

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Cylchlythyr - 26<sup>th</sup> Mai 2023

Value for this term is Unity

**COMMUNITY**

Gwerth y tymor hwn: Undod

Important Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June- 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Residential Trip to London

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 Trip to Big Pit

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Trip to Cardiff Castle

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Class Photographs will be taken

Remaining INSET DAYS

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	NOTES
<b>JUNE</b> <b>2023</b>				1	2	Half Term ends 3	4	
	5	6	Year 4 Taster day at Abersychan Year 6 residential	8 Year 6 residential	9	10	11	Half Term 29.05.23 to 02.06.23 Return to school 05.06.23
	12 Year 5 Big Pit	13 Year 5 mini Olympics at Abersychan	14 Progression step 1 Sports Day Class 9 Cardiff Castle	15 F1 St Fagans	16	17	18	Wellbeing Camp 30/05/23 - 1/6/23
	19 Year 6 transition day at Abersychan	20 Class Photos	21 Progression step 2 Sports Day	22 Miss Channing year 4 concert	23 Mr Phillips year 4 concert	24	25	Sponsored Read event - Whole School 20.06.23
	26 Year 6 transition day at Abersychan	27	28 Progression step 3 Sports Day	29 Nursery concert 9:30 Nursery concert 1:30	30 Year 5 Blenheim Bomber Walk			

### Holiday Dates

Half Term - 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

School reopens - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### Transition events with Abersychan School - further details to follow

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Taster Day at Abersychan for Year 4

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Mini Olympics at Abersychan for Year 5

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

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr

Thank you for another super half term. We hope you all have a well deserved break and enjoy spending time in the sunshine with family and friends.

### Get Help with School Costs

BWYDO EU  
BYWYDAU  
FEED THEIR  
FUTURE

 **ADDYSG CYMRU**  
**EDUCATION WALES**  
Ymroddwch â'n cymorth i'w haddysgu'n ddi-ddim

  
**Ilywodraeth Cymru**  
Welsh Government

# Cymorth Gyda Chostau Ysgol

Gwiriwch a ydych yn gymwys  
i gael Prydau Ysgol Am Ddim.

## Help with School Costs

Check your eligibility for  
Free School Meals.



Dysgwch am gyflwyno Prydau Ysgol am Ddim i bob plentyn ysgol gynradd erbyn 2024. Hawliwch yr hyn rydych yn gymwys iddo trwy Hanfodion Ysgol (PDG - Mynediad).



Find out about the rollout of Free School Meals to all primary school children by 2024. Claim what's yours through School Essentials (PDG Access).

**Prydau Ysgol Am Ddim**

Os yw eich amgylchiadau wedi newid yn ddiweddar, neu os ydych yn derbyn budd-daliadau penodol, efallai y byddwch yn gymwys i gael Prydau Ysgol am Ddim a chymorth gyda hanfodion ysgol eraill.

**Hanfodion Ysgol (PDG Mynediad)**

Mae'r pecyn hwn yn helpu gyda chostau hanfodion ysgol fel gwisg ysgol ac offer i wneud yn siŵr bod dysgwyr yn barod ar gyfer y diwrnod ysgol.

**Mae mwy i ddod**

Erbyn 2024 bydd gan bob plentyn yn yr ysgol gynradd hawl i brydau ysgol am ddim, gan ddechrau gyda'r rhai yn y Dosbarth Derbyn o fis Medi 2022.

**Free School Meals**

If your circumstances have changed recently, or if you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals and help with other school essentials.

**School Essentials (PDG Access)**

This package assists with the costs of school essentials like uniforms and equipment to make sure learners are ready for the school day.

**There's more to come**

By 2024 all children in primary school will be entitled to a free school meal, starting with those in Reception from September 2022.



Darllenwch fwy a gwiriwch a ydych chi'n gymwys: [lyw.cymru/hawliwch-help-gyda-chostau-ysgol](http://lyw.cymru/hawliwch-help-gyda-chostau-ysgol) Neu siaradwch â staff yr ysgol neu cysylltwch â'ch Awdurdad Lleol am ragor o wybodaeth.



Read more and check if you're eligible: [gov.wales/get-help-school-costs](http://gov.wales/get-help-school-costs) Or talk to school staff or contact your Local Authority for more information.



Read more and check if you are eligible at:

[Gov.wales/get-help-school-costs](http://Gov.wales/get-help-school-costs)



Child Focused Children Services

**Are you going through a difficult separation?**

**Do you need a neutral, safe, child friendly environment to spend time with a child in your family?**

Child Focused Children Services is based in Pontypool and can provide a warm and neutral environment for you or your family members to spend time with your child. This can either be with an independent accompanying adult offering supervised contact or just the provision of a child friendly room. If you would like more details and cost of our service please contact us on; **01495 755721 / [info@cf-cs.co.uk](mailto:info@cf-cs.co.uk)**



**Attendance Prizes**

As the end of this school year approaches, we are asking any businesses, big or small who may be able to offer prizes for our 100% attendees at the end of July. These prizes will be distributed between our nursery children up to our year 6 children.

We appreciate any donations on this matter.

If you or someone you know can help, please contact the school office or Mrs James.



## Torfaen Play Whitsun Wellbeing Camp

**TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH** **GWYBODAETHYD SIBID TORFAEN** **Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service**  
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

# Whitsun Play & Wellbeing Camps

**May 2023**

**FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS**  
**10:00AM TO 3:00PM**  
**Tuesday 30th May to Thursday 1st June**

**FREE OF CHARGE**

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

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

**Garnteg Primary School**  
Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

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

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

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

**Penygarn Primary School**  
Penygarn Road, Pontypool, NP4 8JR

**Llanbedd yn Cymry Families First**

**A refillable drink and packed lunch is required**

**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

**Victory Church**  
Greenforge Way, Cwmbran, NP44 3BA

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**  
To complete an expression of interest form please contact: [torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk). Please note application for your child must be completed prior to attending.

**For more information contact:**  
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**@chwaraeortorfaentorfaenplay** **Chwarae Torfaen Torfaen Play** **henllys community council** **CBC** **torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk**

The Play Service are delivering 7 Play and Wellbeing Camps during Whitsun Half Term. The dates the camp is running are on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, the times are 10:00am-3:00pm.

Torfaen dance festival



A big well done to all the pupils who took part in the Torfaen Dance festival on Tuesday evening, your dancing was superb and we are all so proud of you. Also thank you to Alys and staff for teaching the children the dance routines.

Attendance Winners - 15<sup>th</sup> May - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Congratulations to Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker Evans who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for last week with 93.6%.

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!



### Attendance Figures 22<sup>nd</sup> May - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Overall attendance for this week is 90.2%

Overall, for the school year to date is 90.5%

Well done to all the classes who reached 90% and above!

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

This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	79.1	0		3	93.8	6	91.1
Reception	91.5	1	90			7	96.4
		2	90.8	4	88	8	87.3
1	90.6	3	92.2			9	88.9
		2	91.2	4	89.4	5	92.8
5	93.1			11	96.7		
6	88.9			12	86.4		
				13	91.1		

### Seren Yr Wythnos 2023

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM: Theo PM: Daisy-Mae	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Llewellyn
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Isaac	Class 8 - Miss Channing	Evie
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Makanaka	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Our Dance Troup - Willow, Abigail.

			Tayah, Archie and Eli
<b>Class 3 - Miss Brown</b>	Whole class	<b>Class 10 - Mrs Lewis</b>	Everyone in Dosbarth 10 😊
<b>Class 4 - Mrs Lee</b>	Whole class	<b>Class 11 - Mrs Messori</b>	Lilli-Mae, Sybella, Isabella, Emily, Shayleigh
<b>Class 5 - Mr Key</b>	Class 5!	<b>Class 12 - Miss Bones</b>	Jasmine
<b>Class 6 - Miss Williams</b>	Jamie	<b>Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans</b>	Everyone

### Nursery -

Da Iawn Meithrin, we have had a great half-term. You have been using our estimations to calculate "how many mini beasts". You have also been creating mini-beasts crafts using a wide range of manipulatives from indoors and outdoors. Gwaith Ardderchog Meithrin! Have a bug-tastic half-term, we look forward to seeing you soon!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Bendigedig Dosbarth 1 & 2 for another wonderful week of learning. This week Class 1 have been using the outdoors to think about where their chosen animals live and creating their environments in Topic. Dosbarth 2 have been looking at animal life cycles. Both classes have enjoyed taking their learning into our outdoor spaces and enjoying the sun and discovering creatures and things about our school environment too.

**Dosbarth 3** - Dosbarth 3 have had a fantastic first half of summer term. Not only did you perform an amazing class assembly, but you have also worked fantastically in your learning too. We have started to research animals that need help with conservation and have created fact files and are nearly ready to start diary writing. You have amazed us with your work on multiplication and subtraction! Have a fantastic half term and remember to keep climbing to sparkle!

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Bendigedig Blwydden 2! Well done for a fantastic half term of, we have found out so much about our local industrial heritage and have really enjoyed visiting Big Pit, writing factual reports and comparing changes over time. We are looking forward to continuing this topic in the summer, where we will be looking in more detail at transport links including the canal and railways! New spellings and a home learning log have been shared today and we hope you have a lovely half term, see you soon!

**Dosbarth 6 & 7** - Arddechog Blwydden 3 - we have had a super half term of learning wonderful things to do with our topic 'Flora, Fauna and Feathers'. We were lucky to have a visitor in this week to talk about how we can help the birds in Garndiffaith. Mr Evans said that he was really impressed how much the children knew already and couldn't believe that they were only in year 3. You all shone like super stars. We would like to wish you a happy and safe half term.

**Dosbarth 8 & 9** - What a wonderful half term we have had with our topic. "Why was everyone called Norman?" You have produced some lovely work. Well done to the pupils who represented our year group at the Dance Festival in the Congress Theatre. Our final half term is going to be very exciting and busy! We have our school trip to Cardiff Castle, class assemblies and completing our F1 project to look forward to when we return to class. Enjoy the half-term break from all the Staff in Year 4.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Ardderchog Blwydden 5 for a brilliant half term, full of great learning. A huge well done to the pupils who took part in the Torfaen Dance Festival on Tuesday evening. They were amazing, we are so proud of them! Just a reminder that Thursday is our PE day, so children are to bring their PE kits to school. Children will change in school. As the weather is changing and is becoming warmer, please remember to pack a drink and a sun hat for the school day. Can all permission slips must be brought into school by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, so we can let the canteen now about lunches. Have a lovely half term break. Enjoy the sun. Diolch from Year 5 staff. 😊

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - A huge well done to all year 6 pupils this week, you have knocked our socks off in so many ways! Well done to our humanities team who ran an extremely successful museum for our local community this week. A huge da iawn also to the dance team who took part in Torfaen's dance festival on Tuesday night. You were incredible ambassadors for the school! Enjoy your well-deserved rest and we look forward to all the exciting things next term will bring 😊

As a school we are working to achieve an end of year percentage target. Please see target per class along with the current year to date figures.

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	93.2%	92.5
4	92%	90.3
5	93%	91.6
6	92%	90.6
7	95%	93.4
8	93%	91
9	93%	91.6
10	95%	93.3
11	95%	93.6
12	90%	88
13	94%	91.8

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School