wales donate blood, so new donors are always needed.

We so appreciate your help

## Meic Helpline



## Home - Meic

Welcome to Meic. Meic is the helpline service for children and young people up to the age of 25 in Wales. From finding out what's going on in your local area to help dealing with a tricky situation, Meic will listen even when no-one else will.

[www.meiccymru.org](http://www.meiccymru.org)

My Name is Dean Flowers I am the Engagement Support Officer at ProMo- Cymru.

This is a Project funded by Welsh Government for Children and Young People in Wales.

At ProMo-Cymru we run the Meic Helpline, Meic is the National Information, advice and advocacy helpline for Children and Young People aged 0-Up to and including the Age of 25,

<https://www.meiccymru.org/>

## Late Arrivals

Please ensure pupils arrive before 9.30am, we are sorry, but we are unable to accept pupils into school after the gates close.

## 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.

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	Joseph & Freya-Mae	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Emily
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Chianne	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Poppy
Class 2 - Mr Key	Emma	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Theo
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Sienna	Class 10 - Mrs Messore	Indie
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Oscar	Class 11 - Miss Grimmas	Alexis
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Caian	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Jack
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Hayden	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Luca
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Logan P

**Nursery-** In Meithrin this week we have started creating our Christmas cards and tree decorations. Our class Christmas party is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Every Thursday and Friday until the end of term the children can wear a Christmas jumper or something sparkly. Please continue to post your child's home learning activities on Class Dojo or J2E, we love seeing their pictures and videos. A reminder that at snack time children should be bringing in healthy tuck such as a piece of fruit. Enjoy your weekend!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Another successful week in Dosbarth 1&2, da iawn blant! You have been working so hard recognising coins and learning about the Nativity story! Remember to continue your home learning log and share your amazing work with us on Dojos, Twitter and Hwb. If you would like your child to have Christmas dinner on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December please let us know by messaging us on Class dojo. If you have not already responded to our online home school agreement please see the link sent through class dojo. Thank you, have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - It has been another busy week in Dosbarth 3 & 4 and you have all worked so hard, we are so proud of you. Don't forget to request Christmas dinner by letting us know through Class Dojo. Thank you for continuing with our home learning challenges and helping your children learn their spellings, don't forget to send us your photos so we can update Dojos for work completed at home. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - What another amazing week we have had, we are so proud of you all! Christmas Dinner is now on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, please remember to send a message via class dojo or hwb if your child would like a Christmas Dinner, this needs to be done by the 1<sup>st</sup> December. We will also be having an Elf day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December where we will be busy working in Santa's workshop and enjoying some festive treats! Children

are welcome to come to school on that day in an Elf costume / Christmas clothes. Please can we remind parents that children need to bring healthy tuck for snack time, this should be fruit.

### **Dosbarth 7 & 8**

Da iawn for another brilliant week. We are so proud of all the work that you are completing in the class and at home. Christmas Dinner is now on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, please remember to send a message via class dojo if your child would like a Christmas Dinner. Year 3 staff are setting up Bug Club, a reading scheme that you can access. details for this will be put onto Class Dojo. Have a lovely weekend.

### **Dosbarth 9 & 10**

Another fantastic week of learning in year 4 again-you make us so proud to be your teachers. Remember to request a Christmas dinner for your child on class dojo. Also please could the children wear a Christmas jumper or top on WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Well done to all of the children who have accessed the new bug club for extra reading at home.- extra dojo points. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

### **Dosbarth 11 & 12**

Da iawn on another amazing week Year 5/6! You have worked super hard on your STEM projects this week and have shown what amazing project managers you all are! Please remember to request a Christmas dinner for your child using Class Dojo, have a lovely weekend everyone!

### **Dosbarth 13 & 14**

We cannot thank you enough for your ongoing hard work over the past week year 5/6. You have continued to show dedication and perseverance! There has been some wonderful work produced online and in the work packs. You all deserve a well-earned rest this weekend. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday in the classrooms ready to start our Christmas cheer.

**Kind regards,**

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