

GARNTÉG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 18th March 2022

This half term our value is: Respect

"Respect is a two-way street, if you want to get it; you have to give it"

Cylchlythyr - 18th March 2022

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Parch

"Mae parch yn stryd ddwyffordd, os ydych chi am ei chael; mae'n rhaid i chi ei roi"

Important Dates for your diary

Nursery April Taster Session for children - 22nd March 2022

Additional Jubilee Day - 29th April 2022

Inset day - 27th May 2022

Inset days - 21st and 22nd July 2022

School finishes for Easter holidays - Friday 8th April

Summer Term begins - Monday 25th April

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

New Curriculum for Wales 2022

As well as the 'Areas of Learning and Experience' we will have cross curricular responsibilities throughout the curriculum. Digital competence, literacy and Numeracy will underpin everything else we do.



Congratulations/ Llongyfarchiadau

We were so thrilled to hear from our previous pupils this week, they have become part of Abersychan's 'Brilliant Club', this means they get the opportunity to visit multiple University's and were chosen as just 12 of the pupils attending. Da iawn, James, Charley, Liam and Bradley. We are very proud of you.

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>

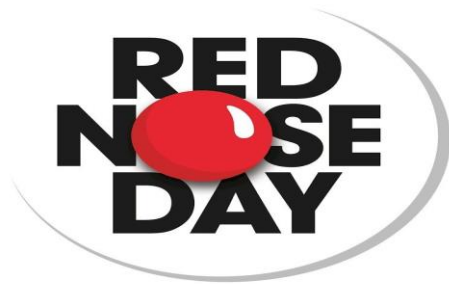
Please see the attached letter from Karen Cornish the Deputy Director of the Children and Families Division.

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>

Red Nose Day



It was lovely to see you all dressed in red to support Red Nose Day today, thank you all very much for your kind donations, we will count it and let you know how much we raised next week.

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 21st March 2022 and prices will range from £1.50- £5.00. We hope you are able to support us. Dosbarth 5 will also be selling their products that they have made for their

"Garnteg Green Gifts" wax melt project. Prices are between £2-£4.50 and the wax melts are available in a variety of shades and scents.

Easter Activities



We are looking forward to some exciting activities taking place in school before our Easter holidays this year!

Easter Egg Hunt - our school council will be organising an Easter Egg Hunt, this will be held during the week of 4th April, more information and permission slips will be sent out over the next 2 weeks.

Easter Bonnet/ Craft Parade

Our Easter Bonnet/ Easter craft Parade this year will be held on Tuesday 5th April for Key stage 2 and Wednesday 6th April for Foundation Phase. We are looking forward to seeing all your wonderful creations 😊

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. Police patrols have been in operation this week and will continue until this problem is rectified.

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 22nd 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 6th 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.

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 16th of April, its tickets only, but the tickets are free. Tickets to be collected from the Millennium Hall.

Torfaen Play-Easter Holidays

The Play Service are delivering 6 Play and Wellbeing Camps this Easter from Monday 11th April until Wednesday 13th April, 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 Play & Short Breaks Service**
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

EASTER PLAY & WELLBEING CAMPS APRIL 2022



FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS
10:00AM TO 3:00PM
Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, & Wednesday 13th

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

FREE OF CHARGE

A refillable drink & packed lunch must be provided

Teuluoedd yn Gynt
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

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.

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

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

This is due to start on Tuesday 15th March 2022

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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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Gaeaf llawn Lies Winter of Wellbeing

Arweini gan Lywodraeth Cymru / Funded by Welsh Government

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 March - 18th March 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 98.3% and to Dosbarth 14 who were our Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 98.7%. Our overall attendance for the week was 93.8% - we are getting ever 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 - Nancy & Patrick Afternoon - Lexi & Harrison	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Emilia
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya		Class 8 - Miss Bones	Lacey
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Wesley	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Jack & Keryn
Class 3 - Mr Key	Archie	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Jac
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Mia-Rae	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Harley
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Ollie	Class 12 - Mrs Messoro	Alex
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Savannah	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Jamie
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Levi

Nursery -

Da iawn Meithrin. What a super week we have had starting our new nursery rhyme '5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer'. We had a fantastic wow day dressing up as aliens and astronauts, you looked fabulous! Meithrin have

focused on 'one more and one less' this week, engaging in lots of fun activities in our areas inside and outside of the classroom. Have a practice over the weekend by adding one more googly eye to your playdough alien and send us some photos on dojo. We can't wait to see! Have a lovely weekend and we will see you Monday 😊

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendegedig Dosbarth 1 & 2 for another fantastic week! This week we have been gardening in our outdoor area and we can't wait to see what grows through the summer months. We have been working really hard creating new clothes using our sewing machines and we are so impressed by what has been made so far! Enjoy the sunshine this weekend :)

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Da iawn Dosbarth 3+4 for another fantastic week! You have been working so hard practising your instructional language and beginning to use these skills to create different genres of writing! Class 3 have been investigating food this week, finding and planting seeds, writing instructions to plant cress and finding out more about where our food comes from! Class 4 have been super world warriors, finding out all about palm oil and researching palm oil free products we could make! Just a reminder that please can the children bring a healthy snack for the morning session. Diolch, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Da iawn Dosbarth 5+6 for another amazing week! Dosbarth 6 have had a fantastic week planting in the sunshine and Irish Dancing. Dosbarth 5 have been busy with their "Garnteg Green Gifts" wax melt project - thank you all for your orders so far! We will be selling these in the Mothers day/special person shop next week for the whole school to be able to purchase as gifts.

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Bendigedig blant for another fantastic week in Blwyddyn Tri 😊 we have loved seeing you all dressed up for Red Nose Day and enjoying our Funny is Power Afternoon Tea telling jokes. We are excited for the next few weeks as we come to the end of our topic 'Guardians of the Globe' and look forward to our Easter celebrations. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo and Twitter for further updates. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday!!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Da iawn Dosbarth 9 & 10, you have been ambitious, capable learners this week, starting our investigations in planting ready to create our allotment. As we will be working outside, please could you bring in a pair of wellies to be left in school for the rest of the term. We cannot wait!! Diolch yn fawr for supporting our Comic Relief Day. Have a lovely weekend! 😊

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Ffantastig pawb for another week of learning. You have produced some lovely pieces of work using your skills and putting them into your topic work. In the next few weeks, the children will be making their products for our topic so keep an eye on twitter and dojo for their super designs. Well done the children on their performance on SW20 radio this week they used their comic genius to tell the jokes and interesting facts. Thank you for supporting our comic relief day. Have a lovely day and stay safe.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Another fantastic week in Year 6. It was incredible to share your comedic genius today for comic relief. It has been wonderful to see your confidence and skill developing in swimming also. Keep working really hard as we draw to the end of the topic and prepare for our round the world street food markets.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School

