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Lythys - Newsletter - 15th January 2021

This half term our value is: Hope

Important Dates for your diary

February Half-term - Monday 21st Feb - Friday 25th Feb

Easter Holidays - Friday 8th April - Monday 25th April

Spring Half-term - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Inset Days - Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July

Dear Parent/Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni

It has been wonderful seeing so many pupils online this week and receiving all the fabulous work which has been shared on Twitter, Class Dojo and Hwb.

Online Learning

Every class is having 2 check in sessions on Teams, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and having live lessons each day. It is important for all learners to engage in daily learning and we are grateful for your continued support with ensuring your children are attending lessons/sessions on Teams. We are keeping a register of pupils who are engaging with online learning, so if parents/pupils are experiencing problems accessing Hwb or Class Dojos or are having difficulties in accessing digital equipment/wifi please can you contact the school so we can support you with this.

Welsh Government Announcements

Welsh Government have announced that schools in Wales will continue to remain closed until at least 28th January 2021. Daily online learning with staff will continue until this date. More information can be accessed through the following link:

[Kirsty Williams on Twitter: "An important update on education ahead of @Fmwales' press conference today. Please watch and share to keep others informed. Diolch yn fawr. https://t.co/II26QA07zu" / Twitter](#)

Useful links TCBC:

Coronavirus information is also provided on Torfaen website using the following link:

[Coronavirus Updates - Education and Learning | Torfaen County Borough Council](#)

If your child has been asked to self-isolate and you have been financially impacted as a result of having to look after them, you may also be entitled to financial support.

[Self Isolation Payment \(for Parents/Carers\)](#)

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.

Useful links for parents in identifying symptoms of Covid and isolation

<https://www.facebook.com/educationwales/videos/394609874843267/>

[Self-isolation: stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus | GOV.WALES](#)

Barnados See Hear and Respond Partnership

The See Hear and Respond partnership is a new service funded by the Department for Education. The partnership will help and support children, young people and families who are struggling to cope with the impacts of the Covid-19 crisis.

You will find more information on the website -

<https://www.barnados.org.uk/see-hear-respond>

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

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/>

Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	George	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Ollie/Isabella
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Nael	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Grace
Class 2 - Mr Key	Isla	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Mya/Florence
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Callie	Class 10 - Mrs Messore	Tulisa
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Elsie Rae	Class 11 - Miss Grimmas	Lucie B
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Evie/Charlie	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Caden
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Eli	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Lily
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Daniel

Nursery- Diolch yn fawr Meithrin for your fantastic efforts with home learning this week. We have all really enjoyed seeing you online and look forward to our daily sessions. Please continue uploading your pictures and videos of home learning to Twitter, Class Dojo or your J2E folders. We are especially excited for next week's pet show and tell sessions. Take care and enjoy your weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendigedig Class 1+2! We are so proud of you all for your fantastic online learning again this week! We love seeing you on Teams and the lovely work that you have completed. We will continue to have lesson and check in calls at 9.30, 11.30 and 3pm each day with a recorded lesson

released at 1.30pm. Remember, you do not have to have your camera and microphone on if you would like to watch the teams calls and we would love to see as many of you there as possible! Your teachers are here for you if you have any questions or queries about our online learning so please get in touch! Have a lovely weekend and we will post our next challenge on Monday morning! See you there!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - A fantastic achievement! A huge effort has been put in by you all this week and we could not be any prouder! You have blown us away with not only your teams' sessions this week but your home learning too! Just to remind you we have two teams' sessions every day, Literacy at 10.30am and Maths session at 1pm. We also have an afternoon check in session at 2.15pm. Working packs for next week have been sent out with all the details and lessons ready for next week's learning too and uploaded to class dojo and Hwb Files.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Another big da iawn to the children in Dosbarth 5&6. They are working so hard with our blended learning and we are all very proud of them. Just a reminder that there is a new RWI session at 9.30 everyday and a live check in and lesson every morning. There is also a topic live lesson following our afternoon check in each day. Please keep your eye on the daily timetable uploaded to twitter and class dojo each day.

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - WOW! What another fantastic week of blended learning. Lots of children have been accessing our Team Chats. They have also engaged amazingly well with tasks set. We love to see you all on our Team chats and love seeing you share your work and answers. All of Year 3 staff wish you a happy and safe weekend. We will see you all next week. Ardderchog pawb 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Bendigedig Pawb for another fantastic week of blended learning. The work that you have produced has been imaginative and well presented. All the year 4 staff are enjoying the Teams meetings and live lessons with you especially as you are all taking part and offering fantastic answers and ideas. We love seeing your completed work on class dojo and HWB so remember to keep adding them. Please keep safe and enjoy your weekend.

Dosbarth 11 & 12 -

We've had an incredible week of online learning; we are so proud of the attendance, commitment and hard work from all of you. We are enjoying our new topic called 'Astonishing Attenborough' and looking forward to another week of interesting lessons and challenges. Well done for all the work that you have been submitting so far via Hwb and Dojo! Remember to check Dojo and twitter for information on live lessons and tasks. Have a wonderful, safe weekend!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 Another incredible week for year 5/6. You have worked your socks off and the level of the work you are producing is amazing! We are thoroughly enjoying sharing our learning on teams calls and cannot wait to see you all at 9am Monday morning. (9.15am for Mr Phillips' class) Please keep an eye on dojo, twitter and hwb for all your tasks and challenges. Stay safe and have a wonderful weekend



Kind regards,

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