

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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HELLO MARCH!

Please be good to me..

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Newsletter - 3rd March 2023

Cylchlythyr - 3rd Mawrth 2023

Value for this term is Peace



Gwerth am y tymor hwn yw: Heddwch

Important Dates for your diary

Remaining INSET DAYS

Friday 26th May 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr

What a busy week it has been at Garnteg. The school eisteddfod was once again excellent with very high standards of entries, and we also celebrated a fabulous World Book Day today. Lots of things are planned for this half term so please continue to check all school communication systems.

Potential Strike Action in Schools

The National Education Union has notified schools of their intended industrial action, further dates are scheduled for:

**Wednesday 15th March 2023 and
Thursday 16th March 2023**

At present the only class that will be closed is Year 2 class 4, all other classes will remain open. We thank you for your understanding during this time. If there are any changes regarding this, we will of course let you know.

Parent consultations

Parent consultations will be held on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April in school. Wednesday 19th April will be for parents/carers who wish to have their consultation via teams or telephone call. These consultations are important for you to see and discuss your child's development throughout the school year and any questions you may have.

Easter Events

Easter Concerts will be held in school hall - parents in these classes are invited into school.



**Year 1 - class 3 - Wednesday 22nd
March at 1.30 in school hall**

Year 3 - class 7 - Friday 24th March at 1.30 in school hall

Year 3 - class 6 - Monday 27th March at 1.30 in school hall

Reception - class 2 - Wednesday 29th March at 1.30 in school hall

Reception - class 1 - Thursday 30th March at 1.30 in school hall

Easter Egg Hunt Foundation Phase - Monday 27th March

Easter Egg Hunt Key Stage Two - Tuesday 28th March

Easter Headgear Parade & raffle - whole school - Friday 31st March

Transition events with Abersychan School - further details to follow

Wednesday 8th March - Dance Workshop with Year 5

Tuesday 18th April - Year 4 Football & Netball Festival at Abersychan

Friday 28th April - Rugby session with WRU for Year 5

Wednesday 7th June - Taster Day at Abersychan for Year 4

Tuesday 15th June - Mini Olympics at Abersychan for Year 5

Monday 19th or Monday 26th June - Year 6 Taster days at Abersychan (dates to be confirmed)

Wednesday 5th July - Year 6 Moving Up day followed by Parents Evening at Abersychan

The Happen Survey

Pupils in years 4,5 and 6 will be asked to complete a short survey on their health and wellbeing as part of the primary school network, this survey is called the Happen Survey and it will enable us to establish if we need to make any changes to the school day to support health and wellbeing. Could parents of pupils in these year groups please follow the link below to see information about the survey:

<https://happen-wales.co.uk/information-sheet>

If you DO NOT want your child to take part in the survey please complete the form that is attached to the link

Welcome and Goodbye

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff member Miss Jones who will be working in Year 3 and goodbye and good luck to Mrs Mynard who will be leaving us at the end of this week, we wish her the best of luck in her future career.

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. The message should give details of the absence/illness. The Education Welfare Service have asked us to contact all parents/carers for details of illness if the reason given is feeling unwell/ill/poorly.

Registration

Doors are open for Registration at 8.40am and registration takes place in classes at 9.00am, 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.

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The children all had a wonderful time celebrating Valentines Day with their Discos and Valentines Shop, we raised **£200** for the Turkish Earthquake Appeal. Thank you all so much for your kind donations.



St David's Day Eisteddfod

Da Iawn to all of our Garnteg pupils and their families for such a successful Eisteddfod this week. All pupils worked incredibly hard, and the standard of entries was incredibly high! Thank you so much for your involvement and support. Llongyfarchiadau to all of our winners and all that took part.

World Book Day

Ffantastig pawb, for celebrating World Book Day today with your fabulous costumes, you all looked amazing! All children will bring home a £1 Book Token today.

Supporting our community

Many thanks to those who attended our **'Grab N Go'** session last week.

We are arranging another event for March.

We are arranging a **Coffee N Chat** session for the 9th of March 2023, which will be on a Thursday.

There will be opportunities to speak to various people from within the community, as well as advice and support. Food parcels will also be available to collect.

We will also have Noddfa Church present to share what they can offer our community in ways of clubs and activities.

Need a chat?
Come along to our coffee and chat session
At Garnteg Primary, in the small hall

**Thursday
March 9th
1:30PM - 3PM**

There are many reasons to join us including:

- Gwynedd Gwynion Partnership
- feminine poverty support
- fuels payment help
- back to work advice
- financial advice
- uniform donations
- food parcels (GrabNGo)
- just need someone to talk to

So come join us for Coffee and a cake! We look forward to seeing you then

COME AND TRY RUGBY
GARN M&J's
RECRUITING ACROSS ALL AGES!

100 YEARS OF RUGBY UP THE TUMP

UNDER 6's
(TINY TUMBERS 4+)

UNDER 7's **UNDER 8's**
(TAG RUGBY)

UNDER 9's **UNDER 10's**
(EARLY CONTACT)

UNDER 12's
(JUNIOR RUGBY)

QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED COACHES ✓
SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT ✓
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED ✓ **LEARN NEW SKILL ✓**
BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS ✓ **ACTIVE & SOCIAL FUN ✓**
GUARANTEED GAME TIME FOR EVERY PLAYER ✓

For more information on Garn RFC and our teams you can find or contact us on social media. We look forward to seeing you!

#GARNRUGBY **#100UTT** **#RUGBYFUN**

TOGs Disabled Children's Centre



Do you have a child that lives in Torfaen that needs additional support to play and socialise? Age 4 to 18 yrs old?

Come along to one of our coffee mornings or drop in sessions to get advice on accessing services. To book a slot with a member of the team please contact the office on 01495 751567. Advice appointments are available between 14th February - 31st March 2023.

Coffee Mornings

Friday 3rd March at the TOGs Centre 9.30 till 12.30

Sunday 12th March at the TOGs Centre 9.30 till 12.30

Saturday 25th March at the TBC 9.30 till 12.30



For further information please contact Rebecca Driscoll on 01495751567 ex 1 or rebecca.driscolltogs@gamil.com

Mother's Day/Special Person's Shop



Message from School Council & Ambassadors:

We are organising the shop for children to buy gifts. This will start on Monday 13th March 2023 and prices will range from £1.50- £5.00. We hope you are able to support us.

Attendance Winners - 13th February - 17th February 2023



Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Brown who were again Foundation Phase attendance winners for before half term with 96% and to Dosbarth 10 Mrs Lewis who were Key Stage 2 winners for before half term with 98.2%. **WELL DONE!**

Attendance Figures 27th February - 3rd March 2023

Overall attendance for this week is 93.4%.

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

A BIG **WELL DONE** to Class 5 for 99% attendance this week!

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	89.2	0	89.2	3	95.9	6	96.4
Reception	95.3	1	93			7	95.3
		2	98.3	4	93.6	8	90.2
1	95.2	3	94.1			9	97
		2	97.7	4	96.1	5	89.3
5	99.3			11	84.1		
				6	91.6	12	88.8
						13	94

Seren Yr Wythnos 2023

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Blake Broome Afternoon - Jayden Lewis	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Riley
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Freya	Class 8 - Miss Jones	Sonnie
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Milani	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Georgina

Class 3 - Miss Brown	Whole class	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Zac
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Mali R	Class 11 - Mrs Messori	Whole Class
Class 5 - Mr Key	Harley	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Cody
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Maximus	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Ashlee

Nursery - Gwaith da meithrin for all your hard work this week! What a busy week we have had together. We had a fantastic time celebrating the Eisteddfod, it was lovely to celebrate all your super work. Everyone also looked amazing in your world book day costumes, congratulations Meithrin! Please can we kindly ask that children's snacks are labelled with their names. Diolch! Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - We have shared a fantastic week between Dosbarth Un and Dau. So many wonderful winners for incredible Eisteddfod entries. This week we have heard beautiful singing of our Welsh songs and been able to read new books as well as dress up as our favourite characters for world book day. We have been so impressed with the hard work and creativity put into our learning this week. Gwaith da Blant! Enjoy your weekend break.

Dosbarth 3 - Bendedig Dosbarth 3! What an exciting first week back we have had. You have all worked so hard completing your work for the Eisteddfod and were dressed beautifully for the celebration we had on Wednesday. We were also amazed with the effort you put into your costumes for World Book Day. Keep up your hard work for the rest of the term, what a fantastic start! Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Wow Year 2, what a fantastic and exciting week! Thank you all for your support with our Eisteddfod and World Book Day celebrations, we have had a fabulous time celebrating the children's hard work and ideas and we are very proud of all of you! New spellings have been given out today, please can the children continue to practise these for next week so that they can move onto their next target words. Thank you, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - we would like to say a big thank you for your support this week with the craft that you sent in and the wonderful costumes that the children wore today. The children have worked really hard with producing some amazing work for World book day-we are super proud of them. Spellings are on class dojo and please encourage the children to read a book or bug club over the weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Ardderchog Dosbarth 8 & 9 for your fabulous entries in the school eisteddfod and for the costumes for World Book Day, we are so very proud of you all. Spellings will be on Class Dojo again this week for you to practise at home. Have a lovely weekend all.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Ardderchog Dosbarth 10 & 11 for a brilliant start to this half term. We were all very proud of how Blwydden 5 performed in the Eisteddfod. Just a reminder to log onto Bug Club and My Maths at home. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from Year 5 staff. 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Well done for a fabulous first week back. Bendigedig to Blwyddyn Chwech for their fabulous efforts for world book day today! A huge Da Iawn for your fabulous entries for our Eisteddfod! We are all so proud of you! Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School