

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Mental Health
Awareness Week

Wythnos
Ymwybyddiaeth Iechyd
Meddwl



Newsletter - 14th May 2021

This half term our value is: Peace

Thought for the week:

*"Be Kind, Be Brave, Be Honest, Be Creative, Be Humble, Be Thankful, Be Happy
Be You!"*

Cylchlythyr - 14th May 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Heddwch

Important Dates for your diary

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/Sy'n ofalwyr

Well done everyone - it's been a busy but brilliant week yet again. It's been great seeing everyone look cosy today and continuing to raise awareness to mental health through creative outdoor activities supporting pupils and staff to connecting with nature.

Mental Health Awareness Week 10th - 17th May 2021

This 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, 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 raised £175.74 last week so thank you all for your kind donations.

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 \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](#)

Torfaen Council's Adult Community Learning service offers free courses to all adults who wish to improve their essential skills.

Torfaen Adult Community Learning

"Dad, do you know what this means?"
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"Mum, can you help me with this?"
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Back to School

Did you find home schooling a challenge?
Do you need to brush up your own skills?

Parents and carers in Torfaen are invited to join one of our courses to boost their own skills in English, maths or digital literacy and gain more confidence in supporting their children's learning.

FOR ADULTS

For more information about the courses we can offer you, please contact Torfaen Adult Community Learning on 01633 647647

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Brush up on the basics for English

Get to grips with maths

Use digital tools with confidence

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
(01633) 647647 • power.station@torfaen.gov.uk



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.

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:



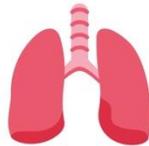
Change in taste or smell



High Temperature



Excessive tiredness



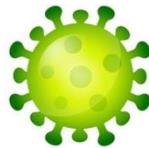
Shortness of breath



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



Gwent Test, Trace, Protect Service
Co-ordination Unit:
Prifed Gwent, Olrhain, Gwasanaeth Amddiffyn
Uned Cyddynu

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, please can parents/carers send school written confirmation. 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.

Online Music Sessions

Online music sessions have started in school. Piano, brass and guitar lessons take place every week on a Wednesday. 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 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 a form will then be emailed back to you for you to complete.

Withdrawing children early from school

Please may we remind all parents to ask for Medical/Dental etc appointments outside school times. Children will only be released if a medical card is handed into the office beforehand. Also, children cannot be released early from school in afternoon sessions unless it has been agreed beforehand. Thank you.

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.

Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	David & Georgia-Rae Lewis & Harlee	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Shayleigh
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Harley & Aliyah	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Cai
Class 2 - Mr Key	Jake and Emma	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Lucy
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Sawyer	Class 10 - Mrs Messoro	Corie
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Athena	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Hayden
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Jacob	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Poppy
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Mila	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Jamie and Caydie
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	

Nursery – Diolch yn fawr Meithrin for a fabulous week. We have been on a minibeast hunt, creating pictograms and planning something special. Look out for clues on Twitter! Please remember to inform the school office if your child is absent and please label all belonging with your child's full name. Have a great weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Diolch Reception for another lovely week! You have been very busy practising 2D shapes, writing explanation texts about the lifecycle of a butterfly and even creating your own Lion King films using our masks and instruments that we have made! Please can children bring a spare change of clothes in their bag just in case they are needed! Thank you and have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - What another great week we have had! You have excelled in your learning this week and we have seen some wonderful work being produced in our independent areas! Reminder that pe is on

Wednesdays and children can wear their PE clothes to school. Breakfast club is also back open for your children to attend if they wish. Have a wonderful weekend 😊

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Another fantastic week in Dosbarth 5 & 6! We are so proud of all of your hard work and are looking forward to continuing our learning all about China next week! 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 - Wow! What another brilliant week this week Dosbarth 7 & 8! We have loved seeing how creative and independent you all are, both in class and during blended learning. We have been busy bees this week, planning our own narratives with a meaning. We can't wait to read your stories next week and share them with the class! Reminder that P.E is on Monday for both classes and to bring drinks in with you! Diolch yn fawr, have a lovely weekend! 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Another fantastic week of learning in Dosbarth 9 and 10. We were able to use our outdoor learning and classroom to help promote the health and well-being of the children. We even got to plant our seeds that Morrisons donated to us. We can't wait to see which class grows the tallest sunflower! Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Diolch Dosbarth 12 & 13 for another fantastic week! You have all worked super hard and we are very proud of you all and the positive attitudes you all show to your learning every day. Year 6 pupils, please remember to upload baby photos for our secret project. A quick reminder for all pupils to bring a water bottle to class. Thank you and have a fabulous weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - despite the weather we have had another great week in classes 13 and 14! Your hard work has made us all beam. We are so proud of your mature attitudes towards well-being and mental health, you have been superstars. Year 6 pupils, please remember to upload baby photos for our secret project. Have a fabulous weekend 😊

Kind regards,

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