

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 12th February 2021

This half term our value is: Hope

Important Dates for your diary - new dates

February Half-term - Monday 15th Feb - Friday 19th Feb

Easter Holidays - Friday 26th March - Monday 12th April

Spring Half-term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Inset Days - Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July

Dear Parent/Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni

Well done for another great week of excellent online learning. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support this half term. We are so proud of the whole school community. We hope you all stay safe and enjoy your well-deserved half term break.

PHASED RETURN TO SCHOOL - CHILDREN IN NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2

As you will be aware the Minister for Education announced that schools will be reopening to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 after half term. Welsh Government issued updated operational guidance for schools earlier this week, which we have reviewed and discussed with our LA and governing body.

As we all know, we are very much still in the middle of the Coronavirus pandemic and additional measures have now been included in our school plan. These include regular testing of school staff and the requirement for all staff to wear face masks in school, including in classrooms.

Wearing a mask is now a requirement for primary school staff in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained. Parents are also required to bring pupils (one adult only) and to wear a mask when dropping off and picking up from schools to reduce community transmission.

More information can be found on Torfaen website link below:

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

The table below highlights the plan for the Week beginning 22.02.21.

Please note all Foundation Phase pupils start on **Thursday 25th February**.

Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who have been attending will continue with face-to-face learning in school.

<u>Week1</u> <u>Spring term 2:2</u> <u>Week 1</u> <u>22.02.21</u>	<u>Areas of return</u>	
	<u>Foundation Phase</u>	
	<u>Key Stage 2 - For vulnerable & critical care workers</u>	
Monday 22	FP and KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	Phased return
Tuesday 23	FP and KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	Phased return
Wednesday 24	FP and KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	Phased return
Thursday 25	KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	All Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 full return
Friday 26	KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	All Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2 full return

Nursery Pupils - Important message

The school will need to move to full days for pupils so that the class bubbles can be maintained during the school day.

Week 1 - 22nd February

Thursday 25th All morning Nursery in from 9am to 2 pm, please bring a packed lunch for your child

Friday 26th All afternoon nursery in from 9am until 2pm please bring a packed lunch with you.

Week 2 - March 1st

Morning Nursery - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-2pm

Afternoon Nursery - Thursday & Friday 9am-2pm

Week 3 - March 8th

All Rising 3's start week commencing March 8th 2021

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.

Online Learning for Key Stage 2

As more pupils will return to classrooms, every school is reviewing their support for on-line learning for pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 as many more staff will now be in school supporting face to face learning and bubbles will now be smaller. This will mean some changes are likely to be made to the blended learning offer - You may see a linked teacher with your child on-line or set tasks on some days.

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 'install office' onto your device.

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 \(for Parents/Carers\)](#)

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](#)

Barnados See Hear and Respond Partnership

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.

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>

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.meiccyrmru.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	Harry	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Bradley & Harley-Mae
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Gracie-May	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Isabelle & Zac
Class 2 - Mr Key	Oliver & Jacob C	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Tillie-Mae & Jonah
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Myles	Class 10 - Mrs Messoro	Lexi
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Savannah	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Eithian & Kayla
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Jamie and Zac	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Madison
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Seren & Sienna G	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Alaina
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Mason R

Nursery- Diolch yn fawr Meithrin for a fantastic week! I can see you have all been hard at work cooking up a storm in the kitchen, creating Chinese New Year decorations and the videos of your RWI sessions at home have made us all super proud. We look forward to seeing your Eisteddfod competition entries over half term. Further details can be found on class Dojo and our Hwb class page. Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe and have a lovely half term!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Arddechog Dosbarth Un a Dau for another amazing week! We are so proud of your fantastic efforts, you have all worked so hard with your blended learning. Look out for tasks to be completed over half term, these will form part of your Eisteddfod competition entries. Have a lovely half term and thank you so much for your continued support. Keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Bendigedig Dosbarth Tri a Pedwar for another amazing week! You have blown us away with your dedication to home learning this half term. Eisteddfod tasks have been sent out, please can these be completed as they will form part of our Eisteddfod competition this year. We hope you have a lovely half term break. Stay safe and keep climbing to sparkle.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Blwyddyn Un a Dau have had a fantastic week this week. You are all working so hard with your blended learning and we are very proud of all of you. Please keep an eye on twitter and Dojo for information about half term tasks, these will form part of the Dosbarth 5 and 6 Eisteddfod competition! Many thanks for your continued support with accessing my maths and bug club online reading. Have a lovely half term, stay safe and keep shining like the superstars you all are.

Dosbarth 7 & 8 -

Bendegedig Blwydden tri. We have had another successful week of blended learning. We have all been working hard with planning writing and up levelling our own Legend stories. Also, it has been lovely to see lots of children engaging with Bug Club Reading and My Maths online. We will set a small task over half term for you to complete. This will be uploaded onto Hwb and Class Dojo. We hope you have a wonderful half term break. Keep safe and keep climbing to sparkle. 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10

Da iawn Blwydden pedwar. It has been another amazing week of blended learning. It is so lovely to see so many of you on Teams. You have all worked so hard this week, writing the Welsh Legend of Gelert and some of you have even written your own Legends, which were fantastic. It has been great to have so many using bug club and my maths to help you at home, and it is such a joy to look at all the wonderful work you have completed and send to us via class dojos or upload to hwb. A huge thank you to parents and carers for your support and hard work at home this half term with the children. It is very much appreciated. Have a lovely half term break, stay safe everyone and keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 11 & 12 -

Da iawn Dosbarth 11&12 for a brilliant end to a fantastic half term. The work you have done has amazed us everyday and we are so proud of all of you. Carry on logging into Bug Club and MyMaths and complete a welsh craft for our Eisteddfod competition. Ask an adult at home to help. A big thank you to parents and carers for all your support during blended learning at home and we hope you enjoy a well-earned, relaxing break. Stay safe and remember; always climb to sparkle! 😊

Dosbarth 13 & 14

Diolch yn fawr Dosbarth 13 and 14 for all your hard work this half term. You have really earned your break! Over half term we have set a few tasks for you to complete. We would like you to upload you making pancakes on pancake day to Flipgrid (make sure you do this safely with an adult) and complete a craft activity which will be part of our Eisteddfod competition. Also carry on logging in to Bug Club for your reading. To the parents and carers, thank you all for your continued support and help during this challenging time. We really appreciate all you are doing too. Enjoy the break, relax and keep safe and always climb to sparkle!

Kind regards,

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