

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

This half term our value is: Peace

Thought for the week:

"A child's mental health is just as important as their physical health and deserves the same quality of support."

*Kate Middleton - Duchess of Cambridge*

Cylchlythyr - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Heddwch

Important Dates for your diary

**Inset Day - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Half-term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Last day of Summer Term for Pupils - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**Inset days - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Dear Parents/Carers,  
Annwyl Rhieni/Sy'n ofalwyr**

**What another super week we have had at Garnteg. The children are really embracing their Summer topics and is great to see excellent learning being shared on Twitter, Class Dojos and Hwb across the school. It is also lovely to hear about how pupils are extending this learning at home aswell.**

### **Mental Health Awareness Week 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. It was great to see all pupils wearing 'Cosy Clothes' today to start raising awareness of this important topic, and because of this, we are going to extend this to children wearing 'Cosy Clothes' every Friday until half term. Thank you for all your kind donations today, all donations will be donated to a local mental health charity: [Place2Be](#). Place2Be has offered mental health support for children and young people in Wales since 2009 and currently reaches over 2,000 pupils and their families. The children will continue to take part in classroom activities to raise awareness next week. We will let you know how much has been raised next week - so watch this space!. Here are a few websites with excellent activities children can complete at home.

[Mental Health and Wellbeing - Teaching Resources - BBC Teach](#)

[Children's Mental Health Week 2021 \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](#)

### **Vision & Growth Screening**

Vision and Growth Screening for Reception Pupils will take place in school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Class 1 will have the screening in their class bubble on Monday and Class 2 in their bubble on Tuesday.

### **Important - Covid 19 Testing**

**If your child is tested for Covid 19, please can parents/carers provide proof of the negative result BEFORE your child returns to school. Please email the result to [garnteg.school.office@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:garnteg.school.office@torfaen.gov.uk).**

## COVID-19 TESTING FOR A WIDER RANGE OF SYMPTOMS

People in Gwent should arrange a free COVID-19 PCR test by **calling 119 or 0300 3031 222** if they experience any of the following:



Change in taste or smell



High Temperature



Excessive tiredness



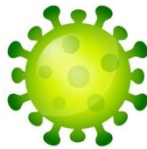
Shortness of breath



Change of symptoms since your last test



New continuous cough



Flu like symptoms



Persistent headache



Aching muscles



GIG  
CYMRU  
NHS  
WALES

Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol  
Aneurin Bevan  
University Health Board



GIG  
CYMRU  
NHS  
WALES

Gwent Test, Trace, Protect Service  
Co-ordination Unit:  
Prifaf Gwent, Olrhain, Gwasanaeth Amddiffyn  
Lined Cyddymu

### Covid Safety Rules at the School Gates

Please continue to 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](#)

### Permission for pupils to walk home from school

If you wish to give permission for your child to walk home from school, can parents/carers send school written confirmation. This can be sent via class dojo or by email to [garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk)

### Drinks Bottles

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

### Online Music Sessions

Online music sessions have started in school. Piano, brass and guitar lessons will take place every week on a Wednesday. Keyboards are provided in classes for piano lessons. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these sessions this week.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Holiday Forms

If you require a holiday form for your child please email [garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk) a form will then be emailed back to you for you to complete.

### Emailing School

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

### Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Milly, Leia & Bobi-Ray	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Finley
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Bailey	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Lateilia
Class 2 - Mr Key	Jacob G	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Darcey
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Rohan	Class 10 - Mrs Messori	Theo M
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Skilar	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Morgan
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Kori	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Bowan
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Sienna J	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Leonard
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Harley

**Nursery** - This week Meithrin have been looking at the story 'The Colour Monster' to help us identify and discuss how we are feeling. We have been practising our breathing techniques and perfecting our yoga poses to help us relax and unwind. A reminder, please label all belongings with your child's name and if you have any of nursery's spare clothes, could these please be returned to Nursery. Diolch yn fawr and have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Da iawn Reception, we have enjoyed a fantastic week creating our own musical instruments, learning our bonds to 10 and using time words to write our own lifecycle of a butterfly. Please can children bring in one healthy snack for snack time, any other food can be saved for lunchtime. We have been working very hard on our reading in Reception and we love using Bug Club to read different stories! These are all available for you to use at home too, please let us know if you need any login details. Diolch and see you next week!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - Another fantastic week of learning about our new topic 'Express Yourself.' We have really enjoyed being independent learners exploring the different areas in our classroom and completing the challenges. We have also enjoyed creating our own nature sticks on a sensory well-being walk this week. Just a reminder that spellings are on a Friday and for children to continue to access Bug Club and MyMaths at home. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - Da iawn Dosbarth pump and chwech, you have blown our socks off again this week! You have been busy bees working together as a team to make dream catchers and totem poles to celebrate our topic What a Wonderful World! 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 😊

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - Diolch yn fawr for a fantastic week of learning. We have loved the children's enthusiasm towards their topics this term. Blwydden 3 are showing great confidence in their independent learning. A

reminder that all children should be wearing school uniform every day other than P.E. days (Mondays). Have a safe and lovely weekend. 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** -What a fantastic week of learning through our new topic. We have learnt so much from animals in habitats to creating our own 3D shapes to presenting our own News programmes-you are all superstars. Just a quick reminder to send your child with a water bottle and to access My maths and Active learn website for bug club. If you require any of the login details, please let the class teacher know. Also the children can wear P.E. clothes to school on a Tuesday for our P.E sessions. We hope you have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** - Da iawn for another fantastic week In Dosbarth 11 and 12! Can we please ask all year 6 learners to upload a baby photo to hwb/ dojo for a secret project. The pupils took part in a virtual 'crucial crew' today, please chat to your children about what they found out. Just a quick reminder to send your child with a water bottle and to wear P.E kit on your classes P.E day only. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** - another fantastic week in year 5/6. We have taken advantage of the weather and planted some sunflowers, we are excited to see them bloom. A reminder that all pupils should be wearing uniform every day other than P.E days (Thursday for class 13/Friday for Class 14). The pupils took part in a virtual 'crucial crew' today, please chat to your children about what they found out. Can we please ask all year 6 learners to upload a baby photo to hwb/ dojo for a secret project. Thank you, have a lovely weekend.

**Kind regards,**

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