

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 3rd February 2023

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Value for this term is Appreciation



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Important Dates for your diary

Foundation Phase Valentines Disco - Thursday 16th February

Key Stage 2 Valentines Disco - Friday 17th February

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

Potential Strike Action in Schools - Tuesday 14th February

We would like to make you aware that there may be strike action in schools on Tuesday 14th February, we will provide you with further details early next week once the guidance has been received from the LA.

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

Tuesday 14th February 2023
Wednesday 15th March 2023 and
Thursday 16th March 2023

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

Vacancy for Parent Governor

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If so, why not consider becoming a school governor. All schools have places for Parent Governors, and we currently have a vacancy of 1 of these positions at Garnteg Primary, if you are interested, please contact the school office for a nomination form. Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. This role is essential to the education of children in the Borough of Torfaen so please consider applying. In case you feel a little apprehensive about the responsibilities of the role the Education Achievement Service for SE Wales (EAS) offer training to assist you. Please click on the following link for further information.

<https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/school-governors/could-you-be-a-school-governor>



Valentine's Disco & Shop

The School Council will be organising this year's Valentines Disco and Shop. These will be held during school time on the 16th of February for Foundation Phase and 17th February for Key Stage 2.

Children can wear their Valentines Clothes to School on these days. 🍷🍷🍷

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.

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](#).

Sleep support for families

If you have a child that doesn't sleep, doesn't like sleeping in their bed or doesn't have a bed time routine that works, then The National Sleep Helpline is here to advise, support and guide to help you and your child get that good night sleep. Please use details below.

the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

50% Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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Sleep Charity

Furniture Village

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Torfaen Play Half-Term Wellbeing Camp

Please apply using the link below.

https://iweb.itouchvision.com/portal/itouchvision/r/customer/category_link?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=EN& LANG=en

The Play Service are delivering 7 Play and Wellbeing Camps during February Half Term. The dates the camp is running are on Monday 20th February, Tuesday 21st February, Wednesday 22nd February and Thursday 23rd February, the times are 10:00am-3:00pm.

Please note, this is not a childcare service but is free play and wellbeing opportunities for children aged 5-11 years.

This half term Torfaen Play are working with Torfaen Catering to offer a packed lunch for all the children attending if requested via the link, or children have the option to bring in a packed lunch from home.

Please note, we are limited on staff and if the priority pupils require 1:1 support we would only be able to offer identified days if support is in place.

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

Half Term Play & Wellbeing Camps
February 2023

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS
10:00AM TO 3:00PM

Monday 20th February
Tuesday 21st February
Wednesday 22nd February
Thursday 23rd February

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

Blenheim Road Community Primary School
Blenheim Road, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 45Z

Garnteg Primary School
Hillcrest, Garmdfailth, Pontypool, NP4 75J

George Street Primary School
Wainelin Road, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Llantarnam Community Primary School
Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 3XB

Nant Celyn Primary School
Henllys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

Penygarth Community Primary School
Penygarth Road, Pontypool, NP4 8JR

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.

Torfaen Play are providing an optional packed lunch, FREE OF CHARGE!
These must be pre booked during the application process.
A refillable drink must be provided.

SPECIALIST PLAY & RESPITE 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

For more information contact: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

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Chwarae Torfaen a Gwasanaethau Seibiannau Byr
Darparu amrywiaeth o seisiynau hysbysu a rhyngweithio wrth graidd y gymuned

Gwersylloedd Chwarae Alltes Hanner Tymor
Chwefror 2023

I BLANT 5-11 OED
10:00YB TO 3:00YP

Dydd Llun 20 Chwefror
Dydd Mawrth 21 Chwefror
Dydd Mercher 22 Chwefror
Dydd Iau 23 Chwefror

Ysgol Gynradd Dreftadaeth Wirfoddol a Reoli Baensafon
Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Blenheim Road
Ffordd Blenheim, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 45Z

Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg
Hillcrest, Garmdfailth, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Ysgol Gynradd George Street
Ffordd Wainelin, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Llantarnam
Ffordd Llantarnam, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 3XB

Ysgol Gynradd Nant Celyn
Ffordd Henllys, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Penygarth
Ffordd Penygarth, Pontypool, NP4 8JR

NIFER CYPYNGEDIG O LEOEDD SYDD AR GAEL
I gwisgochi ffurflen mynegi diddordeb cysylltwch â: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk. Nodwch fod rhaid cwblhau'r cais ar gyfer eich plantyn cyn mynychu.

Mae Chwarae Torfaen yn darparu pecyn bwyd dewisol, yn RHAD AC AM DDIM!
Rhaid archebu'r rhain ymlaen llaw yn ystod y broses ymgais.
Mae'n rhaid darparu diod i'w ail-fenni.

SEISIYNAU SEBIANT/SEBIANNAU BYR ARBENIGOL
(Darparueth arbennigol i blant a phobl ifanc sydd ag anghenion cymhleth. Cynigir y seisiynau hyn drwy'r broses atgofreio yn unig).

Neuadd Gymunedol Glenside
Glenside, Cwmbran, NP44 1BN

Neuadd Gymunedol Greenmeadow & St Dials
(Y Cockerel), oddi ar Pandy, Greenmeadow, Cwmbran, NP44 4LA

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth, eostiwch: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

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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 **next Friday 10/2/23**.

We look forward to seeing you.



Attendance Winners - 23rd January - 26th January 2023



Attendance Figures for Week 23rd January - 26th January

Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 Miss Brooks who were Foundation Phase attendance winners for last week with 97.5% and to Dosbarth 10 who were Key Stage 2 winners for last week with 97.8%

Attendance 30th January - 3rd February 2023

Overall attendance for this week is 92.3%.

Congratulations to the three 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	78.6	0	78.6	3	95.4	6	93.2

Reception	91.1	1	89.6	4	93.3	7	97.7
		2	95.8			8	91.2
1	95.2	3	94.4	5	96.3	9	95.6
						10	94.4
2	91.7	4	94.5	6	90.3	11	98
		5	89.2			12	85.1
						13	95.3

Seren Yr Wythnos 2023

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Archie Afternoon - Billie	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Marleigh
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Frankie	Class 8 - Mr Evans	Ebony
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Jonah	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Henry
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Chloe	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Harley-Mae
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Sienna	Class 11 - Mrs Messoro	Esmie
Class 5 - Mr Key	Beau	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Jasmine
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Tilly	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Darcey

Nursery - Da iawn pawb. You have been superstars all week! We have loved seeing your pictures of your pets at home and hearing you talk about them. If you haven't already, please send us a photo of you and your pet. Gwaith da to the children who have sent in some homework pieces! Dojo's will be awarded to those who complete homework. We have been using non-standard measure to measure foods for the guinea pigs to make sure they have enough, but not too much. Have a lovely weekend meithrin! 😊

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'. In maths we have started to explore the language of money and can identify the value of coins. 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 you have been exploring money and using coins to pay for items using our place value skills from last week. The children have also started to write their own set of instructions. 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 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!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - we would like to say a big diolch yn fawr for the support that the road safety officers have given to our classes this week. The children were amazing and showed super listening and have shown good understanding of how to cross the road safely. Bendegedig pawb! Just a polite reminder to send homework logs and reading books back to class so we can share the children's work and to give them a new book.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Da iawn Blwydden 4 for your hard work this week. We are all enjoying our topic, The Matilda Effect, and finding out about scientists from the past and present. Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on work for our Eisteddfod celebrations thinking all about Cynefin (belonging) Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all back in the classroom 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. Class 10's PE days are now a Thursday and a Friday. 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