

GARNTEG PRIMARY



HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



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Newsletter - 25th 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 - 25th 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

Additional Jubilee Day - 29th April 2022

Inset day - 27th May 2022

Inset days - 21st and 22nd July 2022

New curriculum Launch Day - Friday 17th June

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

Our launch day for the New Curriculum in Wales will be Friday 17th June.

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.



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.

Free School Meals

If parents or guardians believe their child (children) may be entitled to Free School Meals, please use the link below or contact Torfaen County Borough Council:
Telephone 01495 766349/766570 - email benefits@torfaen.gov.uk

Details of how to apply for Free School Meals can be found at:

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/Schoolcatering/FreeSchoolMeals/Free-School-Meals.aspx>

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 last week, thank you all very much for your kind donations, we raised a huge £244.35.

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 on Wednesday 6th April for Key Stage 2 and Thursday 7th April for Nursery and Foundation Phase, 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.

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 broadcast on S220 Radio this week. 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.

https://iweb.ityouvision.com/portal/ityouvision/r/customer/category_link?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=EN&P_LANG=en

 **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, Gamdiffaith, 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

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

FREE OF CHARGE

A refillable drink & packed lunch must be provided

Reinforced in our 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

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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BLAENAVON WELLBEING CLUB

In partnership with Blaenavon Youth Strategy Team

FREE OF CHARGE

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

Admwr 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 - 21st March - 25th March 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 97.2% and to Dosbarth 8 who were our Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 99.1%. Our overall attendance for the week was 93.2 % - 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 - Maisie C. and Hunter Afternoon - Frankie and Logan	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Caian
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Xander	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Henry
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Aysha	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Leo
Class 3 - Mr Key	Jacob G	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Tillie
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Tomas B	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Dylan
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Lilly-Beth	Class 12 - Mrs Messori	Corie
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Riley	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Brooke Mar
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Luke T

Nursery - Da Iawn meithrin for another amazing week! 😊 This week, we have really seized the season and have been enjoying the sunshine, taking part in lots of outdoor activities. The mud kitchen has been very popular, and you have made some fantastic mud cakes, counting one more/less in your play.

We had a very successful intake session welcoming our new April starters - it was so lovely to meet you and we are very excited for you to start full time. Nursery will be having their Easter Bonnet parade on Wednesday 6th April and Easter egg hunt on Thursday 7th April. Have a lovely weekend everyone! 🤗☀️

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Arddechog Derbyn, what a wonderful week we have had! The sun has been shining for us and you have all been busy getting our outdoor area ready for Spring. You have been busy digging our allotment area and planting fruit and vegetable seeds. We can't wait to see our garden grow! You have also been busy learning about the Easter story this week. Reception will be having their Easter Bonnet parade on Wednesday 6th April and their Easter egg hunt on Thursday 7th April. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Wow Dosbarth 3+4 what a busy week! We have loved exploring our projects more, making and writing instructions for foods from around the world in Class 3 and making products for our world warriors project in Class 4! Please can we remind all of our families to get in touch and book a parent/carer consultation for either Monday 28th March or Monday 4th April. More information has been posted on our dojo pages. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Da iawn Dosbarth 5 and 6 for another amazing week! Dosbarth 5 and 6 have had a wonderful week celebrating Outdoor Learning Week with lots of visits to Forest School, bug hunting, wand making and making recycled bird feeders! Keep an eye on our twitter and class dojo pages to see what we have been up to and for regular updates. We are looking forward to our Easter Bonnet Parade on Wednesday 6th April and an Easter Egg hunt Thursday 7th April! Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and stay safe! 😊

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Bendigedig pawb for another wonderful week of learning! We have really seized the season this week and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine! We have also continued our topic Guardians of the Globe, learning about deforestation and extreme weather! Continue to keep an eye on Dojo and Twitter for upcoming events and information. We look forward to our Easter Bonnet/Craft Parade on Tuesday 5th April and our Easter egg hunt on Wednesday 6th April. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Gwaith Da to all Dosbarth 9 & Dosbarth 10. We have been extremely proud of you all for being ambitious capable learners. This week, you have all worked independently on your outside project of creating your own allotments and planting various plants and crops. We are so looking forward to completing this project over the next couple of weeks. As the weather is getting warmer, please can children have an extra drink in their bags. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch, Year 4 staff. ☀️

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Ffantastig pawb for another fantastic week of learning. You have really showed super skills in our mini topics and we can't wait to see the final products. Both classes have enjoyed planning, designing, and using our outdoor classrooms. **Just a reminder for dosbarth 11 that we need the permission slips in for the radio show by Friday 1st April.** We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - What a busy week it has been preparing for our Street Food Festival. Lots of wonderful independent work going on in the classes! Da iawn. Pawb! Also, well done to the amazing progress being made in swimming with so many of you moving up groups in just 3 sessions! We will be holding our Easter Bonnet

Parade/Easter Craft model competitions on Tuesday 5th April, so get creative over the next week at home too. Enjoy your weekend in the sun and we will see you all back in the classroom on Monday

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School