

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 3rd December 2021

This half term our value is: Caring



Cylchlythyr - 3rd December 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Gofalu

Important Dates for your diary

January Intake Transition afternoon for children - Tuesday 7th December

Christmas Party Day Friday 10th December

Children's Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 15th December

School Finishes for Christmas - Friday 17th December
School starts back after Christmas - Tuesday 4th January 2022
Additional Jubilee Day - 29th April 2022
Inset day - 27th May 2022
Inset days - 21st and 22nd July 2022

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



All Christmas Parties are being held on Friday 10th December. Pupils can wear party clothes to school.

Hot Party Food boxes will be supplied free of charge to all pupils for their party dinner so no need to send in any packed lunch next Friday.

Christmas Play and Wellbeing Camp

The Play Service are delivering Wellbeing Camp at Garnteg Primary School this Christmas period for children aged 5-11 from Monday 20th December until Wednesday 22nd December, the times are 10:00am-3:00pm and children require a packed lunch. Please click on the link below to register an interest in your child attending a provision. Please note that limited spaces are available and pre-booking is essential.

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TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH
 TORFAEN AND DISTRICT COUNCIL
 Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
 Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

CHRISTMAS PLAY & WELLBEING CAMPS

CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS
 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Monday 20TH, Tuesday 21ST
 & Wednesday 22ND December

Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School
 Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

Blenheim Road Community Primary School
 Blenheim Road, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

Garnteg Primary School
 Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

George Street Primary School
 Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Llantarnam Community Primary School
 Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 3XB

Nant Celyn Primary School
 Henllys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

Penygarn Community Primary School
 Penygarn Road, Pontypool, NP4 8JR

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
 To complete an expression of interest form please click on the link above. Please note application for your child must be completed prior to attending.

A refillable drink & packed lunch must be provided

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Winter OF WELLBEING

Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 11th December there will be a Christmas fayre at Garndiffaith Community Hall from 12.00 until 2.30. There will be lots of stalls with lots of bargains for Christmas.

There will also be a visit from Santa at 12.30. Please come along and join in the Christmas fun!

Nursery January Intake 2022

Thank you all for attending the virtual Nursery intake meeting yesterday, it was lovely to meet you and the children. We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery intake for January 2022. We have scheduled an intake programme to provide as much information as possible to support a smooth transition for your child. Please see our school website for a video of the Nursery setting and the Nursery Intake PowerPoint for parent / carers for your reference. <https://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/nursery-intake-information>

Your child will be invited into Nursery for a transition afternoon on **Tuesday 7th of December at 1pm - 2:30pm.**

ELF / Christmas / Sparkle jumpers



There were many Christmas Elves in school day! Everyone looked very festive 😊. Children can wear their Christmas/Sparkle jumpers every Friday until the end of term. If you do have any Christmas/Sparkle jumpers which you no longer use or need, we would be very grateful if you can send these into school from Monday.

Christmas Raffle

Please remember to return your raffle tickets in the envelopes provided and contact your child's teacher if you would like some extra tickets

We will be holding our annual Christmas raffle in the last week of this term and would appreciate any kind donations. If you can donate or ask companies for donations, please could you send them into school as soon as possible.

We already have some lovely prizes including Vouchers, cuddly toys, chocolates etc and a fabulous Mini I Pad Air. We appreciate your continued support.

Last year the response was tremendous, and we were able to use money raised to buy many new inside and outside games for pupils to use in their classes. This year the money will be again used for classroom resources and will also go to local charities.

Christmas Lunch for Pupils

Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 15th December, if you wish your child to have Christmas Lunch, please let your child's teacher know via class dojo as soon as possible. Only Christmas Lunch will be available from the canteen on this day.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Each week we will be sharing guides that cover the key things parents/carers should know about the most popular social media and gaming apps used by our learners. These guides can be found in the 'In The Know' area of Hwb.

This week is all about **Roblox** - follow the link for age ratings, potential risks and what you can do to keep your child safe [Roblox - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)

Happen Survey

In January pupils in years 4,5 and 6 will be asked to complete a short survey on their health and well-being as part of our primary school health network - HAPPEN (www.happen-wales.co.uk). They will be asked questions such as how active they are, how well they can concentrate, what activities they would like to try in school and how happy they are in school

and with their friends. The results will be used to ensure that our pupils are healthy, happy, confident individuals.

<https://happen-wales.co.uk/information-sheet/>

Information about this survey can be found in the links above. If you **do not** wish your child to take part in the survey, please complete the form and return it as indicated within the information sheet.

We look forward to hearing your children's views.

Amgueddfa Cymru Fun filled Christmas Event

Amgueddfa Cymru is again holding a digital at home event this year with Father and Mother Christmas, the mischievous elves and also a LIVE LINK TO LAPLAND! Tickets are £5 (+booking fee) per family and the event will be available through in Welsh, English and BSL and can be bought at www.museum.wales. This will take place on Saturday 11 December.

Families can enjoy a fun filled Christmas experience from the comfort of their own home and join Father Christmas, Mother Christmas and the mischievous Elves for a feast of festive fun from home **PLUS a live link to LAPLAND.**

A packed afternoon awaits with plenty of Christmas sparkle!

Here's what's on Santa's list:

- ❖ Join a LIVE video call to meet real reindeer in Santa Claus Secret Forest Joulukka, LAPLAND
- ❖ Make Santa's favourite sweet treats with Mother Christmas in her kitchen as she shares her very special Gingerbread recipe
- ❖ Learn about some cool Welsh Christmas traditions
- ❖ Visit the Elves at their workshop to make paper snowflakes and snow globes

- ❖ Sing along to some festive favourite tunes with the Christmas Crew

Settle down for story time with Father Christmas in front of the fire.

SIÔN CORN A'I FFRINDIAU | GARTREF FATHER CHRISTMAS AND FRIENDS | AT HOME

- 12.15pm Croeso
Welcome
- 12.30pm Coginio gyda Siân Corn
Cooking with Mother Christmas
- 1.30pm Galwad BYW i'r Lapdir: Cwrdd â'r Corachod a'r Ceirw yn 'Santa Claus Secret Forest' - Joulukka
LIVE call to Lapland: Meet the Elves & Reindeer at Santa Claus Secret Forest - Joulukka
- 2.30pm Cystadleuaeth Elfie
Elfie Competition
- 3.30pm EGWYL
BREAK
- 4.45pm Gweithgareddau Crefft: Plu Eira a Globau Eira
Craft Activity: Paper Snowflakes & Snow Globes
- 6.00pm Canu Carolau gydag YGG Llwyneclyn
Carol Singing with YGG Llwyneclyn
- 6.20pm Siocled Poeth
Hot Chocolates
- 6.40pm Amser Stori gyda Siôn Corn
Story time with Santa

11/12/21



Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM Queen - Brooke PM King - Bobi-Ray	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Oscar
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Ollie-Jai	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Danny
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Chloe	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Lola
Class 3 - Mr Key	Lewis	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Charlie
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Tomos P	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Logan
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Lilly-Beth	Class 12 - Mrs Messore	Paisley
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Evan	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Jai
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Liberty

Nursery - We've had another fabulous week in Meithrin. It started with a special visitor all the way from the North Pole - that's right, Sparkles came to join us in Nursery! He also wore the waterproof coat you made him, he said it kept him warm and dry all the way from the North Pole. Gwaith da boys and girls, you should be so proud of yourselves. We then started on our Christmas crafts/bags and cards. You all looked fabulous

today in your sparkly Christmas jumpers and elf costumes - we had such an elf-tastic day! Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and warm and we look forward to seeing you in the classroom again Monday.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 What a fantesteg week we've had in Dosbarth this week! We have been looking at different materials and deciding on the best ones to use to make our props for our Christmas concert. Our elf day has been so much fun and a big diolch to families for the efforts. PE days are still on a Tuesday and books have been loaded onto bug club to carry on with our reading challenges. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Dosbarth 3+4 have been so busy this week! We have been using coins to pay for things around our classroom, practising using 'because' in a sentence and starting a new project about twigs and tinsel! We started by designing Christmas gifts and cards and have been finding and sorting different materials. Next week we are looking forward to making our cards and gifts! You were fantastic elves today and we hope you had a fun elf day! Have a lovely weekend and see you Monday!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - What a busy week we have had in Dosbarth 5 and 6! We have been busy researching different Christmas decorations and planning to make our own using the materials of our choice. We can't wait to see your final decorations! We have all loved our Elf Day today - look out for the fabulous cards and calendars we have been making coming home soon! Have a fantastic weekend and see you for another fun filled week!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 7 & 8 for another fantastic week! We have been busy working on our Christmas activities this week along with our Christmas performance, we can't wait to show it to you! We have loved seeing everyone in sparkly jumpers and elf costumes today and particularly enjoyed working out our elf names and making Christmas cards! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Wow! We've had a fabulous week in Blwydden 4! We've been busy practising for our 'Christmas Collection' and we can't wait for you to see the final product. We were very excited to see our Elves back in our classrooms this week and have loved seeing the mischief they've been up to so far! We've all been busy little elves working on our Christmas projects. Keep safe over the weekend and wrap up warm! 😊

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Bendigedig pawb another fantastic week of learning and we are getting into the Christmas spirit with our mini topic 'Hollydays are coming'. Please could the children practise ready for our Christmas performance. Have a fantastic weekend.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Another fantastic week in Blwydden 6. We are really starting to feel the Christmas magic! If you haven't done so already please remember to let us know if you would like Christmas Dinner and bring your swimming permission letters in. Have a fantastic weekend 😊

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School