

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 24th September 2021

This half term our value is: Friendship

"Share your smile with the world, it's a symbol of friendship and peace"

Cylchlythyr - 24th September 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Cyfeillgarwch

Important Dates for your diary

Pupil Individual Photographs - Wednesday 13th October

Autumn Half Term - October 25th - 29th

Inset day - 27th May 2022

Inset days - 21st and 22nd July 2022

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

We have had another super week at Garnteg, with excellent learning and wellbeing activities taking place in all classes including our very own wellbeing dog Mable. Thank you for continuing to support us by keeping safe and healthy.

World Smile Day

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 1st October in support of World Smile Day - just wear your biggest smile; your happy clothes and send your teacher a picture of your smile on dojo. Your kind donations of £1 will be gratefully accepted at the gates.

Harvest Celebrations

At Garnteg School we are very proud of our community links. As a school we support Noddfa Church, who run a popular food bank giving support to families in need. Below is a list of items needed, if you wish to donate, please send your donations in with your child next week, in readiness for our Harvest Celebrations on Wednesday 6th October. Whatever you can donate will make a difference to the families and will support Noddfa Church and their wonderful causes.

Noddfa Church Food Bank Stock Needs

Cleaning Supplies; Washing powder/capsules; Fabric Softener; Washing up liquid/sponges; Dog/cat food; Baby Products (wipes, shampoo, bubble bath, lotion, nappy cream); Nappies (all sizes); Pasta sauces, curry sauces, chinese sauces; Tinned meats.

Bike to School week

Next week is Bike to School Week (27 Sept-1 Oct) which encourages children and parents to cycle or scoot to school.

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 Welsh Government frequently asked question page:

<https://gov.wales/schools-coronavirus-guidance>

Tuck

As a Healthy School, for a morning snack children need a portion of **fruit or vegetables only** to eat at morning break. We know you will support us in maintaining our Healthy School status.

School Lunch menu

The school lunch menu can be downloaded from the following website:

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

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.

Civica Pay Cashless Schools - Information for parents

Please find below the link to the new Civica Pay Education payment portal for parents

<https://education.civicapayments.co.uk/>

This can be saved in your browser, please don't use Internet Explorer as this will not give you the best performance. Could you use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge web browser.

You can also find the link on Torfaen County Borough Council's web page, (<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/Home.aspx>),

:under popular tasks;

:select [make a school payments](#)

Holidays within the School Term

Leave of absence requests during the school term are only considered where there are exceptional circumstances. Please request a holiday form from the school office, should you wish to apply to take your child away within the school term, the holiday form will then be emailed to you along with the headteacher's decision regarding the leave of absence.

Caring Canines Cymru

Caring Canines Cymru visited Class 13 this week and pupils had a super time with Juliet and Rosie the dog completing activities in small groups such as taking her for walks, reading to her and other wellbeing activities. Juliet and Rosie will be spending 2 Thursday mornings in each class until July.

Admission to Secondary School 2022

The online admission for Secondary places 2022, opens on **Wednesday 22nd September** at 9.00 am and parents can apply as of that date, the form will also be available to download from the Torfaen Website.

Nursery Applications 2022

The deadline for receipt of Nursery Applications for 2022 is Friday 1st October 2021.

Pupil Absence

In the event of your child being absent please telephone/email the school office before 9.30am.

Torfaen Play

Please see poster below for free sessions on Saturday mornings in Pontypool and Cwmbran.



Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Harper and Louie Afternoon - Ivy and Carter	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Olivia
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	William	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Willow
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Elliot P	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Isabella
Class 3 - Mr Key	Talia	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Grace
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Rylie-Rose	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Lucy
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Tilly	Class 12 - Mrs Messoro	Ameila G
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Jenson	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Lucie
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Kayla

Nursery – Da Iawn Meithrin! It has been a very tasty week for us! We have been trying new fruits, sorting them into groups and voting for our favourite. We have also been practicing our cutting skills and creating healthy lunchboxes. I am so proud of you and your enthusiasm towards your learning! Bendigedig! Don't forget to send us pictures of your homework. Learning logs can be found on class Dojo. Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week! 😊

Dosbarth 1 & 2 – Da iawn Dosbarth 1 & 2 for another fantastic week of learning! You have been amazing at recognising new sounds and words. We have had so much fun on our autumn hunts, exploring our new outdoor

area looking for signs of autumn and counting our collections. We have also made hedgehog bread which was delicious! A reminder for pupils to have a pair of wellies in school as we will be starting to use our mud kitchen and outdoor area in all weather. Diolch, have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Diolch for another wonderful week in class 3+4! This week we have particularly enjoyed reading and sequencing our story 'Zog', using the Tri Mochyn Bach to practise our Welsh and ordering numbers! PE will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons and please can the children wear suitable kit. Well done all for your fabulous home learning tasks so far, we have loved sharing these with the class and talking about what you have done. Our home learning log can be found on class dojo or hwb. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Diolch and da iawn to the children in Dosbarth 5 and 6 for their continued hard work this week. We have enjoyed becoming familiar with our new story, Breathing is my Superpower! Miss Carroll's class will be having PE on a Monday and Mrs Lee's class will be a Thursday. Please could the children come to school dressed in their PE kit - no cropped tops please. Please can we ask that all jumpers/cardigans are clearly labelled. Our Autumn term home learning log has been uploaded to Class Dojo and Hwb. My Maths logins and Bug Club logins have been sent home for children to read at home and complete online math homework. We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Da iawn to everyone for another amazing week of learning in Year 3! This week we have been looking at poetry using our class book Marvellous Me and talking about all of the things that make is unique and marvellous. Miss Williams' class will be having PE on a Monday and Friday and Miss Bones' class will be on Monday and Thursday. Children can wear PE kit to school on these days and can all children please remember to bring a drink and healthy snack to school. Continue to keep an eye on class updates from Class Dojo, Twitter. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Da iawn pawb for a very successful week of learning. Blwydden 4 have loved learning more about our topics. This week, they have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the organs in our body and how we need to eat a balanced diet. Dosbarth 9 & 10 have also been working really hard on becoming more independent when faced with more challenging activities. Please remember to wear P.E kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Ardderchog! Have a safe and wonderful weekend. Diolch. 😊

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Diolch yn fawr for another fantastic week of learning as part of topic 'Inside Out!' Just a polite reminder that its week 2 of our homework log activities which can be found on class dojo or hwb classes. We love receiving the photographs and uploads to the children's individual folders and sharing them with the other children. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Another fabulous week for year 6 with excellent behaviour. Please remember to wear P.E. kit on a Wednesday and Friday for our sessions, it will be class 13's turn on the climbing wall next week. A big thank you for all your hard work on 'recycling week' this week! Please remember to apply for your comprehensive school place at the following link...

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/School-Admissions/SchoolAdmissions-Secondary/School-Admissions-Secondary-Schools.aspx>

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School

