

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 1st April 2022

This half term our value is: Respect

"Please and Thank you are still magic words"

Cylchlythyr - 1st April 2022

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Parch

" Os gwelwch yn dda a Diolch eich bod yn dal i fod yn eiriau hud"

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.

Within the new curriculum the children will be working in progression steps, these will typically be from progression step 1 to 3 in a Primary school, however may progress further as the steps focus on where the children's understanding and stage is, apposed to their age.



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>

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 😊



Please keep an eye on our class Twitter accounts to see what's available to buy.



World Market

On Wednesday the 6th April, Year 6 pupils will be selling a variety of handmade items inspired by different countries. All children will be invited to visit the stalls and purchase items. We are really hoping to sell out, especially as the pupils have decided all profits will be split equally between Cancer research UK and UNICEF for Ukraine.

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.itouchvision.com/portal/itouchvision/r/customer/category_link?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=EN& LANG=en



TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH **PRIFENTREF SIWK TORFAEN** **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, Garmdiffaith, 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

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

FREE OF CHARGE

A refillable drink & packed lunch must be provided

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 Cockere), 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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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 - 28th March - 1st April 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 6 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 92% and to Dosbarth 8 who were our Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 93%. Our overall attendance for the week was 91.3% - 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 - Lexi & Jackson Afternoon - Daisie-mae & Kade	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Phoebe
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Milly	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Noah
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Chloe	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Timmy
Class 3 - Mr Key	Nylah	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Benji
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Edward and Bailey	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Alysha
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Shantel	Class 12 - Mrs Messori	Jasmine
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Brooklyn	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Declan
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Iona

Nursery -

Gwaith da Meithrin. You impress us each week with your creativity and participation. We have had another fun filled, busy week starting our Easter celebrations. Our new nursery rhyme is '5 Currant buns'. We have made Easter decorations and began to write our invitations for our Easter teddy bear picnic. We are so excited to make our Currant buns to share with our special friends at the picnic. Diolch for another fabulous week 🍌

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendeddigg Derbyn! Another fantastic week where we have been writing and learning about the Easter Story! We've written in lots of different ways and made our own palm crosses too.

Just a reminder that next week we have our Easter Egg Hun on Thursday 7th April and our Easter Bonnet parade on Wednesday 6th. We are really looking forward to seeing the childrens bonnets and how creative they have been! It is also the last week of school next week ready for our Easter break. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Da iawn Dosbarth 3+4 for another successful week! You have been working super hard on your class projects and creating your own special books in our own ways! We are looking forward to celebrating Easter with you next week, don't forget we have our Easter Egg hunt on Thursday 7th and our Easter bonnet parade on Wednesday 6th next week. We can't wait to see your creations, so don't forget to finish them off this weekend and bring them in ready! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Da iawn Class 5 and 6, we have had yet another wonderful week of learning together! We have been very fortunate to enjoy outdoor learning week in Forest School! Don't forget our Easter bonnet parade on Wednesday 6th April and the Easter Egg hunt is on Thursday 7th April! We can't wait to see your bonnets! Enjoy your weekend 😊

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Gwaith da Dosbarth 7 & 8 for your amazing work produced this week. Just a reminder to make your Easter Bonnets or crafts over the weekend. Can these please be brought in on Monday in readiness for the parade on Tuesday. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo and Twitter for updates and photos of what the children have been up to during the week. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday ready for our final week of the Spring Term 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Da iawn Blwydden Pedwar for a brilliant week of learning. We have loved completing tasks all to do with our topic. Just a reminder for children to bring their Easter crafts or bonnets into school by Monday 4th April. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch for Year 4 staff. 😊

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Bendigedig pawb for another super week of learning, we are so proud the work that you have been producing for our topic from cushions in dosbarth 12 to designing merchandise for the radio show in dosbarth 11-you have all been creative contributors. Just a quick reminder that our live show will be airing at 1pm until 3pm on Monday April 4th. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 -

Dioch yn fawr Dosbarth 13 and 14 for all your wonderful work this week. You have been so busy preparing for our Street Market, and we are as excited as you are for next Wednesday when we will be holding our Street Market in school. Don't forget to finish making your Easter Bonnets and crafts over the weekend and to bring them into school at the start of next week ready for the parade on Wednesday. Enjoy your weekend and see you on Monday for the final week in school before the Easter break.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School

