

Dear Parents/Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr

Potential Strike Action in Schools - Wednesday 1st February

We would like to make you aware that there may be strike action in schools on Wednesday 1st February, we will provide you with further details early next week once the guidance has been received from the LA.

Registration

Doors are open for Registration at 8.40am and registration takes place in classes at 9.05am, please ensure your child is in class by 9.00am. Both gates are closed at 9.00am. Pupils who arrive after 9.30am will be marked as 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.

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. Please advise us the nature of your child's absence, we have been asked by the Education Welfare Service to contact parents if the message merely states ill, poorly or feeling unwell to establish the illness the child is absent for. All absences will be recorded as unauthorised unless a message is received via telephone/email or class dojo.

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

Road Safety Training/Kerbcraft - Year 3 pupils

Classes 6 & 7 will be involved in a weeklong road safety training scheme, week commencing Monday 30th January 2023.

The children will be taken out of class, in groups of around 10 children with 2 adults, for 4 on road training sessions, all within easy walking distance of the school, and will discuss crossing the road in safe places, how to cross the road when a safe place cannot be found, crossing near parked cars and crossing at junctions.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything prior to the training please contact myself or Lesley Rosser, Lesley.rosser@torfaen.gov.uk.

Working with the community - Did you know there was a food bank on your doorstep? Did you know you can get help if you are struggling with your fuel costs? Garnsychan partnership

offer both services and many more. If you feel you need help with these please contact them or our family engagement officer Mrs James (01495) 742934

<h2>Emergency Fuel Voucher Support</h2>	 <p>GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP Charity Number 1147232</p>	<h2>Community Foodbank</h2>	 <p>GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP Charity Number 1174232</p>
<p>Emergency support is available for local residents in crisis and using pre-payments meters* who are at risk of disconnection.</p>		<p>Garnsychan Partnership can provide emergency food parcels for residents in crisis including covid self isolation.</p>	
<p><small>*Application required, conditions apply.</small></p> <p>Monday - Friday 9am-4.30pm</p> <p>Find us on  @GarnsychanPartnership www.garnsychan.co.uk 55 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith NP47LH ☎01495774453 ✉info@garnsychan.org.uk</p> 	 <p>Monday - Friday 9am-4.30pm</p> <p>Find us on  @GarnsychanPartnership www.garnsychan.co.uk 55 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith NP47LH ☎01495774453 ✉info@garnsychan.org.uk</p>		

Safer Internet Day

Just a reminder that its Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7 Feb 2023. It has been encouraged by Welsh Gov and there are lots of resources on Hwb you can use. It encourages pupils, and parents to get involved around keeping pupils safe online.

Click on the following link to access a useful guide on some of the apps children may be using and is directed at parents [In the know - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](https://www.gov.wales/in-the-know)

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 7 February 2023

Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for children and young people, school staff, parents and carers and businesses in Wales to get involved in a truly global campaign.

UK theme - Making space for conversations about life online

This year we are encouraging young people to voice their views, opinions or stories of using social media, gaming or apps. The platforms young people use are spaces for connection, community and collaboration, which is why Safer Internet Day challenges them to foster supportive relationships and respectful communities, whilst equipping them with the skills they need to keep themselves and others safe in these spaces.



Activities

The UK Safer Internet Centre have created [education packs](#) which are available bilingually on Hwb to support schools to run activities and get involved in Safer Internet Day 2023. These packs can be used throughout the year to help deliver online safety lessons.

There are lesson plans, activities, worksheets and games from our trusted partners covering a range of topics in the [resources](#) area of Keeping Safe Online



Support us on social media

To find out what other organisations in Wales have been doing for Safer Internet Day, search **#SIDCymru** on Twitter.

You can also join the global conversation with **#SaferInternetDay**



Register as a supporter

Show your organisation's support and commitment to a better internet by [registering as a Safer Internet Day supporter](#).

Play, Wellbeing and Mindfulness Club

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Providing a variety of fun and interactive activities in the heart of the community.

Play, Wellbeing & Mindfulness Club with Isabelle

Activities connected to '5 ways to wellbeing'

Ages 8 to 11 years

Tuesdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm
The Old Abersychan Library,
Brynteg,
Abersychan,
NP4 7BG

Thursdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Greenmeadow & St Dials
Community Hall (The Cockrel),
Off Pandy,
Cwmbran,
NP44 4LA

Booking is required
For further information please contact: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

Chwarae Torfaen a Gwasanaethau Seibiannau Byr
Cyswllt ymwybyddiaeth a gysylltiedig â'r 5 ffordd at les.

Clwb Chwarae, Lles ac Ymwybyddiaeth Ofalgar gydag Isabelle

Gweithgareddau'n gysylltiedig â'r '5 ffordd at les'

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Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

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Partnerships: University of South Wales, CCPC, Families First

Social Media: @chwaraetortorfaenplay, Chwarae Torfaen Torfaen Play, @torfaenplayservice, torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

We are delighted to introduce our new Play, Wellbeing and Mindfulness Club, working in partnership with University of South Wales.

The club is due to start on Tuesday 24th January and we are running a North and a South session every week then on. There are limited spaces available, and parents/carers are requested to book their children in to attend these sessions. Please email julian.davenne@torfaen.gov.uk to book a place for your child.

Attendance Winners – 16th January – 19th January 2023



As our Attendance Certificates are now given out on a Thursday, the table below reflects the attendance winners from 16th January - 19th January. From Friday 28th January the attendance figures published in our newsletters will be for the previous week

Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 who were Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 90.5% and to Dosbarth 7 who were Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 96.3%. Overall attendance for the week is 88.8%. We need to strive to reach our target of 95%!

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	74.4	0		3	88.4	6	80.9
Reception	86.9	1	84.5			7	96.3
		2	90.5	4	87.1	8	87.5
1	89.5	3	89.4			9	87.3
		2	88.5	4	88.3	5	91.1
5	88.8			11	88.5		
6	86.4			12	82.7		
				6	86.4	13	90

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Felicity Afternoon - Harri	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Finnley
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Archie	Class 8 - Miss Jones/Mr Evans	Caian
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	George	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Abigail
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Joseph	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Zac
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Jacob G	Class 11 - Mrs Messoré	Kaci
Class 5 - Mr Key	Ceinwen	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Tillie-Mae
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Max	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Paisley

Nursery – Gwaith da Meithrin for another fantastic week together. What an amazing start we have had to our new topic, 'Un, Dau, Tri, how many amazing animals can you see'. We have had some much fun talking about the different types of pets. You were superstars at using tally charts to find out if your friends have pets or not in nursery. Children can wear their PE kits on Fridays for Forest School Fitness Friday. Can we kindly ask that all children's snack and drinks are labelled with names please. Diolch! Have a lovely weekend.

Dobarth 1 & 2 – Bendigedig Blant! Another wonderful week of great tasks. This week we have been practising our Welsh colours and asking the question 'Pa Liw?' This week we have been collecting data based on our topic and being creative to help fill our classrooms with new and exciting things based on where we live. A friendly reminder that all snacks brought into school must be healthy so a fruit of their choosing please. Thanks, enjoy your weekend!

Dosbarth 3 – Da iawn pawb for another exciting week of learning! This week we have been interpreting data and exploring where we live in Welsh. We have also been deciding what we would like our new areas to look like in the classroom. A friendly reminder that PE is on a Wednesday and that the children are required to wear sensible footwear on this day. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 – We have enjoyed beginning our new topic "Gwyliau Gwych!" and we are loving our new text - "the great race" which is all about the Lunar New Year and how the years got their names. We have found out that 2023 is the year of the rabbit and we investigated the names of the years when we were born. We found out that we were all born during the years of the goat and the monkey. Just a reminder that PE is on a Monday for Mr Key's class and on a Wednesday for Mrs. Lee's class and please could the children continue to come to school dressed in appropriate clothing for these sessions. Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 – Bendedigedig pawb for another fantastic week of learning we are *all* so proud of the effort you are making towards your handwriting and the super work you have completed for our new topic 'Clash of the Titans' Just a reminder to send in the permission slip for KurbCraft sessions which are beginning on Monday 30th January for both classes. Also, class 7 would like to invite parents to listen to their radio show from 2.15pm on a Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 – We are all enjoying reading our class novel, 'The Matilda Effect' and finding out about so many amazing scientists. A big well done to all those pupils who have completed their first homework piece this term. Da iawn! Both classes have started their Expressive arts project with DJ Susie this week. We can't wait to see your completed projects. Have a lovely weekend. We will see you back in the class on Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 – Da iawn Dosbarth 10 and Dosbarth 11 for another exceptional week of learning. This week you have all shown your enthusiasm for our new topic, 'Star Gazers.' Just a reminder to continue to keep up to date with notices on Class Dojo and Twitter. Also, please continue to access Bug Club, as this will help develop your child's reading, comprehension and inferential skills (reading between the lines). Have a lovely weekend. Remember to wrap up warm. Diolch from Year 5 staff. 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 – Diolch yn fawr Blwydden chwech for another fantastic week. You have produced lots of excellent work including finding the mean average of a data set and have loved our new book 'A Midsummer

Night's dream'. We are thrilled to see a huge progression with reading at home this week, keep this up to ensure you get those dojo's! Have a wonderful weekend from the year 6 staff.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School