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Lythys - Newsletter - 26th February 2021

This half term our value is: Thoughtfulness

Important Dates for your diary

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

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

Inset Days - **Friday 28th May**

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July

Dear Parent/Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni

Well done for another great week of excellent online learning we are delighted to have all of our foundation Phase Pupils back in school and lovely to see our parents. 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.

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. To avoid chaos at the school gates please can we ask that parents keep to the appointed times for their children.

Rec-Y2 Pupils with surnames A-L 8:50- 2:55 and surnames M-Z 9:05-3:10. Thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.

Maintain a clear social distance at the school gates will also reduce risk and set a good example to pupils. Nursery pupils and siblings of please use bottom gates.

Along with regular hand washing/sanitising and social distancing, this will reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 at school as far as possible.

Rules 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.

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 01.03.21.

Key Stage 2 children of critical workers and vulnerable children who have been attending will continue with face-to-face learning in school.

<u>Week2</u> <u>Spring term 2:2</u>	<u>Areas of return</u>	
<u>Week 2</u> <u>01.03.21</u>	<u>Foundation Phase</u>	
	<u>Key Stage 2 - For vulnerable & critical care workers</u>	
Monday 01/3	KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 full return Morning Nursery 9.00am - 2.00pm
Tuesday 02/3	KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 full return Morning Nursery 9.00am - 2.00pm
Wednesday 03/3	KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 full return Morning Nursery 9.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday 04/3	KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 full return Afternoon Nursery 9.00am - 2.00pm
Friday 05/3	KS2 face to face learning (Hub)	All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 full return Afternoon Nursery 9.00am - 2.00pm

Week 3 - March 8th

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

Important date marker

Just a reminder from the return to school letter most schools in the LA from March 15th every Wednesday afternoon the whole school may need to return to online learning for all learners apart from those in exceptional circumstances/critical care workers in order to comply with the WG guidance for staff maintaining bubbles, in order for staff to comply with their terms and conditions for PPA planning, preparation and Assessment. We will confirm this with you next week if this is to take place the same as most schools in the LA.. If this is confirmed learners would need to be collected at 12pm and 12.15pm. On Wednesday afternoon.

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.

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](#)

Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Louise	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Caden
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Ceinwen	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Kaci
Class 2 - Mr Key	Rosie + Ty	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Sienna
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Shantel	Class 10 - Mrs Messore	Jasmine
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Sienna	Class 11 - Miss Grimmas	Kurt
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Ethan	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Caitlyn
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Mila	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Luca
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Livi-Mai/Lois

Nursery - Diolch yn fawr Meithrin for a fantastic first week back. We have been busy completing Eisteddfod entries for our celebrations Monday. Thank you to all of those who have sent in pictures and videos of their amazing crafts, paintings and songs. A reminder that the timetable for attending nursery is on our Class Dojo story and we will continue to let you know via Dojo message the week before. Please only drop off and pick up nursery children from the bottom gate. If your child is in nursery Monday you can dress up for St David's Day and your child is welcome to dress up for World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. Please do not bring in props. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Dosbarth Un a Dau for an amazing first week back! We have been so glad to see so many of you back in school and it's been lovely to see you all so happy playing with your friends. We're looking forward to continuing our topic 'Chomp Stomp Roar'. On Monday we are looking forward to celebrating St Davids Day in class as well as World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. Children are welcome to beware outfits/costumes for both but please avoid bringing any props. Diolch, have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - We are absolutely thrilled to welcome so many children back to school this week. It has been lovely to have our classrooms full again. We have been busy completing Eisteddfod entries for our celebrations on Monday, children are welcome to wear welsh costumes. Children can also dress up on Thursday for World Book Day, Please can we ask that no props are brought in with the costumes. Please continue to keep an eye on Class Dojo and Twitter for information and updates. Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Diolch Blwyddyn Un a Dau for a fantastic first week back after half term! It has been lovely to see all your happy, smiley faces back in school and to see you all playing with your friends again. Can't wait for our new adventures, exploring our topic 'Time Travellers.' We can't wait to celebrate St David's Day with you on Monday, the children are welcome to wear welsh costumes/welsh colours. Please continue to keep an eye on Twitter and ClassDojo for information and any updates. Many thanks for your continued support 😊

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Diolch yn fawr Blwyddyn Tri for an amazing first week back after half term! We have loved seeing your happy, smiling faces on our teams' meetings! A big da iawn for the excellent Eisteddfod entries that you have sent it, we are looking forward to celebrating St David's Day on Monday and announcing our class winners! Remember to wear a Welsh outfit or something red 😊 We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Bendigedig Pawb for a fantastic a first week back after the half term-you have amazed us with your hard work. We are looking forward to looking at the Eisteddfod entries that have been sent in so we able to award certificates to the winning entries during our TEAMS meetings on Monday-it is going to be too difficult to choose! We would like to celebrate Eisteddfod on Monday with wearing your Welsh costumes and T-shirts during our TEAMS meetings. We hope you have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Well done Dosbarth 11 & 12 for a fantastic first week back after half term! Da iawn for the excellent Eisteddfod entries that have been sent in, we are looking forward to celebrating Saint David's Day on Monday! Remember to wear your Welsh costumes for our Eisteddfod on Monday during our Teams meetings. Have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 -

Another fantastic week year 5/6, you have amazed us with the high standard of work coming in, particularly Eisteddfod pieces. Please keep the work coming in and we cannot wait to celebrate with you on teams on Monday. Remember to wear your team colours or welsh clothing. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

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