

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 18th February 2022

This half term our value is: Understanding

"If we could look into each other's hearts and understand the unique challenges each of us faces, we would treat each other with more love, patience, tolerance and care".

Cylchlythyr - 18th February 2022

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Deall

Important Dates for your diary

Half term is Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February

School starts back - Monday 28th February

Tuesday 1st March - St David's Day Lunch

Wednesday 2nd March - Swimming for Year 6 School Eisteddfod (Foundation Phase)

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

Friday 4th March - School Eisteddfod (Key Stage 2)

Additional Jubilee Day - 29th April 2022

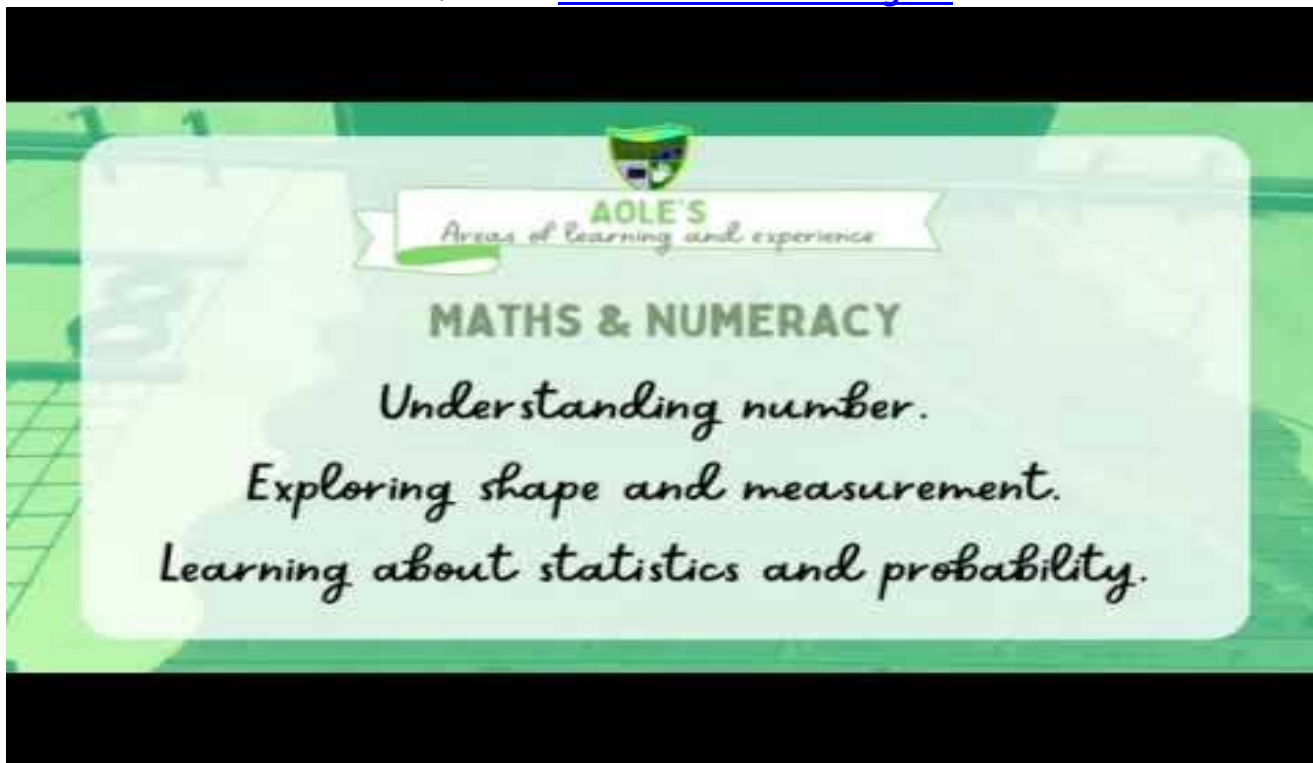
Inset day - 27th May 2022

Inset days - 21st and 22nd July 2022

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

New Curriculum for Wales 2022

This video has been created by the staff and pupils of Garnteg to explain exactly what the curriculum means for us. [Curriculum at Garnteg 22](#)



Welsh Government changes to Additional Learning Needs

Thank you for your responses regarding the new ALN bill, the link to the questionnaire is still available if anyone else would like to respond. A few responses said that they would like more information about certain aspects of the changes but, unfortunately these were anonymous. If you would like me to contact you regarding this information could you please let your child's class teacher know through class dojo's and I will be able to do so.

St David's Day Lunch



Hot lunch for St David's Day will be:

Pork & Leek Sausages served with Welsh Rarebit Mash and Spring Vegetables followed by Welsh Cake.

Funky fillings will also be available

Congratulations & Goodluck!

On behalf of the staff and children at Garnteg Primary School we'd like to congratulate Mrs Richards a new post at a local feeder School. Mrs Richards will be missed at Garnteg and has been a wonderful member of the team. Her last day at Garnteg Primary School will be Monday 28th February. We wish her the best of luck!



Valentines Disco & shop



Message from School Council & Ambassadors:

We would like to say a big thank you for your support with our shop and discos. We are pleased to announce that we made **£350.00** profit and this money will be donated to Children's Diabetes.

Well done to the School Council & Ambassadors for the super organisation of these, we all thoroughly enjoyed the discos, popcorn and pinatas.

Crucial Crew

On Tuesday 1st March Year 6 will be visiting the Crucial Crew workshop. Here they will meet with a range of services who will provide important safety information ahead of Comprehensive school. There will be a Crucial Crew shop where a selection of items will be available for pupils to purchase for £1 and £2, ALL proceeds from the sales made go back into funding the venues for future Crucial Crew events to keep the network going.

Swimming

Swimming also returns for Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 2nd March. All pupils are required to wear their swimming costumes/trunks underneath their uniform for a quick change at the leisure centre. Please bring goggles, underwear and a towel in a bag separate to your lunch. Girls are reminded to wear full swimming costumes and not bikinis. Any questions please contact Mrs Parker-Evans or Mr Phillips.

DJ 4 a day

Dosbarth 11 will be taking part in a fantastic new project 'DJ for a Day.' The children will be producing a 30minute slot on SW20RADIO for 5 weeks and then on the 6th week it will be a 2hour show. If you would like to listen to the sessions live you will need to download the SW20RADIO app and tune in from 2.30pm-3.00pm then on week 6 from 1.00pm until 3.00pm. If you are unable to tune-in for the live sessions, then a post with a link to listen to the recording will be posted on class dojo and the newsletter. The children are so excited and can't wait to begin.

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is the 25th anniversary of the event so there will be lots of activities to look forward to! Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to school on this day.

Half Term Wellbeing Camp

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
 Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

HALF TERM PLAY & WELLBEING CAMPS FEBRUARY 2022

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS
10:00AM TO 3:00PM
 Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd,
 Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th

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

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

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

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

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

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

FREE OF CHARGE

A refillable drink & packed lunch must be provided

Muluwedd ynghyd Families First

SPECIALIST RESPITE/SHORT BREAKS SESSIONS
 (Specialist provision for children and young people with complex needs. These sessions are through referral process.)

Glenside Community Hall
 Glenside, Cwmbran, NP44 1BN

Greenmeadow & St Dials Community Hall
 (The Cockerel), Off Pandy, Greenmeadow, Cwmbran, NP44 4LA

For more information contact: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
 To complete an expression of interest form please contact: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk. Please note application for your child must be completed prior to attending.

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Support programme for new & Expectant Dads

For Dads By Dads

11 week support programme for new and expectant dads

A wide range of topics will be covered, including:

- diet and nutrition
- gambling / gaming
- health and wellbeing
- psychology
- midwife and health visitor information and more!

Scan the QR code and complete the form to secure your place.

For more information call **07980682256** or email **Jacob.Guy@torfaen.gov.uk**

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School Uniform

Garnteg School Uniform is now available from Balan Sports in Pontypool details below. A price list is available; please contact Balan Sports for details using the email address or telephone number listed below. We also have a copy in school we could email to you.

BALAN SPORTS

Uplands Farm, Off Oaklands Road, Sebastopol, Pontypool, Gwent. NP4 5DQ

Opening Hours: 9:00 am to 5:30 pm – Monday to Friday

Phone: 01495 763122 Fax: 01495 762425

Email: sales@balan-sports.co.uk

Web: www.balansports.com

LFT Tests for pupils

Here is a link to order LFT tests online for pupils if you are unable to access any through the local pharmacy. <https://gov.wales> Get our App: edsp.co/app. If you are still unable to receive an LFT test for your child, Primary schools now have a supply of test available to be picked up from school.

Request from Track and Trace, Torfaen Borough Council

We're asking all residents to record your Lateral Flow Test Results, especially when positive: online <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or by calling 119
#keepwalessafe

Risk Assessment Covid 19

A copy of our current Covid 19 Risk Assessment is available on our website under the information zone tab.

Change of Contact Details

Please advise the school office of any changes to contact telephone numbers or details as soon as they occur take place.

Also please telephone the school office on 01495 742934 or email garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk by 9.30am to inform us of any pupil absence.

Attendance

We are currently having weekly meetings to monitor attendance throughout the school. If your child is absent, please can you contact the school office or class teachers with details of pupil absence so we can record on our system.

Attendance Winners -14th February - 17th February 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 6 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 97.2% and to Dosbarth 14 who were our Key Stage 2 winners with 98.3% Our overall attendance for the week was 94% - we are getting closer to the magic 95% Well done everyone!

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Noah and Harper Afternoon - Kade and Charlotte	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Ava
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Darci-Mai	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Izabella
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Grace	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Finley
Class 3 - Mr Key	Sienna	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Charlie
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Ieuan	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Charlie
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Harrison	Class 12 - Mrs Messore	Harvey
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Savannah	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Taya
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Poppy

Nursery - Da Iawn Meithrin for a lovely week! We have had so much fun celebrating Valentine's Day! We have decorated paper hearts, made playdough hearts, shared kind messages about our friend's St David's Day pictures and had lots of fun at the disco! 😊 After half term we will be celebrating the school Eisteddfod on Wednesday 2nd March. Children are invited to wear their colour houses or St David's day costumes. We will also be celebrating World book day on Thursday 3rd March. We can't wait to see you all dressed up! Have a lovely half term break! Diolch for all your continued support!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Derbyn for an amazing last week of half term! We have enjoyed our Valentine's disco and completed valentines and kindness activities in class. You have shown fantastic perseverance and confidence when completing independent challenges in classes and we are very proud of you! After half term we will be celebrating our Eisteddfod on Wednesday 2nd March and World Book Day on Thursday 4th March - children are invited to dress up for both days. Have a wonderful half term and stay safe! 😊

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Gwych Dosbarth 3+4, what a fantastic last week of half term we have had. You have all been working so hard on your Eisteddfod preparations including dancing, creative writing, art, handwriting and singing! Well done for a fabulous day of blended learning to finish the week, we are so proud of you! Don't forget to check our dojos/hwb for your half term craft challenge! Have a lovely and restful half term and stay safe, we are looking forward to welcoming you back after half term for a busy week celebrating St Davids day, our school Eisteddfod and World Book Day!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Da iawn Class 5 and 6 for a wonderful term so far! You have been working so hard on your Eisteddfod entries and have been sharing your talents with one another! We are looking forward to celebrating our Eisteddfod when we return and are equally excited for World Book Day! Stay safe and have a wonderful half term!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Bendigedig pawb for another amazing week of learning. We have really enjoyed completing our Eisteddfod entries, showcasing our individual talents. We loved seeing so many of you on Teams for our blended learning sessions and can't wait to see you all back in school after half term. A reminder that we will be having our Eisteddfod celebration on Friday 4th March and celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Have a fantastic half term and stay safe 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Da iawn Dosbarth 9 & 10 for another brilliant week of learning. Each one of you are all striving to be the best you can be. After half term, Year 4 will be having an Eisteddfod celebration on Friday 4th March. We will also be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. A huge well done for all that have attended the Teams sessions! Have a lovely half term break. Diolch for Year 4 staff. 😊

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Bendedigedig pawb for another fantastic week of learning-you have written amazing poems about Wales as well as super artwork based on Welsh artist-it is going to be so difficult to choose the placings but in our eyes you are all winners. Just a reminder about your craft project about Wales. Well done to the number of children that attended the Teams sessions it was lovely to hear your ideas and how well you supported each other. Have a lovely half term and stay safe.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Gwaith Dda, Dosbarth 13 and 14 for all your efforts this week. You have all been very busy working on your Eisteddfod entries this and it is going to be very difficult to judge winners for our Eisteddfod competitions.

We have a busy week when we return. We will be going to Crucial Crew on Tuesday 1st March, swimming lessons will begin on Wednesday 2nd March, World Book Day will take place on Thursday 3rd March and we will have our School Eisteddfod on Friday 4th March. A very busy week indeed!

Enjoy the half term break and stay safe. See you all in the classroom on Monday 28th February.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School