

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 1st October 2021

This half term our value is: Friendship

"The best gift anyone can give is the gift of friendship"

Cylchlythyr - 1st October 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 😊

Thank you for supporting world smile day today. It was wonderful to see everyone wearing bright colours and sharing their smiles throughout the day. We learned that a smile gives us a warm feeling inside and that "A smile costs nothing but, gives much".



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.

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>

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.

Pupil Consultations

Pupil consultations will be available with your child's teacher online on Monday 18th October. Information from class teacher will follow with further information.

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.

Pupil Absence

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

Registration

My we please remind parents/carers that morning registration is 9.00am, staff are at the gates between 8.40 and 9.00 to receive children, in order that we can start registration promptly at 9.00am.

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>).

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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.

Information from Abersychan for Year 6 pupils

We hope that you are well and that it has been a good start to the new academic year. We wanted to write to you with some details regarding our Year 6 Transition programme. Unfortunately, due to the current high rates of infection of COVID 19 we have decided that we will not be running our normal face to face open evening for Year 6 pupils and parents. However, we will be offering the following before the October half term holidays.

- Visits to Year 6 assemblies/ classes from Abersychan staff
- A new school prospectus which will provide you with important information regarding the school
- A virtual open evening and a virtual tour of the school
- A parents Teams meeting with each school, where parents will have the opportunity to ask questions of key staff at Abersychan
- The opportunity to book a tour of the school either during the school day or after school. If you wish to take up this opportunity please email Nicola.strachan@abersychanschool.co.uk

We will be confirming dates for some of the above activities with each individual primary school in the near future.

In the meantime if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us on Phillip.collins@torfaen.co.uk or Nicola.strachan@abersychanschool.co.uk

We look forward to meeting with you and your children soon.

Nursery Applications 2022

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

Caring Canines Cymru

Caring Canines Cymru visited Class 14 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.

Garndiffaith Rugby

Garndiffaith RFC are looking for girls and boys to join their enthusiastic, energising rugby teams. Training times are Wednesdays 6pm-7pm all ages welcome. Please contact Jenna or Katie via the Garn mini and juniors facebook page for more info.

Torfaen Play

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

PLAY IN THE PARK

Free, fun activities for children & families

Playworkers will be providing mini pop up play events at the times and locations below. Join in arts and crafts, games, and nature trails. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Activities are aimed at children aged 5+ years.

SATURDAYS
10:30AM - 12:00PM

Fishponds Park, Sebastapol, Pontypool
Hollybush Park, Hollybush, Cwmbran
Oakfield Flower Gardens, Llantarnam, Cwmbran
Pontypool Park, Pontypool
Blaenavon Flower Park, Blaenavon 12:30-2:00pm

Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme

Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme provides free gardening equipment for schools. If you shop at Morrisons and wish to take part in this scheme:

- Download Mymorrisons app
- Sign in and register and select Garnteg Primary School
- You can scan the app at checkout or use when online shopping
- For every £10 spent you will receive a grow token to donate to our school
- We can then exchange Grow Tokens for free Gardening Equipment

Thank you

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 - Isabelle and Charlie Afternoon - Melyssa and Archie	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Theo
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Jay	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Mila
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Freya	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Poppy
Class 3 - Mr Key	Matilda	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Halle
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Ivy-Lee	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Darcey
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Myles	Class 12 - Mrs Messoro	Theo M
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Chloe	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Kurt
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Emilia

Nursery - What a wonderful week we have had Meithrin! We have been learning all about patterns. You have enjoyed looking for patterns in the classroom and making repeated patterns with fruit. Bendigedig! Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see all of our fabulous work. If possible, please can you bring in some egg cartons for us to use in junk modelling craft. Thank you! We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendigedig Derbyn! Another fantastic week of learning all about Harvest. We have been digging up vegetables in our classroom vegetable patches and using vegetables to create our own harvest painting. We have also impressed our teachers with our new song 'Big red combine harvester'. Tuesdays are our pe day and children can come into school wearing their pe kit.

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Da iawn Dosbarth 3&4! What an exciting week we have had. We have been sorting natural resources in Maths and have explored settings in our new story Zog in English and Topic. Please can we ask that the children come to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays and practise their spellings ready for every Friday. Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week 😊

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Da iawn Dosbarth 5 & 6! We have had another amazing week learning together. We have loved learning all about Harvest Festival and practising our own Welsh in our Siopa. 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 for another wonderful week of learning in Dosbarth 7 & 8. We have continued our 'free to be you and me' topic, exploring our feelings through drama and learning all about what goes on inside our bodies. Polite reminder that PE is Monday and Thursday for Miss Bones and Monday and Friday for Miss Williams. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Bendigedig for another brilliant week in Blwyddyn 4! We have continued to climb to sparkle this week, when completing all our tasks. A big diolch for those who have been completing learning log tasks at home! These have been displayed and dojo points have been rewarded. Polite reminder for children to wear their PE kits into school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Have a safe and wonderful weekend!



Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Da iawn Dosbarth 11 and 12 for another great week. They have all been working so hard writing non-chronological reports and being super detectives in Science. Remember the Learning Log for homework tasks is on Hwb class and dojos and weekly tasks are set on My Maths. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - yet another fabulous week in blwyddyn 6. We have loved using 'the proudest blue' in our literacy lessons and have really practiced mindfulness in our mindful tasks. Please remember to keep on top of your learning logs which are available on hwb and dojo, as well as accessing your mymaths and bug club reading. 😊 Keep up the fabulous work and have a great weekend.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School