

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 6th May 2022

This half term our value is: Honesty



Honesty is the foundation of trust

Cylchlythyr - 6th May 2022

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Gonestrwydd

Important Dates for your diary

Inset day - 27th May 2022

Inset days - 21st and 22nd July 2022

New curriculum Launch Day - Friday 17th June

Inset days - 2nd & 5th September 2022

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

COVID GUIDANCE FROM 08.04.22 ONWARDS INTO THE SUMMER TERM

The separate Covid guidelines for schools, colleges, and special schools remain in place. The next three-week review of Covid regulations will take place around the 14th April and we will write to you if and when there are any further changes.

The following core measures should remain in place to protect learners and staff:

- All staff and learners should be reminded to follow the [Welsh Government guidance for self-isolation](#).
- Staff and learners should not attend school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms. If a staff member or learner becomes symptomatic, they should get a test as soon as possible and should self-isolate until the outcome of the test. Further guidance is available from the Welsh Government website.
- Regular handwashing, and respiratory etiquette (Catch it, Bin it, Kill it) are key interventions to prevent spread and manage cases, incidents & outbreaks.

Jubilee Day

We will be celebrating the Queens Jubilee in school on Thursday 26th May with class activities and games. Children are invited to choose a decade from the Queen's reign and dress up as a person from this era. Have fun and celebrate our Majesty's Platinum Jubilee!

A special Platinum Jubilee Party Lunch Box will be served.



Join us for our Platinum Jubilee Lunch Union Jack Box

**Pizza Slice
Chicken Nuggets
Sausage
&
Chips**

**Chocolate topped
Doughnut
&
Caramel Pop Cake
Fruit Drink**

Dragon Bags - recycling

Please remember our Dragon Bags recycling box which is placed just outside the kitchen. If you have any good quality clothes and shoes you no longer need, please bring them in and give them to the site staff at the gate who will pop them in the box, recycle your unwanted clothes and raise money for our school. Thank you.

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 and will continue until this problem is rectified.

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.

Medication

If your child needs to be given medication through the day, please can you complete a medication consent form at the office. We can also only accept medication which has been prescribed by a doctor or pharmacist.

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.

Pupils arriving late

Registers are taken at 9.00am and registration is closed at 9.30am.

Pupils arriving late after registration has closed will be marked as unauthorised. Lateness is also monitored by the Education Welfare Officer

Cost of Living Support Payment

A £150 cost of living payment is to be made to all occupiers of properties that are in bands A, B, C and D, along with those that receive council tax reduction (formerly known as council tax benefit), regardless of what band their property is in (A to I).

You do not need to make a claim if you pay by direct debit - it will be paid to the account holder automatically.

Torfaen Skills and Employability Team are working with TCBC Revenue and Benefits department to support residents to make their claim. Residents can attend any of the sessions. No appointment necessary. Please bring your letter with you - you cannot claim without your council tax account number and access key.

Monday	9.30 am - 4.00 pm	Employment & Skills Advice Pod, Cwmbran Library
Tuesday	9.30am - 4.00pm	Employment & Skills Advice Pod, Cwmbran Library
Wednesday	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Croesyceiliog Community Education Centre
Thursday	10.00am - 12.00pm	Blaenavon World Heritage Centre
Friday	10.00am - 12.00pm	Pontypool Community Education Centre

Big Plastic Count!

Key Stage Two are taking part in a new exciting investigation called the 'Big Plastic Count'. This is a nation-wide investigation to explore how much we recycle and the results will be recorded to see how we can improve our recycling habits! The event will last between 16-20th May where we need to count the different kinds of items we recycle, and more information will be coming home on Friday 13th May. We would love for you to take part and join in!

'Play in the Park'

Torfaen Play are pleased to announce that 'Play in the Park' sessions are returning due to the good weather. The first session will be at Glansychan Park, Abersychan this Friday!

These sessions will be delivered on a weekly basis with more park sessions to be announced very soon.

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH **TORFAEN PLAY & SHORT BREAKS SERVICE**
 Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

Play in the Park

Free, fun activities for children & families

Playworkers will be providing mini pop up play events at the times and locations below. Join in arts and crafts, games, and nature trails. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. Activities are aimed at children aged 5+ years.

3:30PM - 5:00PM

MONDAYS
Oakfield Flower Gardens, Llantarnam, Cwmbran

WEDNESDAYS
Pentwyn Play Park, Pentwyn Road, Pontypool

FRIDAYS
Glansychan Park, Abersychan, Pontypool

For more information please contact:
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Attendance Winners - 3rd May - 6th May 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 93.5% and to Dosbarth 14 who were our Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 95.5%. Overall attendance this year from Year1-6 is 90.9%

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren	Class	Seren

	Yr Wythnos		Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Louie and Freya Afternoon - Bobi-Ray	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Cori
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Hallie	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Archie
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Wesley	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Oli
Class 3 - Mr Key	Mali R	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Zac
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Edward	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Jacob
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Rohan	Class 12 - Mrs Messore	Summer
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Jacob	Class 13 - Mrs Parker- Evans	Harley
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Edee-Mai

Nursery - Gwaith Da Meithrin ✨ You have been superstars this week. You have shown fantastic interest in learning about Ramadan and the celebrations of Eid. Our next topic which we will be starting next week is 'A superhero like me.' We are excited to hear about your ideas of what you want to be when you grow up. Have a lovely weekend 🌈

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendedig Derbyn! Another fantastic week learning about our ambitions. In order to celebrate this new topic we will be having a dress up day next Friday the 13th. The children can come dressed as what they want to be when they are older. We will have a fun filled day planned and cannot wait to see them dressed up. Have a lovely weekend in the sun!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Well done Year 1 for another wonderful week! This week we have continued our explorations of our new topics, finding out about all your wonderful ambitions and collecting data about which ideas we would like to explore in more detail! Please check class dojos for information about home learning task this week including spellings. Thank you, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Da iawn Dosbarth 5 & 6, we have had another fantastic week! We have enjoyed exploring our new topic "Not all Superheroes wear capes!" Class 5 and 6 are invited to come to school dressed as a real life superhero (such as a nurse, vet, supermarket worker etc) or dressed as something they would like to be when they grow up. Our topic day will take place Monday 16th May. Keep an eye on Class Dojo and Twitter for more information. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Da iawn Blwyddyn Tri for another fantastic week 😊 We have loved hearing all your dreams and aspirations in class this week, you are all ambitious, capable learners for sure! Just a reminder, please can children wear appropriate clothing for PE i.e., tracksuit bottoms, leggings, t shirts, hoodies (no crop tops). Keep an eye on Class Dojo and Twitter for updates! Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Bendedig Dosbarth 9& 10 for all your efforts this week. We were super impressed with the tasks and work you produced on our WOW Topic Day. A little reminder to pack an extra drink for children due to the weather changing next week. Diolch from the Year 4 staff. Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the sunshine 😊

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Bendigedig pawb for a fantastic week of learning in our new topic! We've had a very enthusiastic start with ideas for our aspiration topic continuing to flow. Dosbarth 12 would like to say a big thank you to Pastor Funnell for making us feel so welcome when we visited Noddfa Church on Thursday morning. Have a lovely, relaxing weekend!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Well done on another successful week Year 6. You have continued to work hard and try your very best. We have learnt such interesting facts about our solar system this week and your enthusiasm continues to grow. It has been wonderful to see your confidence soar in swimming lessons also. Keep up the hard work and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School