

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Value for this term is Thoughtful

One small  
*Positive Thought*  
in the morning  
can change your  
*Whole Day*

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Cylchlythyr - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Gwerth y tymor: Meddylgar

Important Dates for your diary

Closing date for Secondary School applications for 2023 - Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 12.00 noon

Christmas Dinner in School - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Foundation Phase Christmas Party with party box food for lunch - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Key Stage 2 Christmas Party with party box food for lunch - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Inset Day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr



Christmas Jumpers

We will be wearing Christmas jumpers every Friday in December again this year. We would be very grateful if you are able to donate any jumpers that no longer fit your child, as we will be able to pass them on to children who do not have any to wear - thank you in anticipation.



Christmas Raffle

We will be holding our annual Christmas raffle in the last week of this term and would appreciate any kind donations from local businesses and members of the community. If you can donate or are able to ask companies for donations, please would you bring them into the school office.

Last year the response was tremendous, and we were able to use money raised to buy many new inside and outside games for pupils to use in their classes

Admission to Secondary School - September 2023.

Closing date for applications for Secondary School in September 2023 is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 12.00 Noon.

## Children in Need



You all looked Spotacular today and had a fabulous time raising money for Children in Need while enjoying all the games and activities, hosted by our school council. Thank you for all your kind donations. We will let you know the full amount collected next week.

## School Uniform

The Welsh Government is currently consulting on changes to the statutory guidance on school uniform and appearance policies.

The consultation period will run from 18<sup>th</sup> October until 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Details of the consultation can be found in the following link:

<https://gov.wales/changes-statutory-guidance-school-uniform-and-appearance-policies>

## Pupil Absence

In the event of your child being absent please telephone/email the school office before 9.30am and give a reason for your child's absence. All absences will be recorded as unauthorised unless a message is received via telephone/email or class dojo.

## Registration

The school doors are open for registration at 8.50am, registration is at 9am, pupils arriving after 9am will be marked as "Late".

Registration closes at 9.15 am after that time 'Late' becomes an unauthorised absence and could be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.

A recurrence of late marks throughout any week will also be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.

Please do not hesitate to contact school or the Education Welfare Officer if you have any concerns.

### Breakfast Club

**Reminder** - Breakfast club doors will be closed at 8:50am.



### Christmas Class events

**Nursery** - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online Christmas class event to be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents will be invited into school for a Nursery concert at the end of the Summer Term.

**Reception classes - Classes 1 & 2** - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online Christmas class event to be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents will be invited into school for a reception concert at the end of the Easter Term.

**Year 1 - Class 3** - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online Christmas class event to be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents will be invited into school for a Year 1 concert at the end of the Easter Term.

#### **Year 2 classes -**

**Class 5** - Christmas concert to be held in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, parents are invited to join us for refreshments and Christmas items will be available to purchase after the concert.

**Class 4** - Christmas concert to be held in school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1.30pm, parents are invited to join us for refreshments and Christmas items will be available to purchase after the concert.

**Year 3 classes - Classes 6 & 7** - Parents are invited to join us for refreshments on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm, Christmas items will be available to purchase, and parents will be invited into school for their concert at the end of the Easter Term.

**Year 4 classes - Classes 8 & 9** - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online Christmas event to be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents will be invited into school for their Year 4 concert at the end of the Summer Term.

**Year 5 classes -**

**Class 10** - Christmas concert in school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, parents are invited to join us for refreshments and Christmas items will be available to purchase after the concert.

**Class 11** - Christmas concert in school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, parents are invited to join us for refreshments and Christmas items will be available to purchase after the concert.

**Year 6 classes - Classes 12 & 13** - Parents are welcome to join us for a Christmas Service at Noddfa Church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am. Parents will be invited into school for their Year 6 Leavers concert at the end of the Summer Term.

### **Curriculum for Wales 2022**

We are excited to say the curriculum for Wales is now statutory across Wales. Find out more here. <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales>

**Qualifications Wales** is creating a brand-new set of Made-for-Wales GCSEs that will realise the ambition of the Curriculum for Wales and meet the needs of learners.

*Message to parents/carers:*

*Message from Qualifications Wales: From 2025, GCSEs will change. All primary school learners will study these new GCSEs in high school. Click [here](#) to Have Your Say!*

### **Free After School Club in partnership with Torfaen Play**

Torfaen Play will be running an after-school club commencing on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November to book a session please contact Torfaen Play on the following email address - [torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)



Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service



# Garnteg Wellbeing Play Club

Garnteg Primary School working in partnership with Torfaen Play Service.

Free Fun Stimulating Team Building and Play Sessions.

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**From School until 4:15PM**  
**For children in years 5 & 6**  
**BOOKING REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

For more information and to book onto these sessions please contact:  
[torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)



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Services for families offered by Garnsychan Partnership

## Welcome Space

**With rising energy costs, we at Garnsychan Partnership have launched a new warm space for residents to come along relax, enjoy hot refreshments and keep warm this winter.**

FREE access to:

- Computers
- Employability Support
- Financial Advice
- Craft Corner & Library Section
- Childrens Corner
- Movies & Gaming
- Foodbank Support

**Monday - Friday  
9am-4.30pm**

Find us on [f @GarnsychanPartnership](#)  
www.garnsychan.co.uk  
55 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith NP47LH  
☎01495774453 ✉info@garnsychan.org.uk

## Period Power

**Period Power is a discreet drop-in service available for local residents to access feminine hygiene products and help tackle period poverty within our community.**

**Monday - Friday  
9am-4.30pm**

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## Community Foodbank

**Garnsychan Partnership can provide emergency food parcels for residents in crisis including covid self isolation.**

**Monday - Friday  
9am-4.30pm**

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### Attendance Winners - 14<sup>th</sup> November - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



**Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 who were Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 95.9% and to Dosbarth 11 who were Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 98%. Well done to these classes - reaching our target of 95% especially well done to Dosbarth 11 - 100% next week? Overall attendance for the week is 92.9%. We need to strive to reach our target of 95%!**

### Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Dolcie-Marie Afternoon - Brody	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Freya
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Louie	Class 8 - Miss Jones	Zac
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Louise	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Danny

<b>Class 3 - Miss Brown</b>	Elliot	<b>Class 10 - Mrs Lewis</b>	Halle
<b>Class 4 - Mrs Lee</b>	Joshua	<b>Class 11 - Mrs Messori</b>	Oli O
<b>Class 5 - Mr Key</b>	Sienna	<b>Class 12 - Miss Bones</b>	Indie
<b>Class 6 - Miss Williams</b>	Jasmine	<b>Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans</b>	Layla

**Nursery** - What a lovely week we have had. You have been busy sorting foods that are healthy and foods that are not healthy. You were curious as to why foods are healthy and unhealthy so used the internet to research. Da iawn superstars! We also discussed that to be healthy, we can also exercise. We all voted for our favourite exercises; you are healthy, confident individuals in Meithrin! We ended the week having lots of fun participating in the Pudsey activities. Diolch!!

**Dobarth 1 & 2** - Gwaith da Classes 1 and 2. Your continued hard work and determination continue to impress. Reception have just started learning about shapes and are using their number skills to count sides and corners. You all looked fantastic in your Pudsey gear today and learned about children in need.

**Dosbarth 3** - Da iawn Dosbarth 3! You have worked extremely hard with your work and have been ambitious capable learners this week when continuing your shape work to identify the properties. You have also been ethical informed citizens today learning about Children in Need and why we wear our Pudsey bear outfits. We thank you for your kind donations and we look forward to seeing you next week!

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Bendigedig Class 4 and 5, what a fantastic week we have had! You have been super busy learning about children in need, collecting data, exploring play scripts and investigating light in our science lessons, wow! We have loved seeing the fantastic home learning tasks sent in this week, remember you can continue to earn dojo points for your excellent home learning log tasks and additional challenges and spellings are being sent home for you. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 6 & 7** -Year 3 have had a busy week learning lots of new skills and shining like the stars they are. The children enjoyed 'Children in Need' day on Friday-there definitely many future cooks, and designers. Can we say a big thank you for supporting us with the children's reading, they are excited to win dojos for reading on bug club or a reading book. If you need any support with bug club, please let us know and we can help. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 8 & 9** - Da iawn Dosbarth 8 and 9 for another great week in class. You have enjoyed so many activities this week including Children in Need Day and Animals Interactive. Remember to complete learning log challenges for extra dojos. Please remember to access Bug Club at home to support reading. There will be extra dojos for all those pupils who log in. If you have any issues with this, please let us know. Have a lovely weekend/

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Da iawn Dosbarth 10 and 11 for another brilliant week of learning. You have all been working so hard on the tasks in class and have been working on your independence. Please remember to access Bug Club at home, as this is an excellent reading resource for children to have access to. If you have any issues with accessing the app, please let your child's teacher know. Next week Year 5 will be given their lines to learn ready for the Christmas productions on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from the Year 5 staff 😊

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - Year 6 have had a fabulous, busy week! You have continued to sparkle during your Welsh sessions and your confidence is blooming, you have also supported the school by delivering school council



assemblies and completing a learning walk for Expressive Arts this week! Da iawn blant! Please remember how important it is to continue to read at home, if you have any issues with accessing bug club, just let your teacher know! Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School**