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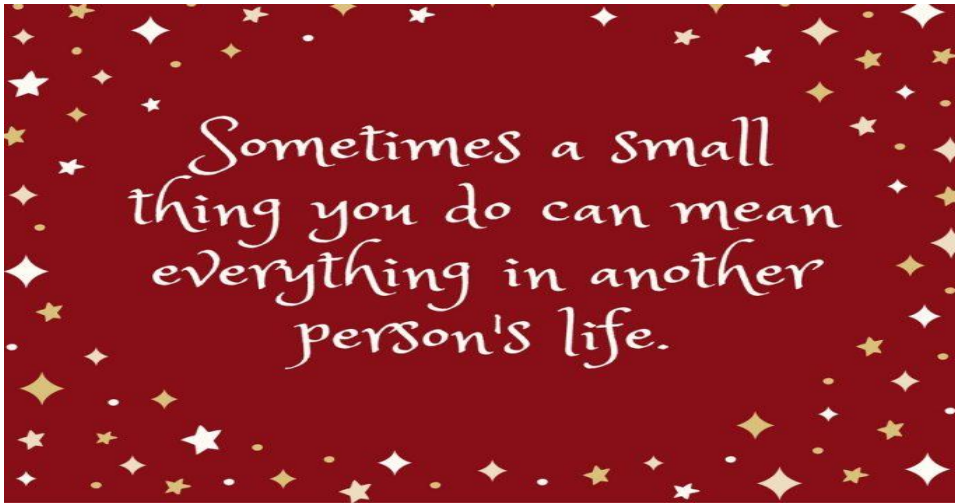
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Newsletter - 2nd December 2022
Value for this term is Thoughtful



Cylchlythyr - 2nd Rhagfyr 2022

Gwerth y tymor: Meddylgar

Important Dates for your diary

Community Carol Service at Millennium Hall - 4th December at 4.00pm

Christmas Dinner in School - Wednesday 14th December

Torfaen Play After School Club finishes for Christmas - Thursday 15th December

Christmas Raffle drawn - Monday 19th December

Foundation Phase Christmas Party with party box food for lunch - Tuesday 20th December

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

Inset Day Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr

Christmas Jumpers

Christmas jumper day every Friday in December has officially started! 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.



Elf Day

You all looked fabulous dressed up in your elf clothes today, you made us all feel very festive.

Community Carol Service

The annual Community Carol service is being held at the Millenium Hall, Garndiffaith this Sunday (4th December) at 4:00 pm. Our pupils will be singing at the service, and everyone is welcome to attend. Please can pupils be there at 3:45 and wear school uniform. If parents are not staying, please can you collect your children at 5:00.



Good Luck!!

Christmas Raffle

You should now have received your raffle tickets for our annual Christmas raffle which will be drawn on Monday 19th December by the School Council. Once again, this year we have some fabulous prizes to be won. We 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 donate to local charities and buy many new inside and outside games for pupils to use in their classes.

Good Luck everyone!



Christmas Class events

Nursery - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online Christmas class event to be held on Friday 16th 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 16th 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 16th 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 19th 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 22nd 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 15th 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 16th 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 13th 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 14th 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 9th December at 10.00am. Parents will be invited into school for their Year 6 Leavers concert at the end of the Summer Term.

Nursery January Intake 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery intake for January 2023. We have scheduled an intake programme to provide as much information as possible to support a smooth transition for your child.

We look forward to meeting parents and carers at the Nursery intake meeting via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday 6th December at 3:30pm** where you will have a chance to meet the Nursery Team for January 2023.

Your child will be invited into Nursery for a transition morning or afternoon on **Thursday 15th of December**. Mornings are 9:30-11:00 and afternoon 1:00-2:30.

*existing nursery pupils will attend normal times.

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 8.40am, registration is at 9am, pupils arriving between 9.00am and 9.30am will be marked as "Late".

Pupils who arrive after 9.30am will be marked as unauthorised 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.

Free After School Club in partnership with Torfaen Play

Torfaen Play will be running an after-school club commencing on Thursday 24th November to book a session please contact Torfaen Play on the following email address - torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

[After School Club finishes for Christmas on Thursday December 15th](#)

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH
PRIDEINSTRY SIOCK TORFAEN
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:
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Attendance Winners - 28th November - 2nd December 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 Miss Brooks who were Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 93.3% and to Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker-Evans who were Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 96.3%. Overall attendance for the week is 89.45%. We need to strive to reach our target of 95%!

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	78.6	0	78.6	3	92	6	95%
Reception	84.76	1	81.4			7	88.9
		2	93.3	4	93.13	8	90.8
1	88	3	84.1%			9	95.2
		2	86.44	4	86%	5	93
5	86.9			11	94		
						6	91.83
				13	96.3		

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Marcus Afternoon - Grace	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Aniyah
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Megan	Class 8 - Miss Jones/Mr Evans	Leyla
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Louise	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Sienna G
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Wesley	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Grace
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Dayton	Class 11 - Mrs Messori	Kaci
Class 5 - Mr Key	Ieuan	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Summer
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Leo	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Jessica

Nursery - We have had such a lovely week together. After learning all about patterns last week we created our wrapping paper, they all looked fantastic! We had so much fun decorating our classroom, it looks super festive. We are in the Christmas spirit for sure! We even had a special visitor appear yesterday, Sparkle the elf! Although it has been super cold this week, we have enjoyed using our outdoor areas, so please remember to wrap up warm. Have a lovely weekend, we will see you on Monday 😊

Dobarth 1 & 2 - What a fantastic week we've had. This week we have been looking at our science investigations and how we can find properties of different materials. We are working hard on our Christmas concerts and we have in full swing of our Christmas mood! Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 3 - Wow Dosbarth tri! You have all amazed us with your hard work this week. You are all becoming such wonderful independent workers. You have worked hard to identify the properties of materials this week and re-capping our counting in 2s. You all looked lovely in your Christmas outfits and have been working hard on your Christmas songs for the carol concert. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Da iawn Dosbarth 4+5 for another fantastic week! We have really enjoyed our planning activities for the Christmas Concerts this year, creating posters, scripts, practising our speaking and acting skills and even planning items to make for the concerts! We hope you had a lovely

elf day in your amazing costumes, and we can't wait to continue our Lights, Christmas, Action mini project when you return next week! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - The children have had a fantastic week thinking about the wonderful Christmas crafts and cooking that they want to make for our Christmas sale on Thursday 15th December at 1:45pm. They definitely got into the Christmas spirit with our little visitor in class yesterday. We would be very grateful for any craft materials that you may have at home for example, feathers, sequins, pipe cleaner etc to help with our Christmas crafts. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - What a lovely week we have had in Year 4. You have all been working so hard on your projects in class and we know the excitement is starting to build as we start planning our Christingle which will be streamed online on Friday 16th December. Have a lovely weekend and we hope to see several you at the Millennium Hall on Sunday afternoon for the Community Christmas Concert. Have a wonderful weekend. See you all back in the classroom on Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Just a reminder, can Class 11 bring costumes in for our Christmas concert by Monday 5th December please? We have spare costumes in school, so please contact me direct via dojos if you need one. Class 11 (Mrs Messori) our concert will be on Wednesday 14th December and afterwards we will be selling homemade Christmas crafts for you to purchase. Have a wonderful weekend.

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - This has been another fabulous week! Da iawn Year 6 for your hard work, diligence and perseverance. You have sparkled with your knowledge of our book 'the proudest blue'. We can't wait to welcome all parents to Noddfa Church next Friday (9th) for our Christmas performance.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School