

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

This half term our value is: Respect

*"Respect yourselves and others will respect you"*

Cylchlythyr - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Parch

*"Bydd parchu eich hunain ac eraill yn eich parchu"*

Important Dates for your diary

Nursery April Taster Session for children - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

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

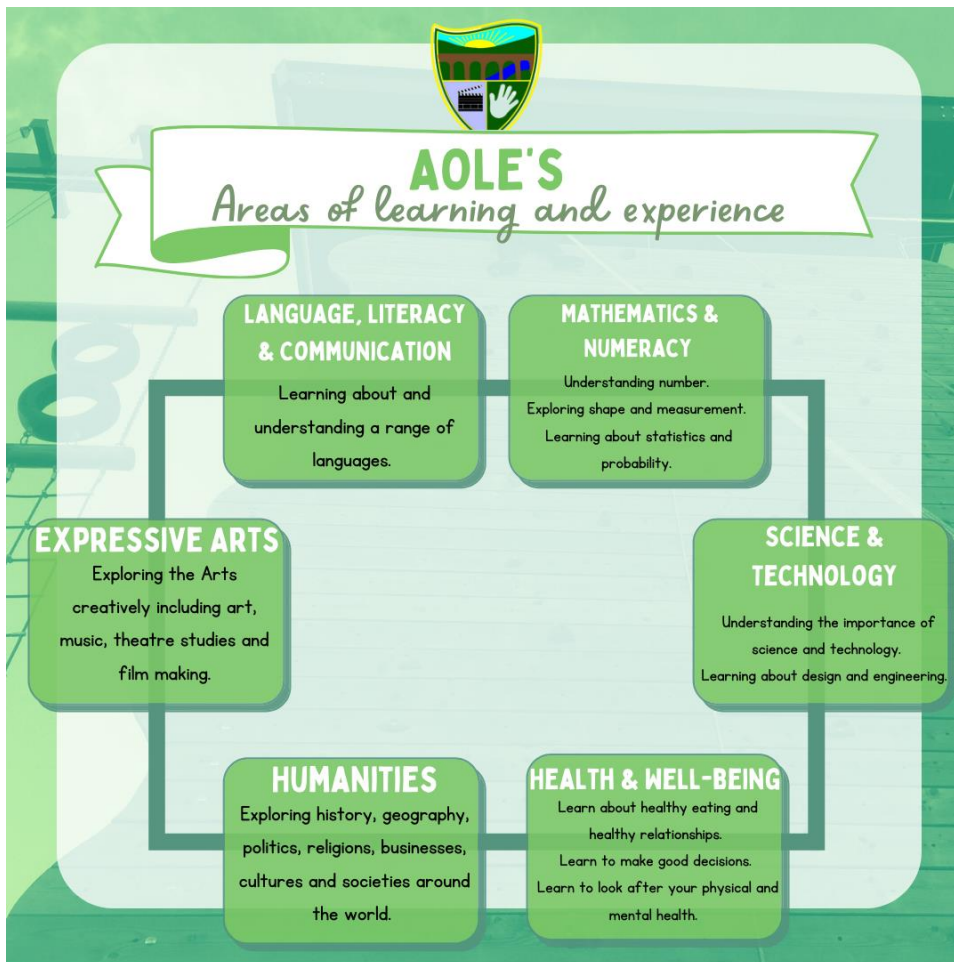
Inset day - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Inset days - 21st and 22nd July 2022

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

New Curriculum for Wales 2022

As part of the new curriculum we will be working within 'Areas of Learning and Experience.' These can be broken down in the image below.



### 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.

### Ending Physical Punishment in Wales - Information for Parents

21 March 2022 is a historic moment for children and their rights in Wales. From this day on, physically punishing children will be illegal in Wales. We want to help protect children and their rights, to give them the best start in life. Please use the following link for all you need to know about the change in law.

<https://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/media/1614/cwb044700-parents-factsheet-english-accessible.pdf>

Please see the attached letter from Karen Cornish the Deputy Director of the Children and Families Division.

The letter is to inform organisations that from 21 March 2022, physically punishing children will be illegal in Wales.

The letter also includes various resources about ending physical punishment in Wales, information on support for parents and information for practitioners.

Letter: <https://gov.wales/children-abolition-defence-reasonable-punishment-wales-act-2020-circular>

### Mother's Day/Special Person's Shop

Message from School Council & Ambassadors:

We are organising the shop for children to buy gifts. This will start on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and prices will range from £1.50- £5.00. We hope you are able to support us.



### Comic Relief

We are going to celebrate Comic Relief Day, on Friday 18th March by wearing **RED** and completing activities in class. There will be buckets at the gates on Friday for £1 donations.

### Charity donations

A Huge thank you for all the donations last week for Marie Curie and for the Noddfa Church collection for [Biserica Creștină Emanuel a church in Galați](#), who are providing accommodation, food and safety for Ukranian refugees. Final totals were £130.40 for Marie Curie and £250 for Ukranian Refugees. Thank you once again!

### Car Parking at Millenium Hall

We have received complaints from residents with regards to anti-social parking on Top Road. Driveways are being blocked and residents are unable to get into their homes. The Millennium Hall Car Park is open for parent parking and we are asking parents to use this whenever possible.

### Cashless Catering and Education Payment Portal

In June last year Torfaen LA & Catering set up a new system for payment of school meals, school activities and trips etc.

Currently only 58% of parents have registered onto the current payment system.

- Even if your child does not have a school meal or has free school meals, schools are now taking part in some activities and trips and so we are asking all parents/carers to register onto the portal.

Please contact the school office or email [garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk) to receive your email/letter inviting you to register onto the portal.

If you have any other questions, please email [educationpayments@torfaen.go.uk](mailto:educationpayments@torfaen.go.uk)

### **Message to parents from Civica Education payments**

We are aware that schools have reported problems with parents not being able to make payments using Civica Education Payments. This is down to a new mandatory security feature for online payments which was switched on recently by the banks. It is difficult to provide parents with specific advice, because banks who issue cards all have different ways of authenticating their customers. For example, you may be asked for an additional measure of authentication via a text message, email or via an app. Not all transactions required this additional authentication.

**Our advice to parents is to keep trying as payments should eventually go through.**

Please email [educationpayemts@torfaen.go.uk](mailto:educationpayemts@torfaen.go.uk) if payments are repeatedly failing.

### **Nursery Intake Schedule for April Starters**

Many thanks to parents / carers who attended our online intake meeting this week. Children are invited to come into Nursery for a taster session on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 1:00am - 2:30pm** where they will have the opportunity of meeting staff, peers and visit their new classroom. Please await a staff member at the bottom gate entrance to the school. We cannot wait to meet the children!



### DJ 4 a day

Dosbarth 11 will be continuing their 'DJ for a Day' project weekly. It was wonderful to hear our Garnteg DJs in their pre-recorded broadcast on S220 Radio on Thursday evening this week and thank you to parents / carers for your messages of support. The children will continue to produce 30minute broadcasts weekly and we look forward to hearing their 2 hour show on the 6<sup>th</sup> week. 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 and then on week 6 from 1.00pm until 3.00pm. If you are unable to tune-in for the live sessions, then a link to listen to the recording will be posted on class dojo and the newsletter.

### Celebrations

We had such a busy week last week with both St Davids Day and our own Eisteddfod being celebrated. Thank you to everyone who took part in our celebrations. It was amazing to finally be able to celebrate together in the hall.

As usual, all the entries were of such a high standard, and we would like to congratulate all the winners. Ty Melyn won the House Cup, while Livi-Mai and Lily in Year 6 were crowned the Bard of the Eisteddfod for their poetry writing

Diolch,

CC (The Criw)

### Easter Family Night Disco

An Easter Family Night Disco with an easter bonnet parade, for families will be held at the Millenium Hall, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of April, its tickets only, but the tickets are free. Tickets to be collected from the Millennium Hall.

A new play provision is starting in Blaenavon, working in partnership with Blaenavon Youth Strategy Team.

This is due to start on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH** **BLAENAVON YOUTH STRATEGY TEAM** **Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service**  
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

# BLAENAVON WELLBEING CLUB

In partnership with Blaenavon Youth Strategy Team

**EVERY TUESDAY 4:00pm - 5:30pm**  
**BLAENAVON CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB,**  
**JAMES ST, BLAENAVON,**  
**NP4 9EJ**

**CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS**  
For more information  
please contact:  
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

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### 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](https://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](mailto: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 - 7<sup>th</sup> March - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 6 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 95.6% and to Dosbarth 13 who were our Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 98.1%. Our overall attendance for the week was 92.7% - 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 - Maise-Leigh & Koby Afternoon - Angel & Jacob	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Seren-Leigh
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Lacey-May	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Riley
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Amalee	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Esmae
Class 3 - Mr Key	Charlie	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Finnley
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Ivy-Lee	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Jessica
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Madison	Class 12 - Mrs Messoro	Riley P

Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Elsie	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Lana
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Brooke J

### Nursery -

Wow Meithrin! What a bendigedig week we have all had together. We have loved seeing how fabulous you are at identifying, matching and mark making your name in lots of different ways. You have been super creative and tried your best all week, Diolch yn fawr. Our Nursery rhyme for next week is '5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer'. Don't forget that you are invited to dress up as aliens or astronauts to celebrate on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We can't wait to see you! Have a lovely weekend! 😊

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Da iawn Derbyn for another wonderful week of learning! You have all worked hard continuing our recycling projects this week. We are so excited to start developing our gardening areas in Dosbarth 1 and Dosbarth 2. We would be extremely grateful for any donations of plant pots, plants, seeds, gardening tools or equipment over the next few weeks - diolch 😊 Have a wonderful weekend!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - Gwaith da Class 3+4! What a lovely week of learning we have had! You have both started your new mini projects 'world warriors' and 'global gourmet' and we can't wait to see where our learning takes us. Class 4 enjoyed our time with caring canines this week and class 3 will be spending time with them next week. Have a lovely weekend and see you Monday 😊

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - Da iawn Dosbarth 5 and 6! What another wonderful week we have had, learning and succeeding together. There has been lots of exciting and interesting activities taking place from celebrating International Women's Day to making wax melts! We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - Wow, what another fantastic week of learning from Blwyddyn tri! We have been enjoying learning all about our topic 'Guardians of the Globe' and exploring the world around us. Just a reminder for all children to bring coats as the weather is so unpredictable. Have a lovely weekend everyone, we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - A huge DA IAWN for another amazing week of learning! We love seeing how creative and independent you are becoming when completing your tasks. Reminder to be completing homework tasks and uploading to Hwb or Dojo or bringing into class for us to see! Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from Year 4 staff 😊

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** - Bendedigedig pawb for another fantastic week of learning. You have all worked so well. A huge congratulations to dasbarth for their show on SW20 radio as part of their 'DJ for a Day' project. Just a reminder that the show will be going live at 2.30pm on Wednesday next week. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

### **Dosbarth 13 & 14** -

Da iawn Dosbarth 13 and 14. Mai gwaith yn ffantasteg. You have worked so well this week in class. Well done for your efforts in swimming. The swimming teachers have already commented on well behaved you are in the sessions and the progress already being made! Keep up the good work! Enjoy your weekend and see you all back in the classroom on Monday.



Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School