

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 10th December 2021

This half term our value is: Caring

FEELING
GRATITUDE
AND NOT
EXPRESSING IT
IS LIKE
**WRAPPING A
PRESENT**
AND NOT
GIVING IT.

~WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD~

Remember Love

Cylchlythyr - 10th December 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw:Gofalu

Important Dates for your diary

Children's Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 15th December

School Finishes for Christmas - Friday 17th December

Carols Under the Arch Online - Sunday 19th December 6-8pm

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

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.

https://iweb.itouchvision.com/portal/f?p=customer:category_link:::::CUID,LANG:CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98C0B98E,EN&P LANG=en

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH
 TORFAEN AND GARDIFFAITH COMMUNITIES
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.

FREE

A refillable drink & packed lunch must be provided

Winter OF WELLBEING

Chwarae Torfaen Torfaen Play
 @chwaraetorfaentorfaenplay
 @torfaenplayservice

Christmas Parties



The children have really enjoyed the parties today, with lots of dancing and games. A big thank you to Helen and the canteen staff for the fabulous Hot food boxes, they were delicious!

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!

Christmas Raffle



Thank you for the returned tickets and money so far, there is still time to return raffle tickets in the envelopes provided. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like some extra tickets.

We will be holding our annual Christmas raffle on Tuesday 14th next week and many thanks to those who kindly donated prizes. We appreciate your continued support.

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.

Carols Under the Arch Online

The carol service online will be on Sunday 19th December at 6pm - 8pm. Parents can access the service via Facebook Noddfa page. The service will be led by Noddfa church and Victory Church Blaenavon and will also include contributions from pupils at Garnteg with pupils singing and playing instruments. It will also be uploaded to You Tube for those who are unable to watch it live.

Winter Fuel Payment

The Welsh Government have recently announced a one-off payment of £100 to help families towards the fuel cost they have to pay.

The scheme is open to households where one member is in receipt of certain welfare benefits. They must have been claiming these benefits at any time between 1 December 2021 and 31 January 2022.

The benefits are

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credits
- Either you or your partner must also be responsible for paying the energy bills for the property.
- Only one payment per household can be paid.

To receive the payment an application form must be completed online by following the link below

https://iweb.itouchvision.com/portal/fp=customer:category_link:::::CUID,LANG:DOFFE45602CC1C02631CE05433A140C1A8C014E1,EN&P_LANG=en

If they do not have access to the internet then it can be completed over the phone by calling our Customer Care team on 01459 766570 or 01495 766430 but we are urging people to apply on line due to the amount of applications we anticipate receiving.

Applications open on 13th December 2021. All applications must be received before the 18 February 2022. Payments for successful applications will be made from January through to end of March 2022.

We have already received a few applications so if parents have already applied on-line they do not need to reapply

Please note that the parents do not need to be in receipt of Free School Meals to qualify for this payment just one of the benefits listed above for the period in question.

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.

Attendance Winners 5th - 10th December



Congratulations to Dosbarth 6 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 96.5% and to Dosbarth 8 who were our Key Stage 2 winners with 95.8%. Well done - let's top this next week!

Our whole School attendance this week was 89.35% - lets raise our game and get back up to our target of 95%!

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 King & Queen - Jackson & Poppi PM Queen - Darcie-Lyn	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Arwen
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Amelia	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Sienna J
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Dominic	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Harley-Mae
Class 3 - Mr Key	Mali-Kate	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Izzie
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Garcie-May	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Lily
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Sawyer	Class 12 - Mrs Messoro	Ashlee
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Lowri	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Brooke Mal
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Poppy

Nursery - Bendigedig Meithrin for another fabulous week of learning and climbing to sparkle in all our areas. Your Christmas crafts are looking amazing, you've worked so hard on them this week. You all looked amazing today for our Nursery Christmas party and danced until you could dance no more! We loved celebrating with you in the hall with your special party boxes. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and warm and we look forward to welcoming you back to the classroom Monday, for our last week of term.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendedgedig Derbyn! You have put so much effort into your learning the last two weeks. We have seen you being independent in your learning and choosing your style of Christmas play prop, using materials to show different uses and creating your own individual calendars! The Christmas party was a huge success and we loved seeing you all dressed up enjoying yourselves. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Gwaith da Class 3 & 4! You have been working so hard on your Twigs and Tinsel class project. We have loved seeing you be so enthusiastic about your learning and be creative in your work. You were all dressed beautifully for Christmas disco day and we had so much! You all danced with such amazing effort. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in school Monday.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Bendigedig Class 5 and 6! You have been working so hard in Santa's workshop researching, designing and creating your own Christmas decorations to take home with you! You have been so creative! We have another week of festivities next week. Don't forget it is Christmas dinner day on Wednesday! We hope you had as much fun at our Christmas party as we did! Enjoy your weekend!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - What a fabulous week we've had in Dosbarth 7 & 8! We have been working really hard on our topic - A Taste of Winter by exploring global warming and also continuing our Christmas crafts! We can't wait for you to see them! We have loved partying with our friends today and playing lots of fun games! Good luck! Have a lovely weekend! Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Ardderchog blwydden pedwar for another brilliant week of learning. We have worked so hard on our Christmas projects and our Christmas Collection performances. Everyone looked so amazing in their party outfits, and we have really enjoyed celebrating and dancing with our classmates at our Christmas party. Have a lovely weekend. Wrap up warm and keep safe. Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Bendigedig year 5, another fantastic week working on our Christmas project, 'The Holly days are coming!'. The children are really enjoying it and they can't wait to finish off their own wreaths next week. It will be lovely addition to your decorations. Please look out for messages and updates on dojos. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 -

Diolch Dosbarth 13 and 14 for all your efforts this past week. We know you have been enjoying your Christmas Art and Craft and have come up with some very creative ideas. Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in the classroom for our last Monday before the Christmas break. Keep safe, everyone!

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School