GARNTEG PRIMARY



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<u>Newsletter – 23rd Aprill 2021</u> This half term our value is: Peace

<u>Lythys – -Cylchlythyr – 23rd April 2021</u> <u>Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Heddwch</u>

<u>Important Dates for your diary</u> <u>Inset Day - Friday 28th May</u> Half-term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June Last day of Summer Term for Pupils - Friday 16th July <u>Inset days - Monday 19th & 20th July</u>

Dear Parents/Carers, Annwyl Rhieni

Another fun filled great week at Garnteg as ever every day is a sunny day at Garnteg and this week the sun has shone. Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for consultations on teams this week it was lovely to share the progress in preparation for the summer term reports.

Key Events 26th April School Hot Dinners and Breakfast Club

From Monday 26th April we will be resuming with hot meals for our pupils. The link for the menu is below.

https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/Related-Documents/School-Meals/Primary-School-Menu.pdf

Breakfast club will resume on Monday at the times currently given for your child to come into school. Your child will access the breakfast club at this time only and not as previously flexible drop off.

Millennium Hall Car Park

The times for pupils parking in the Millennium Hall Car park and all other pupils using both the **top** and **bottom** gate will enter at the same times below; please note the double main gates will be open but the pedestrian gate will remain closed please take care when walking in and out of the car park:

Surnames	A- G	8.45 COLLECTION 2.45
	H-M	8.50 COLLECTION 2.50
	N-S	9.00 COLLECTION 3:00
	T-Z	9.05 COLLECTION 3.05

Nursery Changes

Note to parents without Siblings in Nursery your drop off time at the bottom gate will be 9.05-9.10

Important - changes to arrangements for Wednesday Afternoons

Until further notice on <u>Wednesday afternoons</u> classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 & 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.

<u>Starting week commencing 19th April 2021 Classes 1, 2, 9, 10, 13 and 14</u> will remain in school on Wednesday afternoons so are not affected.

Important - Covid 19 Testing

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

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

Roofing Work at Severn View

Roofing work at Severn View Garndiffaith will take place from next week until 6th May. Alternative parking arrangements will be available at the carpark next to the bowling green whilst the work is ongoing.

Site traffic will be managed in the mornings and afternoons during drop off and pick up times.

Important – Applications for Reception September 2021

If you have not sent in an application for admission to Reception in September 2021, please contact school immediately. Closing date for applications was 13th January 2021.

Permission for pupils to walk home from school

If you wish to give permission for your child to walk home from school, we will need written confirmation from parent/carer. This can be sent via class dojo or by email to garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk

<u>Drinks Bottles</u>

With warm weather approaching please remember to send in a drinks bottle with your child.

Emailing School

When emailing school please only use the teacher email or the school office email address which is <u>garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk</u>

Birthday Cakes

Children are welcome to bring in a 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.

Hollie Guard Phone App



The Hollie Guard app turns your phone into a personal safety device. If you feel at risk you can shake your phone or tap your screen to generate an alert. The app will send your location and begin to record audio and video evidence which is sent to emergency contacts that you have previously set. Thank you

to one of our governors for recommending this app which could be beneficial to both parents and pupils.

Free Online Safety Courses for Parents

National Online Safety will be offering free online safety courses for Parents, aimed at pupils of various ages. If you are interested in completing one of the free online courses you can register your interest here <u>https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/free-parents-course</u>

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Skylar, Caleb, Joey & Chloe	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Ella-May
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Rylie-Rose	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Lawrence
Class 2 – Mr Key	Sienna	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Jonah
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Jasmine B	Class 10 - Mrs Messore	Alex
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Castiel	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Alfie
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Max and Harriet	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Madison
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Noah	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Cori-Jay
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Evie

Pupil of the week in classes

<u>Nursery</u> – Da iawn Meithrin for a fabulous week! We have welcomed new friends, been on minibeast hunts and enjoyed outdoor activities in the sunny weather. If you have any of nursery's spare clothes at home,

please can you bring them in as we are running extremely low. Just a reminder to label all belongings with your child's full name and please do not bring in any toys. On Wednesday afternoons we have live lessons at 1pm and 2:30pm for all pupils. Next week morning nursery will be in on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Afternoon nursery will be in Thursday and Friday. Diolch yn fawr! Have a great weekend.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 – Bendigedig Reception, what a fantastic week! Your African sunset paintings this week are absolutely beautiful and we loved making our own paintbrushes at forest school with different natural materials! Thank you to everyone that attended an online consultation this week, it was lovely to share our learning with you. As we enjoy the lovely sunny weather, we encourage children to bring a sunhat for outdoor learning and to wear sun cream to school where possible. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 – Another amazing week with the added bonus of the sunshine! We have really enjoyed our learning this week about leaflets and conducting our own pictogram. Thank you to all that attended an online consultation this week, it was so nice to speak with you all. Just a reminder that PE is on Wednesdays and children can wear their pe kit to school. Keep an eye on class dojo for further updates about your classes. Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - What a fantastic sunny week we have had enjoying the great outdoors! Just a reminder, PE will now take place on Wednesday's so children can wear their PE kit to school on this day. We are so excited to see what the rest of the term will bring! Keep an eye on ClassDojo and Twitter for any other updates. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday ⁽³⁾

Dosbarth 7 & 8 -

Da iawn to Blwydden Tri for all your hard work this week. We have been very busy this week, learning about our science topic 'Woodland Detectives.' We are also so pleased with you completing tasks on a Wednesday afternoon at home. Just a reminder that PE sessions are on a Monday, so your child can wear comfy sports gear to school. Da iawn! Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Bendegedig pawb for another fantastic week which has also allowed us to complete some of our tasks in the beautiful sunshine. With this in mind, please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle as well as sun cream if it does continue to be so hot. Just a reminder that the learning log sheet that we sent home for a Wednesday still needs to be completed as part of the homework for our classes. We love seeing all of the work that is sent into us on class dojo. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

<u>Dosbarth 11 & 12 –</u> What a fantastic week it's been in class 11 and 12. We are so proud of the work you have produced and you listened so well to PC Murphy today. Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe ahead of another great week next week.

<u>Dosbarth 13 & 14</u> - Bendigedig boys and girls for another fantastic week! You have worked so hard and listened fantastically to PC Murphy today. Class 13 please note your P.E day will be **Tuesday for next week** only. Class 14 we will continue to have our PE session on Friday afternoon. Have a fabulous weekend and stay safe.

Kind regards,

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