

GARNTTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 27th January 2023

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Value for this term is Appreciation

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Important Dates for your diary

30th January - 3rd February Road Safety

Training/Kerbcraft for Year 3 pupils

HALF TERM - Monday 20.02.23 - Friday

24.02.23

Remaining INSET DAYS

Friday 26th May 2023

Friday 21st July 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr

Industrial Action in Schools - Wednesday 1st February

As you are aware the National Education Union has notified schools of their intended industrial action, which is scheduled for

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Tuesday 14th February 2023

Wednesday 15th March 2023 and

Thursday 16th March 2023

Following a risk assessment and consultations with the LA and Chair of Governors, the school will be closed to **Class 2 Reception and Class 4 Year 2 only** on Wednesday 1st February. At this stage we are unable to confirm the position for other days.

We thank you for your understanding during this time. If there are any changes regarding this, we will of course let you know.

Important information regarding Fixed Penalty Notices

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are writing to inform you that from 03.09.22 the start of this academic year the school will be issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) again as part of our school and LA strategy to bring our attendance figures back in line with our pre-Covid figures. We have always been proud of our attendance figures in school and would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support in this area.

Now that we are back to normal with our routines in school, we feel it is essential to continue to strive for excellence and employ as many strategies as we feel necessary to ensure learners are in classrooms all day. We will only issue an FPN as a last resort; usually, issues are resolved with clear home-school communication. However, should we feel that there are no underlying reasons for school absence then the FPN process will be followed.

Fixed Penalty Notices may be considered appropriate when:

- At least 10 sessions (5 school days) are lost due to unauthorized absence during the current academic year. These do not need to be consecutive;
- Unauthorised absences of at least 10 sessions (5 school days) due to holidays in term time or delayed return from extended holidays; or
- Persistent late arrival at school, i.e. after the register has closed, in the current term. "Persistent" means at least 10 sessions of late arrival;

- **Truancy, where the child has come to the attention of the Police or public during school hours for being absent from school, without an acceptable reason.**

Should you have any further queries please contact Mrs. James in the school office who will be happy to assist with your queries.

Kind regards,

School attendance team and senior leadership Garnteg Primary School

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 remember to update us of any changes to pupil contact details, such as change of address, telephone number or email address.

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.

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 \(gov.wales\)](#)

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](#).

Torfaen Play Wellbeing & Mindfulness Club

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Providing a variety of fun and engaging 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
Cyswta chywallyth a gwasanaethau seibiannau gyda gwaith y gymuned.



Clwb Chwarae, Lles ac Ymwybyddiaeth Ofalgar

gydag Isabelle

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

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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.

Supporting our community

We have been working alongside Garnsychan partnership recently and are collaborating to help families within Garnteg during the current crisis. We are supplying food parcels which can be collected from school on the 2nd Friday of every month. Please see flyer below. Please pop along to our small hall after 1:30pm on Friday 10/2/23. We look forward to seeing you.



Attendance Winners - 16th January - 20th January 2023



Congratulations to Dosbarth 1 who were Foundation Phase attendance winners for last week with 91.8% and to Dosbarth 7 who were Key Stage 2 winners for last week with 97.7%.

Attendance Figures for Week 23rd - 27th January

Overall attendance for the week 23rd - 27th January is 92.7%.

Congratulations to the classes who reached our target of 95% and two classes who reached 97%! WELL DONE!

We still all need to strive to reach our target of 95%!

This weeks attendance figures are :

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	78	0		3	94.5	6	95.1
Reception	90.8	1	87.9			4	93.3
		2	97.5	8	92.7		
1	96.7	3	95.7	5	96.8	9	94
2	86.7	4	87.5			10	97.8
		5	85.7	11	95.8		
				6	91.1	12	86.2
						13	95.8

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Seren Yr Wythnos 23rd - 27th January 2023

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Poppy Afternoon - Harrison	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Ruan
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Brooke	Class 8 - Miss Jones/Mr Evans	Brodie-May
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Georgia	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Jensen
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Scarlett	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Shay
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Archie	Class 11 - Mrs Messoro	Caden
Class 5 - Mr Key	Louie	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Jacob
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Lily-Ann	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Layla

Nursery - Gwaith da Meithrin. What another busy week we have had together. We have found out who has pets and have had lots of conversations about what pets we have. We would love to see a picture of you and your pet! If you don't have a pet, you can also take a picture with a family members pet or a family member of choice. Your home learning logs have been uploaded to seesaw so please have a look, we are super excited to see what you have been doing whilst at home. Have a lovely weekend! 😊

Dobarth 1 & 2 - Da Iawn blant. This week we have been writing and drawing based on our topic. You have been telling us all about where you have visited in your local area thinking about 'Where we live'.

We have learnt what features we need to look for in a letter and have started to write our own letters to the community.

Please continue to read at home. Have a lovely Weekend

Dosbarth 3 - Bendigedig Dosbarth Tri! This week in Dosbarth tri we have been busy interpreting our previously collected data and using it for a purpose in topic. We have also been learning how to partition numbers and are now becoming confident learners. The children are making good progress with their tricky words and have amazed us with their spellings. Please can we ask that you continue to help your children and use the packs sent home before Christmas, weekly spellings and reading. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Diolch Year 2 for all of your wonderful home learning and research for the Lunar New Year this week! Your ideas and facts inspired us in our lessons this week and we have loved exploring and comparing new year celebrations from different cultures! We have also been learning all about rounding in our maths and using facts and opinions to start writing our own newspapers! Due to the INSET day this week updated individual spelling journal words will be sent home on Thursday ready for next week. Da iawn, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Blywyddn tri have been super busy this week writing letters as part of our class book The Rugby Zombies. We are really proud how more independent they have become especially with their spellings and handwriting. Please continue to use bug club and My Maths at home to support the children's learning.

We would also like to wish Miss Pritchard the best of luck for the up-and-coming birth of her baby. We can't wait to hear the news and see some photos in class.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - This week the class have been looking at ammonites and making their first efforts in observational drawing, which has already started to reveal some talented artists. Our creativity has continued with DJ Suzie where we were introduced to 'sampling'. We have also taken part in some great circuit training and pupils are already coming up with ideas to create their own. Please make sure to access bug club at home and keep up with spelling practice. We have some exciting projects coming up in the next few weeks, so have a lovely weekend and we will see you again on Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Bendigedig Blywdden 5 for another excellent week of learning. All pupils are really enjoying our topic 'Star Gazers'. They have been using different shading techniques in art to produce some outstanding images of space. A reminder to Class 11 parents that P.E. days are now Wednesday and Thursday. Please continue to use the reading program 'Bug Club' online at home, it is a useful resource to help with reading and comprehension skills. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Ardderchod Blywdden 6 for a wonderful week. You have really impressed us with your home reading this week and the effort is really showing in class. We have also learnt a lot about diversity and celebrating differences within our favourite films. Keep up the super work!

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School