

GARNTTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 4th December 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

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

Party Food boxes will be supplied free of charge to all pupils for their party dinner so no need to send in any packed lunch on your child's party day.

Monday 7th December

Morning - Year 3 - classes 7 & 8

Afternoon - Reception - classes 1 & 2

Tuesday 8th December

Morning - Year 1/2 - classes 5 & 6

Afternoon - Year 1 - classes 3 & 4

Friday 4th December - change of date!!

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

CHANGE OF DATE FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

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

Mrs Christmas has also informed us she 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

Admission to Reception Class - September 2021

For parents/carers not applying online - Paper copies must be returned to school with birth certificated and Council Tax Statement to verify date of birth and home address

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.

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!

Christmas Videos for Parents / Guardians

Classes are preparing festive videos to share with you in replacement of Christmas concerts this year. These will be shared with parents on Wednesday 16th via YouTube links on Class Dojos and Twitter.

Carols Under the Arch (online)

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.

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.

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>

Mobile Testing Units

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board is extending the opening of its mobile COVID-19 testing units in Torfaen, and is moving between differing locations in Cwmbran and Pontypool over the next week.

The two mobile testing units will provide a walk up testing service to residents of the borough.

If you have symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) - a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste and/or smell, please call 0300 30 31 222 to book a quick, safe test. Remember these symptoms can be very mild.

Schedule below:

TORFAEN MTU 1 - PONTYPOOL

Day:	Date:	AM Location 09:00-12:30	PM Location 13:30-16:00
Thursday	03-Dec	Old Mill Carpark - -NP4 8AT	Car Park, Estate Road, Pontnewynydd NP4 6YW
Friday	04-Dec	Old Mill Carpark - -NP4 8AT	Car Park, Estate Road, Pontnewynydd NP4 6YW
Saturday	05-Dec	Old Mill Carpark - -NP4 8AT	Car Park, Estate Road, Pontnewynydd NP4 6YW
Sunday	06-Dec	Old Mill Carpark - -NP4 8AT	Panteg Park/Fishponds Park, Cwrddy Road, Griffithstown NP4 5LX
Monday	07-Dec	Old Mill Carpark - -NP4 8AT	Panteg Park/Fishponds Park, Cwrddy Road, Griffithstown NP4 5LX
Tuesday	08-Dec	Old Mill Carpark - -NP4 8AT	Cwmynyscoy Road, NP4 5SP

TORFAEN MTU 2 - CWMBRAN

Day:	Date:	AM Location 09:00-12:30	PM Location 13:30-16:00
Friday	04-Dec	Oasis Car Park - NP44 2JJ	Victoria Street Car Park NP44 3JS
Saturday	05-Dec	Oasis Car Park - NP44 2JJ	Victoria Street Car Park NP44 3JS
Sunday	06-Dec	Oasis Car Park - NP44 2JJ	Victoria Street Car Park NP44 3JS
Monday	07-Dec	Oasis Car Park - NP44 2JJ	Car Park rear of the Oakfield Pub, Croesywen, Oakfield NP443DY
Tuesday	08-Dec	Oasis Car Park - NP44 2JJ	Car Park rear of the Oakfield Pub, Croesywen, Oakfield NP443DY

- The test is done in 5 minutes
- Only for residents of Torfaen. Bring ID and proof of address.
- Please wear a face covering on the way to and from your test
- Please do not use public transport
- Do not visit any shops or other places on the way to or from your test
- Please remember, if you have symptoms of Coronavirus, you and your whole household must self-isolate at home until you receive your test results.
- There are stringent measures in place to protect both you and our staff at the testing site.

Communities for Work

The Communities for Work and Communities for Work Plus projects are here to support you back into employment through access to and support with job opportunities, training, interview and CV support and breaking down barriers such as transport or childcare.

For more information, like our page on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @cfwplustorfaen or contact 01495 742131 or 01633 648312. Visit our website: www.cfwplustorfaen.co.uk

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

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/>

BookSlam / Darllen Dros Gymru Reading Challenge

BookSlam / Darllen Dros Gymru are well-established annual reading competitions aimed at the primary school sector in Wales and co-ordinated by us, with the support of a network of regional co-ordinators, local authority library services and Education Department officers.

The main aim of the challenge is to promote reading for pleasure in Welsh and English and to encourage children to discuss books and stories, thus raising levels of literacy. Feedback received from past participants clearly shows that the BookSlam / Darllen Dros Gymru:

- contributes to developing positive long-term attitudes towards reading
- supports the development of emotional literacy
- aligns with the requirements of the Welsh-language Charter and the new Curriculum for Wales

Here's a short video to explain: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QNJ9zAlo3M&list=PL-zsya-jaQxtcHNJhoSOULpysuMHrKysd>

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 & Frankie	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Bradley
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Jaxon	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Samuel
Class 2 - Mr Key	Talia	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Ashlee
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Tomos	Class 10 - Mrs Messoro	Riley S
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Jaydee-Leigh	Class 11 - Miss Grimmas	Iona
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Faye	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Tia
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Danny	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Leonard
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Bradley

Nursery- Diolch yn fawr for uploading and tweeting your learning log homework. We love seeing your learning from home! A reminder that the office needs to be informed if your child absent. If your child is wearing wellies to school please ensure they have school shoes ready to change into for class. The children tend to be slipping and falling wearing wellies. Diolch! Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Reception for another amazing week and fantastic elf day! You have been so busy learning about the Christmas story this week! Our class party will be on Monday 7th in the afternoon. Children can wear Christmas jumpers/costumes or party clothes for this. Party box lunches will be provided for all children in the class, so the children do not need to bring dinner but you are welcome to send your own packed lunches if you wish. Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 9th December. If you have not requested a dinner please can your child bring in their usual packed lunch on this day. Diolch!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - A big Da Iawn to all the children this week! They are really excited by the arrival of their class elves and took a vote to name them! They have taken part in wonderful penguin investigations in class this week and I'm sure they would be super excited to share some facts they have learnt along the way! Diolch for children completing their homework, we have seen some excellent work and are so impressed by your efforts! Pe day is Thursdays but we do understand that children want to wear their party clothes too and this is okay for December. Next week we have party day on Tuesday, children can wear their party clothes and Christmas Dinner on Wednesday where again they can wear a Christmas jumper to celebrate. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Thank you for uploading and tweeting the children's learning log homework. We love seeing your learning from home! Please could you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day and has school shoes ready to change into for class if they are wearing wellies. Our class parties will take place Tuesday 8th and the children will have a lunch provided for them on this day. A quick reminder that snack brought to school should be fruit and a healthy drink, preferably water.

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - A huge bendigedig to all the children for their hard work this week, we have been super busy in class completing all our tasks! We were very excited to welcome our class elves back this week, we have voted on their names and are so excited to find out what they'll get up to! Diolch yn fawr for continuing to send and upload your learning log tasks, we are loving seeing all your creative pieces! P.E next week will just be on Wednesday, as our Christmas party is on Monday! Children can wear their party clothes to school to celebrate. Have a lovely weekend! 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Bendegedig for another fantastic week-you have all worked so hard. Our party is on Thursday 10th December and all children will be provided with a party food box for dinner that day, so they do not need to bring in food on that day. They can also wear party clothes on this day. Just a reminder that the children need to wear an appropriate coat as the weather changes constantly throughout the day. We can't wait to begin our Christmas celebration next week, we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Da iawn for another fantastic week Dosbarth 11 and 12! You have all worked so hard to complete your STEM projects and have shown great creative skills. Please could you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day and appropriate P.E kits suitable for the colder weather, also, a polite reminder for children to bring healthy snack to school. Our class parties will take place on Thursday (10th) so

lunch will be provided for you on that day and school Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday. We can't wait to take part in the Christmas celebrations next week, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 13 & 14

We are so pleased to be back in school and celebrating your incredible work! Well done for an amazing return, your behaviour has been tremendous! Our class parties will take place on Friday (11th) so lunch will be provided for you on that day. We look forward to sharing Christmas dinner with you on Wednesday too, remember to dress in your festive best

Kind regards,

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