

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 8th October 2021

This half term our value is: Friendship

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud"

Cylchlythyr - 8th October 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Cyfeillgarwch

Important Dates for your diary

Pupil Individual Photographs - Wednesday 13th October

Garnteg Bake Sale & Activities - Friday 15th October

Spooky Day - Class Disco & Activities - 22nd October - £1 donation

Autumn Half Term - October 25th - 29th

Inset Day - 5th November

Children in Need - Friday 12th November

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. Thank you for continuing to support us by keeping safe and healthy.

World Smile Day 😊

Thank you for supporting world smile day last Friday. We raised over £160. Thank you all so much for your kind donations.

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.

Harvest Festival

Thank you all so much for your enormous display of generosity this week with your donations for Noddfa Church foodbank, they were delighted by the amount of donations that they received. A big thanks to Pastor Funnell for the Harvest Assembly, the children enjoyed taking part in it in their classes very much.



Donations from Class 13

Garnteg Bake Sale

We are excited to announce that our Garnteg Bake Sale will be returning on Friday 15th October. Each class will have their own bake sale and children are invited to dress in rainbow

colours to support Cancer Research UK. Donations of shop brought cakes would be greatly appreciated.



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.

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.

Here is also a link to Torfaen Website

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/News/2021/October/01-School-payment-system.aspx>

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 so



Get prepared for the change to Universal Credit

The £20 per week uplift for Universal Credit claimants, that was applied back in March 2020 in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, has now been removed.

Are you ready for this change?

To help you start looking at ways to maximise your income, we have a range of specialist employment and skills advisors that can work with you if you're either in work or out of work.

[Click here to find out more about how you may be affected by this latest change to Universal Credit and the different types of support available.](#)

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.



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 - Nancy and Jenson Afternoon - Lexi W	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Taylan
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Frankie	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Abigail

Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Wesley	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Dylan
Class 3 - Mr Key	Lewis	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Jayden
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Jaxon	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Kaylum
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Lily-Ann	Class 12 - Mrs Messore	Logan
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Riley J	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Poppi
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Will

Nursery - Da Iawn Meithrin for another wonderful week. We have been learning all about Harvest. We have enjoyed counting food for the Harvest basket, making soup, creating Harvest crafts and speaking Welsh. We have been so impressed with every one of you! Bedigedig! Thank you for the Harvest donations! Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Derbyn for another super week! A big diolch for all of your generous donations for our Harvest festival. On Wednesday we enjoyed a lovely assembly from Pastor Funnell teaching us the importance of caring for our world. This week we have been reading the story 'The Colour Monster' and talking about our feelings. We have made lots of different creations to show our feelings including playdough and a nature mood chart. It was lovely to hear all of the things that make Class 1 and 2 happy! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - What a lovely week we've had in class 3 and 4! We really enjoyed practising our songs for the Harvest assembly and would like to thank you for your kind donations too. We've been exploring characters from Zog and ordinal numbers in English and Maths, and all the children have been working so hard! As we often go outside for forest school and the weather is changing, we please ask that the children bring a pair of wellies in which can then be kept in school. On non-school uniform and PE days we also ask that the children do not wear crop tops and wear appropriate clothing instead. Have a lovely weekend Dosbarth 3 and 4 and we look forward to seeing you next week 😊

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - A big diolch yn fawr for your generous donations for Harvest Festival and also our Groser Gwrydd Siop. The children have thoroughly enjoyed buying and selling the fruit and vegetables this week. We have also enjoyed celebrating Black History Month by learning about the life of Rosa Parks and have enjoyed discussing that even though we are all different we are all the same on the inside. Bendigedig Dosbarth Pump and Chwech!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - A big da iawn for another excellent week of learning in Dosbarth 7 & 8! We have continued our 'free to be you and me' topic, exploring empowering artwork and researching how Harvest is celebrated around the world. A polite reminder that PE is Monday and Thursday for Miss Bones and Monday and Friday for Miss Williams and can all children please have hoodies, jumpers and cardigans labelled. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Another successful week in Blywdden pedwar. We have been working really hard on all our tasks once again. A big diolch for all your Harvest donations. Just a reminder to keep up to date with messages and notifications on Class Dojo. Just a reminder that we are a healthy school so children must bring in healthy snacks to eat at breaktime. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from all of the Year 4 staff. :)

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Diolch yn fawr for the wonderful donations for our Harvest festival. We have had a fantastic week learning about Black history and the children have completed some lovely pieces of work.

Just a reminder that there will be no P.E on Wednesday as the children will be having their school photograph. Have a lovely weekend and take care.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Diolch yn fawr, Dosbarth 13 and 14 for your hard work this past week. We have enjoyed completing our work on the Proudest Blue and have had some interesting discussions in class. Thank you also for your donations to our harvest. Climbing wall will be for Dosbarth 14 this week. Thank you also to Mrs Murphy for bringing her dogs to see us as I know you have enjoyed spending time with the wellbeing dogs over the last few weeks in our classes. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School