

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 13th May 2022

This half term our value is: Honesty



**I can BEE
HONEST**

by showing I am truthful
and trustworthy, and not
lying, cheating, or stealing.

Cylchlythyr - 13th 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 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 at lunchtime.



Join us for our Platinum Jubilee Lunch Union Jack Box

**Pizza Slice
Chicken Nuggets
Sausage
&
Chips**

Chocolate topped

**Doughnut
&
Caramel Pop Cake
Fruit Drink**

Curriculum for Wales



Alongside the new curriculum Areas of Learning and Experience, there will be 3 cross curricular responsibilities. These ensure that Digital Competence, Numeracy and Literacy skills are taught and developed across the curriculum.

Class Photographs

Class photographs for Nursery, Reception and Years 1,2,3 & 4 will take place on Thursday 16th June.

Years 5 & 6 will have their class photographs taken on

Friday 27th June.

Leavers Celebrations

We are delighted that our Y6's will be able to take part in Leavers Celebrations this year. The dates are:

Day at the Beach - Wednesday 15th June

Leaver's Prom - Thursday 7th July

Dosbarth 13 Leaver's Assembly - Friday 15th July

Dosbarth 14 Leaver's Assembly - Thursday 14th July

Leaver's Lunch - Tuesday 19th July

Further details to follow...

Children's Jubilee Party at Millennium Hall
Saturday June 4th from 1.00pm until 3.00pm



This is a Free Event for Families - tickets to be picked up from the Millennium Hall

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.

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. Year 5 had the pleasure of talking to Mr Thomas-Symonds who has encouraged us all to get involved with this, so we would love for you to take part and join in!

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

Whitsun Half Term - Play and Wellbeing Camp

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH **PRYDDEIREF SIROE TORFAEN** **Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service**
 Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

Half Term Play & Wellbeing Camps

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS
10:00AM TO 3:00PM
Monday 30th May, Tuesday 31st May & Wednesday 1st June

Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School
 Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

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

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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Attendance Winners - 9th May - 13th May 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 92.4% and to Dosbarth 10 who were our Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 96%. Overall attendance this year from Year 1-6 is 90.8%

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Tabitha Afternoon - Evan and Charlotte	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Olivia
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Rosie	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Lacey
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Georgia	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Maya
Class 3 - Mr Key	Jake	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Cody
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Shania	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Liam
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Travis	Class 12 - Mrs Messore	Joe & Harvey
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Raven	Class 13 - Mrs Parker- Evans	Mason
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Dylan

Nursery - What a fantastic start we have had talking about and exploring our new topic, 'A Superhero like you'. You have shown great interest in lots of different careers, although used your pupil voice to decide on exploring the role of a builder, a chef and an outdoor explorer. We are so excited to see what fantastic work you can do in your chosen area. Don't forget that nursery children are invited to dress up as what they would like to be when they grow up on Thursday 19th May. Diolch for a hardworking week and have a relaxing weekend, we will see you on Monday 😊

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Another fantastic week in Dosbarth 1 & 2 We have loved seeing you all dressed up today and finding out what you want to be when you are older. This week you have explored your aspirations and informed us of what you want to be and how we get there when we are big.

Just a reminder to please read on Bug Club - all log ins have been sent on Class Dojo.

Have a lovely weekend :)

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Da iawn Dosbarth 3+4, you have had a lovely week and been very busy! This week we have continued to explore our topics 'When I grow up' and 'Once Upon a Dream', including planning questions to ask people in our chosen ambitions and looking at the features of a letter in Class 3. If any of our parents or carers would be happy to receive a letter written from the class and answer some questions about the children's ambitions, please let us know, the children would love to write to you! In class 4 the children have been planning and writing our own newspaper reports. The children have been very creative in writing their news stories. Please can we remind you that the children need to wear appropriate clothing for PE e.g., no crop tops.

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 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. Class 5's topic day will be Monday 23rd May. Keep an eye on Class Dojo and Twitter for more information. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - What another fantastic week Blwyddyn Tri 😊 We have been looking at jobs from the past and present this week, we also loved hearing all your ideas for future jobs too! 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 - Da iawn Dosbarth 9 and 10 for a spectacular week of learning. We have been so impressed with how you have been resilient when tackling some challenging tasks this week. Just a reminder that children can come to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays dressed in their PE kits. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from Year 4 staff. 😊

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Gwaith da yr wythnos Dosbarth 11 a 12! We've had a great week of learning and have been very pleased with your progress in Science, Maths and especially your brilliant letter writing skills! The week was topped off with a visit from Mr Thomas-Symonds who was extremely impressed with your questions which were very well thought out, we all learned so much! Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and enjoy yourselves. See you all on Monday and thanks for your hard work this week! Da iawn!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - It has been a very busy week in Year 6. We have enjoyed finding out about your future goals and ambitions this week. Details of the dates for our Leaver's Celebrations have been added to this newsletter and we will send out further details shortly. Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back in the classroom next week,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School