

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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**WELCOME BACK  
TO SCHOOL**  
**TODAY**  
*is the day to  
learn something  
NEW*

Newsletter - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

This half term our value is: Friendship

*"Friends are the people who make you smile brighter, laugh louder and live better"*

Cylchlythyr - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Cyfeillgarwch

Important Dates for your diary

Autumn Half Term - October 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

Inset day - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Inset days - 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Annwyl Rhieni/Sy'n ofalwyr**

A big warm welcome back to all our parents/carers and pupils, we hope you have all had a lovely long break and are ready to start a fresh new school year.

We just wanted to update you on the start of our new term. Both school gates will be open at 8:40am for pupils to attend and this will ensure pupils are in class for their registration at 9:00am (there will be no staggered entry times). The staff will continue to meet pupils at the school gates and pupils will need to sanitise their hands on the way down to their class.

Please note there is still no access for vehicles of parents/carers onto school site unless you are a disabled badge holder, this ensures the safety for pupils and staff.

At the end of the school day, we have two finish times. If your child has a surname beginning with the alphabet A-M please collect your child at 3:00pm, If your child's surname begins with the alphabet N-Z please collect your child at 3:10pm.

### **Breakfast club**

Breakfast club started on this week. The doors are open at 8:30am and all children are welcome to attend. Please let staff know if you need a registration form (only need to complete if you haven't completed before or if you need to update form).

### **Self-Isolation requirements**

Pupils, staff and other adults who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 are not required to self-isolate as a contact and are allowed to attend school. However, if they are deemed to be a close contact the local contact tracing team will contact you will need to take a PCR test on day 2 and day 8. PCR tests for close contacts helps break the chain of transmission within the communities and protects those who are vulnerable.

Anyone developing COVID-19 symptoms during the school day will be sent home to self-isolate and arrange a PCR test.

We are very much looking forward to the Autumn term and have received some guidance of how schools will operate in a more relaxed way. We will of course update you on the changes but if you would like further guidance, please follow the link below to the Torfaen page:

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/EducationAndLearning.aspx>

### **Lunch Boxes**

As a Healthy School we would like to remind you of the importance of healthy lunchboxes, we would recommend a sandwich/ pasta pot/ crackers/ salad, with a portion of fruit and/or

vegetables and a yoghurt, if you would like to add 1 chocolate biscuit and a small packet of crisps this is fine. Please avoid over filling your child's lunchbox, particularly with unhealthy items.

A guide to healthy lunchboxes can be found on the government website, the link can be found below:

<https://gov.wales/healthy-lunchboxes-leaflet>.

### **Tuck**

Some parents have enquired about tuck this week. Children are invited to bring in a portion of fruit or vegetables to eat at morning break, this may need to be cut up into smaller pieces for younger children and placed in a labelled pot. Please support us in our Healthy School status

### **Medical Appointments**

Medical/Dental/Optician etc appointments should be arranged out of school hours wherever possible. When collecting your child for an appointment please use the buzzer at the main gate and your child will be brought up to you.

### **Collection of pupils**

We are unable to release pupils to any other person other than the parent/carer unless permission is received in school. Please inform staff if someone else is collecting your child.

### **Caring Canines Cymru**

This year, Caring Canines Cymru will be visiting school every Thursday morning, to work with groups of learners throughout the school. Sessions will start on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September. We are really looking forward to meeting the dogs.

### **Pupil of the week in classes**

<b>Foundation Phase</b>		<b>Key Stage 2</b>	
<b>Class</b>	<b>Pupil of the Week</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Pupil of the Week</b>
<b>Nursery - Mrs Attewell</b>	Morning: Hunter and Tabitha Afternoon: Bobi-Ray and Makanaka	<b>Class 7 - Miss Williams</b>	Fergal
<b>Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya</b>	Miyah	<b>Class 8 - Miss Bones</b>	Jensen
<b>Class 2 - Miss Brooks</b>	Kennedy	<b>Class 9 - Miss Lewis</b>	Sybella
<b>Class 3 - Mr Key</b>	Jasmine	<b>Class 10 - Miss Paske</b>	Shannon
<b>Class 4 - Miss Brown</b>	William S	<b>Class 11 - Mrs Rogers</b>	Liam
<b>Class 5 - Mrs Lee</b>	Phoebe	<b>Class 12 - Mrs Messore</b>	Jacob
<b>Class 6 - Miss Carroll</b>	Finnley	<b>Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans</b>	Mason

**Nursery** – A big Da iawn to all our Nursery learners for settling in so well! There have been so many smiley faces and we have had lots of fun! We are so proud of you all! We have enjoyed getting to know each other through our new topic 'Marvellous me!' Please keep an eye on Dojo and Twitter for updates, pictures and any other information you may need. We are so excited to see you again on Monday! Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** – Bendigedig Dosbarth 1 & 2 for a fantastic first week in school! You have all settled in so brilliantly and we are very proud of every one of you! We are looking forward to learning lots of new and exciting things through our topic 'Ready, Steady, Grow'. A little reminder to bring 1 piece of healthy snack into school each day, if possible, please could this be put in a separate bag or box. Have a fantastic weekend, we can't wait to see you for another super week on Monday!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** – Wow Dosbarth 3 & 4! What an amazing first week in our new classes! We are very proud of you all for such a wonderful start to the new year. We have been exploring our new topic, 'The Magic In Me', using our first story, Room On the Broom, to explore rhymes, recording data, collecting topic ideas and more! Please see our class dojo pages for updates and home learning challenges. Our PE day will be Wednesday afternoons so please could the children wear suitable PE kit on this day each week. Have a restful weekend and we can't wait to see you again on Monday!

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** – A big warm welcome back everyone! It has been so lovely to see so many smiley faces and hear lots of giggles again! Our topic is Ready, Steady, Grow!. Our PE day will be Thursday (Mrs Lee's class) and Monday (Miss Carroll's class) so please could the children wear suitable PE kit on this day each week. Please check our Class Dojo and Twitter for class updates, if you need any support with this please let us know. Have a restful weekend and we can't wait to see you again on Monday!

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** – Da iawn Dosbarth 7 & 8 for a brilliant first week back in school! You have all settled into Key Stage 2 extremely well! We have enjoyed discussing and working on tasks all about our new topic 'Free to Be You and Me'. Please check our Class Dojo and Twitter for class updates, if you need any support with this please let us know. Have a wonderful weekend everyone, we can't wait to see you for another amazing week on Monday!

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** – Ardderchog Blwydden Pedwar! We have had such a successful start to our new school term. All children have returned to school with an amazing attitude towards completing the tasks set. We have loved learning about our new topic 'Keeping Fit is Fun. Healthy Eating is Yum.' Don't forget to keep up to date with information and photos posted on Class Dojo and Twitter. If you need any support with any logging in details, please let us know. Have a wonderful weekend. 😊

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** – Bendigedig Dosbarth 11 and 12 for a great week back in school. It has been wonderful to see you all and everyone has settled back into the school routine. We will inform you on dojos about P.E. days, so please follow the posts. Spelling tests will continue to be on a Friday morning and the lists will be posted on Class Dojos. Our topic this term is "Inside Out", looking at what's on the inside as well as the outside of our bodies, with a mindfulness focus and healthy minds. If you need any help with anything or need to let us know something, please continue to message on class dojos. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** - a huge well done to all Year 6 pupils on an incredible start to your final year. You have worked extremely hard this week and shown mature attitudes towards your work. Please keep an eye on dojo and Twitter for updates, pictures and any other information you may need. Enjoy a restful weekend 😊

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School