

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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**Nadolig Llawn &  
Blwyddyn Newydd Dda**



Newsletter - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

This half term our value is: Caring



Cylchlythyr - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw:Gofalu

Important Dates for your diary

School Finishes for Christmas - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Carols Under the Arch Online - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm

**Following the announcement from the Welsh Assembly, all children including Nursery will return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Please see letter below**

Additional Jubilee Day - 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Inset day - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Inset days - 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

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

Delayed start to the new term

Due to the potential impact of the Covid-19 Omicron variant over the next few weeks, the Welsh Government have instructed every Local Authority and school in Wales to take the first 2 days of the new term (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of January) as additional planning days to prepare for potential disruption to learning and teaching.

**All pupils will return to Garnteg including new Nursey pupils on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

These days will give the school time extra time to assess staffing capacity, reconsider risk assessments and mitigations and put any necessary measures in place to support the return of learners.

Our school's priority is to always minimise disruption to our pupils' education and maintain face to face learning in the classroom in a safe way for everyone. However, to protect our pupils and staff we are also being asked to prepare for a period of remote learning should cases locally result in significant staff or pupil absence.

This is a very fast-moving situation so we will also ensure that if there are any further updates over the holiday period, we will share these in advance of the scheduled return to school on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January.

I hope this advance notice gives you plenty of time to make any necessary arrangements at home.

Over the holiday period I would encourage everyone to prioritise getting their booster jab when offered and it is vital that no one with COVID-19 symptoms attends school at the start of the new term.

I want to thank you for your continued support during these extremely challenging times and I hope you and all your family have a happy and healthy Christmas.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Roche (Headteacher) & Chair of Governing Body

### Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners and a huge thank you to all who donated prizes - we raised an enormous £792.15!

### 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.

### Christmas Concert Videos

Get your popcorn out, relax and watch the wonderful Christmas Videos the children have made. If you haven't yet received a link for your child's concert, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher via ClassDojo and they will be happy to send it to you.

A polite reminder, please DO NOT share the link to anyone else. Hope you enjoy 😊

### 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](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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### 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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> December



Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 92.4% and to Dosbarth 7 who were our Key Stage 2 winners with 91.9% Well done!

Our whole School attendance this week was 86.6% - lets raise our game in the New Year 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	All of Nursery 😊	Class 7 - Miss Williams	All of Dosbarth 7
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	All of Dosbarth 1!	Class 8 - Miss Bones	All of Dosbarth 8
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	All of Dosbrath 2!	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	All of Dosbarth 9
Class 3 - Mr Key	All Dosbarth 3!	Class 10 - Miss Paske	All of Dosbarth 10.
Class 4 - Miss Brown	All Dosbarth 4!	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	All of Dosbarth 11
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	All of Dosbarth 5	Class 12 - Mrs Messore	All of dasbarth 12
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	All of Dosbarth 6	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	All of Dosbarth 14

Nursery – Wow! What a wonderful Christmas term we have had in Meithrin! We have been busy elf’s getting up to lots of amazing activities. We have created fabulous Christmas cards and gifts for families, seized the season outside and had lots of fun in our Santa workshop! The adults in Nursery are so proud of you all! You are all Kings and Queens of Nursery this week. 😊 Da Iawn!

We are super excited to welcome our Rising 3’s in January! Morning session is 9am-11.30am and afternoon session is 12.45pm-3.05pm. We had a successful settling in session, and we are really looking forward to having you back. You are going to have so much fun and make lots of new friends.

We wish you all a fabulous Christmas and New Year! 😊 🎄 🍷

Dosbarth 1 & 2 – A HUGE bendededig to everyone in Dosbarth un and dosbarth dau this term! You have been fantastic in your first full term in school, and we are immensely proud of your efforts. The children have settled in wonderfully and we hope you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas with your families.

We are already looking forward to seeing you back in the New year! Merry Christmas and a very happy new year! 🎄 🍷

Dosbarth 3 & 4 – Wow, da iawn Class 3 and 4 for a fantastic term. You have all worked so hard and we are very proud of you. We hope you have had a lovely time celebrating Christmas this week and enjoy sharing the wonderful projects you have been making with your families. Have a fantastic Christmas break and stay safe, we can't wait to see you back in January!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 – Class 5 and 6 have had a fantastic term where they have worked so hard and have especially enjoyed our Christmas festivities and celebrations and for that we would like to make everyone the pupil of the week this week! Da iawn blant! We are looking forward to welcoming you back in January, stay safe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 😊 🎄 🍷

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - What a fantastic term! Bendigedig blant! We have been busy this week completing our Christmas crafts, we hope you like them. Christmas concert links have also been sent out, we hope you enjoyed watching our Christmas play. Thanks for all of your hard work and a big thank you to our parents for your continued support. The children have really impressed us this week, so every child in Dosbarth 7 & 8 are Pupil of the Week! Have a lovely Christmas and a well-deserved break! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - Ardderchog Blwydden 4 for an amazing term. We have been so busy and enjoying finishing off our Christmas projects. Diolch for all your hard work. We hope you enjoy our Christmas Collection Concert as the children have worked so hard. Pupil of week this week will be all the children in Blwydden 4, and you will all have a little gift to take home. You are all superstars! We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We will see you in 2022. 🌲👶

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** - Wow Dosbarth 11 and 12 we have had a fantastic term. We have been super busy learning new things as well as making wonderful gifts and cards for our families. You are all super stars and we are all proud of the effort that you have showing to everything we have done. For this reason we are giving both classes the pupil of week. We are looking forward to seeing back in January, stay safe and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** - Nadolig Llawen Dosbarth 13 and 14. Diolch yn fawr for all your hard work this term. We hope you have enjoyed all the Christmas fun making cards and crafts for your families. Enjoy your Christmas break, have a fun with your families and we look forward to seeing you back in school in the New Year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

We would all like to wish you and your families a restful and happy Christmas and our very best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you for all your support throughout this last half-term. Enjoy the Christmas break and we hope Santa brings you all you wished for. Nadolig Llawen & Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School