

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 10th February 2023

Cylchlythyr - 10th Chwefror 2023

Value for this term is Appreciation



Gwerth am y term hwn yw: Gwertfawrogiad

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 - Postponed

We would like to make you aware that the Welsh Government have confirmed that strike action in schools on Tuesday 14th February has been postponed. We will provide you with further details regarding any other planned dates as soon as we receive it.

The National Education Union has notified schools of their intended industrial action, which is scheduled for:

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.

Pupil Absence

All messages or emails regarding pupil absence must be made through the office telephone line, answerphone or email address garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk and **not** sent through class dojo.

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 February for Foundation Phase and 17th February for Key Stage 2.

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

CAMHS Online Wellbeing Workshops

CAMHS online workshops are being offered during the February Half Term (February 20th-24th), open to all young people in Gwent. Young people can self-refer using the QR code or link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uChWuyjjgkCoVkM8ntyPrspu2Oezk75OuR4RBwcS3ulUNOIKQVBHVkZOR0FGSThaMU44SDK5QkhORC4u>

CAMHS ONLINE WELL BEING WORKSHOPS 20th - 24th FEBRUARY 2023

CAMHS will be running a range of workshops on MS Teams in February Half Term 2023 for all children, young people and their families across Gwent. Please use the booking form/QR code below.

EXAM STRESS

1.5 hour workshop supporting students to understand what stress is, how it can present itself in the body and providing strategies to combat the impact of exam stress

WHEN?

- Monday 20th - 10:30am
- Wednesday 22nd - 3pm
- Friday 24th - 1 pm

5 WAYS TO WELLBEING

1 hour workshop sharing tips and ideas on easy ways that students can actively improve their own well-being

WHEN?

- Monday 20th - 1pm
- Wednesday 22nd - 10:30am

UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY

1 hour workshop exploring what anxiety is and sharing strategies to manage feelings of anxiety in a positive way

WHEN?

- Monday 20th - 3pm
- Friday 24th - 10:30am

BOOKING INFORMATION

To register for one of the listed sessions, follow the Microsoft Forms link or scan the QR code below:



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uChWuyijgkCoVkm8ntyPrspu20ezk75OuR4RBwcS3ulUN0lKQVBHVkZOR0FGSThaMU44SDk5QkhORC4u>

Support for Families from Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru

With February Half Term approaching, we know some families may be worried how they will afford daily essentials, as well as providing meals for their children who are off school.

Families who are eligible for The Pupil Development Grant and are in receipt of a **qualifying benefit** may also be entitled to help towards their water bills from Welsh Water.



Dŵr Cymru
Welsh Water

You could save up to £230 on your annual water bill.

Support for families

With half term approaching, we know some families may be worried how they will afford daily essentials, as well as providing meals for their children who are off school.


Did you know?

Families who receive the pupil development grant and are in receipt of a means tested or disability benefit may also be entitled to help towards their water bills.

We're here to help

Call us to talk through your options:
0800 052 0145

Visit us online for more information:
dwrwymru.com/supportwithbills



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

the national sleep helpline

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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the 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 5AH

Blenheim Road Community Primary School
Blenheim Road, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

Garnteg Primary School
Hillcrest, Gaerdfailth, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

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

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

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

Penygam Community Primary School
Penygam Road, Pontypool, NP4 8JH

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 Cockrell), 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 amrywiol o sesiynau hysb i rhwyngweithio wrth graidd y gymuned

Gwersylloedd Chwarae Allies 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 Baenafon
Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 5AH

Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Blenheim Road
Ffordd Blenheim, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

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

Ysgol Gynradd George Street
Ffordd Wainfein, 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 Penygam
Ffordd Penygam, Pontypool, NP4 8JH

NIFER CYFYNGEDIG O LEOEDD SYDD AR GAEL
I gwrthodau ffurfiol mwyngi ddi-ddordeb cyflwrdd i: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk. Rhodwch 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 ymgeisio. Mae'n rhaid darparu diod i'w ail-lenwi.

SESIYNAU SEIBIANT/SEIBIANNAU BYR ARBENIGOL
(Darpariaeth arbennigol i blant a phobl ifanc sydd ag anghenion cymhleth. Cyhoir y sesiynau hysp drwy'r broses ymgeisio yn unig.)

Neuadd Gymunedol Glenside
Glenside, Cwmbran, NP44 1BN

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

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

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@torfaenplayservice | torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

Supporting our community

Many thanks to those who attended our

'Grab N Go' session today!

It was a great success!

Our next session will be

Friday 10th March 2023 from 1:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you!

Garnteg
PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Working in partnership
With

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WE ARE PROVIDING FOOD
PARCELS TO THE COMMUNITY
AND FAMILIES OF GARNTEG

**POP
ALONG!**

**Collection is
Every 2nd Friday
of the month**

FIRST DROP-IN COMMENCES 10.02.23
COLLECTION FROM SMALL HALL GARNTEG PRIMARY

Attendance Winners - 30th January - 3rd February 2023



Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 Miss Brooks who were Foundation Phase attendance winners for last week with 95.8% and to Dosbarth 11 Mrs Messore who were Key Stage 2 winners for last week with 98%

Attendance Figures 6th February - 10th February 2023

Overall attendance for this week is 93.8%.

Congratulations to the classes who reached our target of 95% ! **WELL DONE!**

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

This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	86.9	0		3	95.8	6	94.2
Reception	93.9	1	92.9			4	91.8
		2	96.3	5	98.3		
1	97.1	3	98			6	92.2
				10	98		
2	91.3	4	89.3			11	98.6
		5	93.5	12	92.4		
						13	92

Seren Yr Wythnos 2023

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Charlie Afternoon - Theodore	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Jenson
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Charlotte	Class 8 - Miss Jones	Oscar
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Joey	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Charlie
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Tylor	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Sam
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Talia	Class 11 - Mrs Messore	Ryan
Class 5 - Mr Key	Mason	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Dylan
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Kaiden	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Riley

Nursery – We have been so excited this week to welcome our new guinea pigs into the classroom, we voted to decide their names. It's so lovely to have Strawberry and Brownie join our Meithrin family. We have made a fantastic start to our Eisteddfod pieces, da iawn superstars. Children can wear their party clothes and bring in money for the valentines shop and disco on Thursday. Please check dojo for messages about homework. Have a lovely weekend! 😊

Dosbarth 1 & 2 – Gwaith da Blant! What a fantastic week we have had, we learned about internet safety and our chosen adults who can keep us safe on devices in and out of school. Then we began to celebrate our Welsh locality and get started on entries for our school Eisteddfod. We have used our knowledge of Welsh songs to help us write in Welsh. We are so pleased to see marvellous handwriting and letter formation. It is fantastic to see learning journals being completed at home. Please continue to read with your children. Keep up the good work enjoy the weekend!

Dosbarth 3 – Bendedig Dosbarth Tri! This week you have wowed us with your hard work. We have started work on our Eisteddfod entries and are enjoying learning about Welsh traditions. We have also been putting our making of number skills to practise by using money to pay for items and making amounts. We

can't wait to continue with our Eisteddfod work next week. Reading books are to be returned on Monday and PE is on a Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Diolch Year 2 for all your wonderful home learning and research. We have been very busy preparing our work for the eisteddfod. We have also been learning all about rounding in our maths and using facts and opinions to start writing our own newspapers! Have a lovely weekend all!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendedgedig pawb for another super week of learning. You have created lovely posters and videos about staying safe as part of Internet safety Day. We have also enjoyed discovering wonderful things about Wales ready to create pieces for our school Eisteddfod. Also please remind the children to continue accessBug Club and My Maths online.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Diolch yn fawr pawb for all your efforts this week. The classes are really excited about starting their Eisteddfod theme, The Age of Princes, and we can't wait to see what you create and make for the competitions. Keep working on your Learning Log tasks. Remember for all your completed tasks, points will be added to your dojo scores. Have a lovely weekend and see you back in the classrooms on Monday for our final week before the half term break

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Anhygoel Dosbarth 10 and 11 for another week of outstanding learning. This week we have been looking at creating our own piece of writing linked to Wales. We have also been practising our Eisteddfod songs in assembly and in the classroom. Just a reminder that children are invited to bring in money for the Valentine's Day shop. Also, a polite reminder to continue accessing Bug Club and My Maths online. Have a wonderful weekend. Diolch from the Year 5 staff 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Gwaith Bendigedig Blywddyn 6! What a wonderful week of learning, this week we have been writing our own myths and Welsh poems in preparation for our Eisteddfod competition entries. Just a reminder that children will continue swimming lessons on a Wednesday until Easter. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School