

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 30th April 2021

This half term our value is: Peace

Lythys - -Cylchlythyr - 30th April 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Heddwch

Important Dates for your diary

May Day Holiday - Monday 3rd May

Inset Day - Friday 28th May

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

Last day of Summer Term for Pupils - Friday 16th July

Inset days - Monday 19th & 20th July

Dear Parents/Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni

Well done for another successful week with the changes managed well across the school. Breakfast club and Hot dinners have resumed this week and are being enjoyed by our pupils. We hope that you all enjoy the Spring bank holiday and look forward to seeing pupils on Tuesday.

School Hot Dinners

We now are serving 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

Breakfast club is available 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 Wednesday afternoons 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.

Starting week commencing 19th April 2021 Classes 1, 2, 9, 10, 13 and 14 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 before your child is able to return to school. Please email the result to garnteg.school.office@torfaen.gov.uk.

Covid Safety Rules at the School Gates

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

Drinks Bottles

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

Reports

If you have not received your child's school report, please contact their teacher via class dojo.

Online Music Sessions

Online music sessions have started in school. Piano, brass and guitar lessons will take place every week on a Wednesday. Please could children to bring their instruments into school on Tuesday next week for servicing. Keyboards will be provided in classes for piano lessons.

Attendance

Please contact the school office if your child is absent from school, please ensure that you telephone the school on 01495 742934; where you have the options to leave a message or email the school on garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk by 9.30am. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact school. We can then arrange a telephone meeting with our Attendance Officer or Senior Management.



Emergency Contacts

Please update the school if you have changed any of your child's emergency contact numbers. It is very important that we are able to make contact promptly in the event of illness or emergency.

Emailing School

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

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 <https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/free-parents-course>

Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Joseph, Amalee, Lacey & Ruben	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Lola
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Jake	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Jayden
Class 2 - Mr Key	Dayton	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Jonah
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Travis	Class 10 - Mrs Messoro	Cody
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Chloe	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Elisha
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Jamie and Emilia	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Rylan
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Leyla	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Kizzie
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Ruby

Nursery - Diolch yn fawr Meithrin for another fantastic week of learning. We have enjoyed reading the Colour Monster and exploring patterns this week. A reminder to please label all belongings with your child's full name and to return any spare clothes your child has borrowed from nursery. As the warm and sunny weather continues, your child can bring a sun hat/cap to school. Please continue to send us photos and videos of your child's home learning so we can celebrate their achievements in class. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Reception for another lovely week! We have been writing our own animal fact files, finding one more and one less, and even making our own masks based on the Lion King! Please can children bring just one healthy snack each day, ideally in a separate bag or pot ready for our snack time. They can leave the rest of their food in their bag for lunch. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Tuesday!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - A huge bendigedig to Dosbarth 3 & 4 for another amazing week! We have been very busy this week, gathering facts about giraffes and using our research to create our own leaflet. A polite reminder to send in a drinks bottle and as the weather gets warmer children can wear a sun hat/cap to school. Keep an eye on Dojo and Twitter for class updates. We hope you have a lovely weekend; we look forward to welcoming you back next week.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - What a fantastic week we have had! 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 Tuesday 😊

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Ardderchog Dosbarth 7 & 8 for a wonderful week of learning. It has been lovely to use and explore the forest schools and our outdoor areas in this lovely weather. A reminder to bring drink bottles to school, as the weather gets warmer. Have a lovely weekend. Keep safe. Diolch. 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 -Benedegedig Pawb for a fantastic week of learning you have all been superstars! Just a reminder that the children still need to send in photographs of their home learning tasks. Now the weather is warm the children need to bring in a water bottle. Please could parents keep checking class dojo for weekly spellings, homework and any school and class updates. If you need your class dojo codes please let the class teacher know.

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Da iawn Dosbarth 11 & 12 for another amazing week! You have all been working super hard and we have been very impressed with the work you have completed. Please remember to bring water bottles to school now the weather is getting warmer. Have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Another fabulous week of learning in year 5 and 6. Well done for being diligent, hard workers. Can all children please remember to bring in water bottles throughout the week. Have a fabulous and safe weekend.

Kind regards,

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