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Lythys - Newsletter - 19th March 2021

This half term our value is: Thoughtfulness.

Important Dates for your diary

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

Reports to parents / carers - Friday 16th April

Online Parent Consultations - Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th April

Inset Day - Friday 28th May

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

Dear Parents/Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni

Well done for another great week of excellent class and online learning. A huge well done to our parents and carers who make the drop off and pick up so easy at the beginning and the end of the day.

Important - Covid 19 Testing

If your child is tested for Covid 19, we will need proof of the negative result before your child is able to return to school. Please email the result to garnteg.school.office@torfaen.gov.uk.

Return to school for Key Stage 2 Juniors from March 15th

We were excited to welcome back our Key Stage 2 pupils this week.

School Uniform is to be worn including comfortable trousers/joggers and trainers for outdoor activities.

Please be reminded that a Packed lunch will be needed. Please note that FSM payment will be stopped at the end of this week 12.03.21 as canteen service resumes, packed lunches only will be provided by our canteen and will be served in classrooms.

Please Maintain a clear social distance at the school gates and remember to wear a mask when dropping off or collecting children. 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](#)

Important - change to procedure for collection of pupils

Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times. As a school we are continually reviewing procedures to ensure the safety of our pupils. To alleviate the volume of pupils and parents at the gate when picking up at the end of the school day in the afternoon, we have decided to trial the following procedures and times for **collection only** the drop off in the morning will remain the same as this is working well:

Please arrive at you allotted time one adult only and wear a mask:

From Thursday 18th March pm collection times

Foundation Phase Parents collection (Reception - Y2) pupils without siblings to be collected from the bottom gate only:

2:40 - Class 6 Ms Carroll
2:45 - Class 5 Mrs Lee
2:50 - Class 4 Ms Brooks
2:55 - Class 3 Ms Bones
3:00 - Class 2 Mr Key
3:05 - Class 1 Mrs Ngwenya

Foundation Phase pupils with siblings and all KS2 pupils will be collected from top main gates at following times:

Surnames **A-G COLLECTION 2.45**
 H-M COLLECTION 2.50
 N- S COLLECTION 3:00 (this has changed from 2:55)
 T-Z COLLECTION 3.05

Morning drop off procedures and times will remain the same. Times and procedures for Nursery pupils will also remain the same.

Once again thank you for your support with keeping all of our pupils and our community safe.

Important

From 17th March, on Wednesday afternoons classes 3 - 12 will be collected as follows:

Surnames A-M at 12.00

Surnames N-Z at 12.15

School resumes to online learning with the exception of all bus pupils who will remain in school along with exceptional circumstances for Critical Care Workers, who have pre-arranged prior to 8th March.

Classes 1 and 2 and 13 and 14 will remain in school on Wednesday afternoons so are not affected.

Reason:

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 the same as most schools in the LA

Easter Celebrations

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our annual Easter bonnet parade and craft items from home this year. However, we do not want our pupils to miss out on these wonderful Easter celebrations. Therefore, all pupils will be decorating an egg (which have already been bought by school) in their classrooms next week and completing various activities. In -class competitions will take place so please look for **eggciting** photos of these and other activities on Class Dojo, Hwb and Twitter. All pupils will also be receiving an Easter gift from the school and Mrs Saunders (ex Headteacher of Abersychan School). Thank you Mrs Saunders for your annual donations.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for all of your generous donations received today. We will update you next week on how much we have raised as a school for this wonderful cause.

Birthday Cakes

Children are welcome to bring in Shop brought birthday cake in a bag to school if they wish. Food hygiene and hand washing practises will be followed before and after serving.

Lessons from Gwent Police

The following online lessons with PC Juliet Murphy of Gwent Police will take place for the following Year groups over the next week

Year 2 - Who? What? Where? - Medicines Lesson

Year 3 - SMART - Internet Safety Lesson

Year 4 - sinister substances - Tobacco, alcohol and solvents Lesson

Vacancy for Parent Governor

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If so, why not consider becoming a school governor. All schools have places for Parent Governors, and we currently have vacancies for two (2) of these positions at Garnteg Primary, if you are interested, please contact the school office for a nomination form. Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. This role is essential to the education of children in the Borough of Torfaen so please consider standing. In case you feel a little apprehensive about the responsibilities of the role, EAS (Education Achievement Service for SE Wales) Governor Support offer training to assist you.

Welsh Government Parental Behaviour Campaign

A potential change in parental behaviours has been a cause for concern with 3 - 7 years olds returning for face-to-face lessons at the start of this week. We are keen to ensure that there are clear and consistent messages to parents highlighting behaviours that need to be followed to keep schools and childcare open for their children.

Lessons learnt from focus groups with parents have informed development of a series of messages and assets to help communicate with parents/carers.

We have set up a new Keep Wales Safe Education asset back page (which include assets from Public Health Wales)

<https://wales.assetbank-server.com/assetbank-wales/images/assetbox/ac9d6e27-281f-4600-8ffc-474766ddc005/assetbox.html>

Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Jenson & Georgia	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Leo
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Shania	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Bowen
Class 2 - Mr Key	Joshua	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Harley
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Presley	Class 10 - Mrs Messore	Amelia M
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Riley J	Class 11 - Miss Grimmas	Jai
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Bella	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Chelsea
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Fergal	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Kalem
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Oliver

Nursery - Da iawn Meithrin for another fantastic week! It is lovely see our new rising 3's forming new friendships already. A reminder that on Wednesday afternoons Nursery have their learning log to complete. This can be found on Class Dojo and the Hwb class page. Please label all belongings with your child's full name. Diolch yn fawr! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendigedig Reception, well done for another lovely week! We have been very busy learning about writing letters to our friends and reading a special story, 'Dragon Post'. We loved using our forest school skills this week and our forest school day will now be every Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for your support with our drop off and collection times, please can all parents/carers check their collection times and try to arrive at your given time. We will be happy to help if you are unsure! We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - A huge da iawn for another fantastic week of learning! We have learnt about St Patricks day and took part in some Irish dancing and learnt about the easter story. Our PE days are Wednesday and pe clothes can be worn to school. Just a reminder that Wednesday afternoon are still blending learning from home and we will be online to support you with two check ins. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - What another fantastic week we have had in school Dosbarth 5 & 6! We have had so much fun this week making our role play puppet show areas and are looking forward to more adventures during our topic 'Time Travellers.' **PE will take place every Thursday, please send your child to school in their PE kit on this day.** Please continue to keep an eye on Twitter and ClassDojo for information and any updates. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday 😊

Dosbarth 7 & 8 -

Well Blwydden Tri! We have thoroughly enjoyed you all being back in the classrooms where we belong. 😊 Da iawn to all of you for working hard in our first week back in school. I am so glad that you have all settled back into our everyday school life. Just a reminder that we are continuing with blended learning every Wednesday afternoon. There will also be two check in calls on the Wednesday afternoon. Times of these calls will be written on Class Dojo.

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Dosbarth 9 and 10 we are so proud of each one of you and how well you have settled back into school this week. You have impressed us with how hard you have worked. It has been lovely to hear your lovely stories and you interacting with each other. Just a reminder that every Wednesday afternoon there will be two check ins at 1.30pm and 3.00pm as well as a short task to complete at home that we would like you to upload to class dojo. We also would like you to take this time to complete some reading on bug club and My Maths. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Da iawn Dosbarth 11 & 12 for a fantastic return to school! It has been so lovely seeing all of your smiley faces again. A reminder that Class 11 will do P.E on Wednesday and Class 12 on a Thursday, please remember to wear P.E kits to school. We will be continuing Blended Learning on a Wednesday afternoon where we will be having two check in's and be available for support, please check Class Dojo regularly for any updates. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - A huge thank you for returning to school this week with such determination, joy and positive attitudes Dosbarth 13 and 14! It has been such a pleasure to be with you this week and you have shown just how hard you worked during blended learning with fantastic work and BIG MATHS scores. A big thank you to Parents and Carers for your hard work! A reminder that our classes DO NOT leave early any day of the week and are collected at their allotted time each day. Class 13 will do P.E. on a Thursday and Class 14 on a Friday.

Kind regards,

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