

GARNTTEG PRIMARY



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### Lythys - Newsletter - 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

This half term our value is: Hope

#### Important Dates for your diary - new dates

February Half-term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Easter Holidays - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Spring Half-term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Inset Days - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Parent/Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni

Thankyou once again for all the super work which pupils have completed on Class dojos, Hwb and during daily live lessons and check in sessions on Teams this week. We are so proud of you all. Parents/carers you are all doing a great job among some of the most challenging times thank you!

#### Welsh Government Announcement

Welsh Government have announced that schools in Wales will open for pupils in the Primary Phase after half term on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The Local Authority will provide us with further details regarding the re-opening of schools early next week. We will inform parents as soon as we have these details. More information can be accessed through the following link:

[Kirsty Williams on Twitter:@wgmin-education](https://twitter.com/wgmin-education) "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](#)

### Online Learning

Just a reminder that 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. All classes daily timetables can be accessed on Twitter, Class Dojo and Hwb before 9:00.

Pupils can access online learning using all digital devices including mobile phones, x boxes, laptops, ipads and tablets.

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.

### 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)

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.

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](#)

### Links to community based foodbanks:

- Garnsychan Partnership - 01495 774453
- Noddfa Church Abersychan - to receive a food parcel, please call Pastor John Funnel on 01495 448902 or contact Facebook page
- Panteg House Employees' Club are distributing food packages across Torfaen, please call 01495 763605.
- [Eastern Valley Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

## Just one week until Safer Internet Day on 9 February.

### Support us on social media

Share the message and find out what other organisations in Wales are doing with the hashtags #SIDCymru and #aninternetwetrust. You can also join the global conversation with the hashtag #SaferInternetDay.

### Barnados See Hear and Respond Partnership

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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.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond>

### Hwb



For any pupils using hwb but struggling to access office 365, please log in to hwb, on menu select office 365. On the right hand corner there is a button to 'instal office' onto your device.

### 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)

### Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Skylar	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Jacob & Kyron
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Edward	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Charlie & Halle
Class 2 - Mr Key	Jake	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Jessica
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Myles	Class 10 - Mrs Messore	Louis
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Isaac	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Iona
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Caian & Harriet	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Abi
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Willow	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Liam

		<b>Class 14 - Mr Phillips</b>	Adam F
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**Nursery**-Meithrin have really impressed us this week with their hard work and creativity. Ardderchog Meithrin! We have enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year and the teachers have loved seeing all of your photographs and videos. The nursery staff would like to say a very big thank you for your participation with TEAMS and for sending in daily photographs of home learning. Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Bendigedig Dosbarth Un & Dau! You have had another fabulous week with lots of lovely learning going on and loads of dojo points awarded! Just a reminder that we will now be releasing a weekly overview of the tasks prior to the start of each week to help with planning out of your weeks. Each day there will continue to be more information and resources as well as live and recorded lessons for each task so make sure to check in every day!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - What another fantastic week you have had! We are impressed with your efforts again this week Dosbarth 3 and 4. Your big write has been brilliant to see, and we thank you for your patience in this big write over the last week! Please keep an eye on our twitter, class dojo and Hwb pages for daily session information. Next week learning packs have been sent ready for our last week of home learning. Have a lovely weekend :)

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - Blwyddyn Dau have had a fantastic week this week. A big thank you to all parents/carers and children for participating in our bake off yesterday, we are all star bakers now! You are all working so hard with your blended learning and we are very proud of all of you. Just a reminder that there is a new RWI session at 9.30 every day. Please keep an eye on the daily timetable uploaded to twitter and class dojo each day. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to next week's tasks 😊

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - Blwyddyn Tri have had another successful week of blended learning. Each day you have been climbing to sparkle when completing the tasks set. We have loved taking part in Children's Mental Health Week, through completing tasks based around 'Express Yourself' and seeing you express yourselves in so many different and creative ways! Da iawn Dosbarth 7 & 8. We are looking forward to what next week will bring. Bendigedig 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - Ardderchog Blwyddyn Pedwar for a super week of blended learning-you have all completed some lovely work. You are finding fun and exciting ways of presenting your work. We would like to say a big thank you to you and your parents/carers for your interaction on TEAMS and sending your work in to class dojo and HWB. We always enjoy looking at it during the day. We can't wait to see you all next week for another week of fun filled activities. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

#### **Dosbarth 11 & 12** -

Da iawn dosbarth 11&12 for another fantastic week of blended learning. We have really enjoyed sharing our thoughts and feelings on children's mental health week and being part of the activities. Remember to keep uploading your work via Dojo and Hwb so we can see your brilliant efforts! Have a great weekend and stay safe. See you Monday!

#### **Dosbarth 13 & 14**

Bendigedig Dosbarth 13 a 14 for another lovely week of blended learning. We continue to be so proud of the work you are completing and working together online. We have really enjoyed finding out about your talents during our mindfulness week too. Keep sending your work into school using Hwb and Class dojo as we look forward to reading it every single day. Have a relaxing weekend and we will see you back online on Monday. Diolch yn fawr.

**Kind regards,**

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