GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 15th September 2023

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Value for this half term is Co-operation



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Important Dates

After school clubs commence - Monday 25th September Flu vaccination for Reception to Year 6 pupils - Friday 29th September Individual Pupil photos - Friday 13th October Parent Consultations - Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th October

INSET DAYS

Friday 22nd December 2023



<u>Swimming Lessons - Autumn Term - Year 6 pupils</u>

Please remember to pay your one-off charge of £24 for swimming. This should be paid through your Civica Pay Account. Year 6 started their lessons on September 13^{th} . Year 5 will start their lessons in the Summer Term 2024.

<u>Important - Pupil Data</u>

Please can all parents/carers inform school immediately of any changes/additions to address or contact details, it is important that we are able to make contact quickly should we need to.

We also need to have all relevant Medical Details concerning your child including any Medical Conditions, allergies etc.

It is also important that we receive parental consent forms regarding the use of images, videos and photographs being used on our website and in other printed publications. Along with permission to take your child on any school visit.

Pupil Absence

Please remember to contact the school office via our answerphone or email by 9.30am if your child is going to be absent, if we do not receive a message and your child is absent, they will be marked as unauthorised, and this could lead to intervention from the Education Welfare Officer.

Please make any dental or medical appointments after school where possible.

Holidays within the School Term

Leave of absence requests during the school term are only considered where there are exceptional circumstances. Please request a holiday form from the school office, should you wish to apply to take your child away within the school term, the holiday form will then be emailed to you along with the headteacher's decision regarding the leave of absence. Any holidays taken without a leave of absence request being received will be classed as unauthorised and could leave to intervention from the Education Welfare Officer.

Registration

My we please remind parents/carers that morning registration is 9.00am, staff are at the gates between 8.40 and 9.00 to receive children, in order that we can start registration promptly at 9.00am.

Lateness

Registration starts at 9.00am and closes at 9.10am, any pupil arriving after 9.10 will be marked late and if they arrive after 9.30am will be marked unauthorised, this could lead to intervention from the Education Welfare Officer.



Congratulations Eli Huxley

One very talented pupil, Eli Huxley of Year 5 Class 11 has been selected to play rugby for Pontypool District Rugby Team, Eli has trained very hard over the last three months and all his hard work has paid off. Huge Congratulations Eli!

Minor Injury Unit Services

Minor injury units (MIUs) are nurse-led units which treat injuries that are neither life nor limb-threatening. Aneurin Bevan University Health Board provides an MIU service across four hospitals.

Nevill Hall Hospital provides a 24/7 MIU service. However, Nevill Hall Hospital MIU receives very few patients in the early hours, with on average just one person attending between 1.00am and 7.00am. Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr provides an MIU service from 7.00am to 1.00am, seven days per week. These opening hours were implemented in response to reduced overnight demand during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Health Board is considering making the arrangements at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr permanent and introducing the same opening hours at Nevill Hall Hospital.



Have your say on the future model..

Please come to one of our engagement sessions:

Monday, 18th September 5.30pm – 7.30pm Nevill Hall Hospital Minor

Wednesday, 20th September 2.00pm – 4.00pm The Old Library Community Cafe, Caerphilly

Wednesday, 27th September 5.30pm - 7.00pm Online via TEAMS













Friday, 29th September 10.00am – 12.00noon Abergavenny Market

Monday, 2nd October 2.00pm – 3.30pm Online via TEAMS

Tuesday, 3rd October **5.30pm** – **7.30pm** Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr First Floor Lift Lobby

Or scan the OR code to complete a short questionnaire forms.office.com/e/16ambYxmea



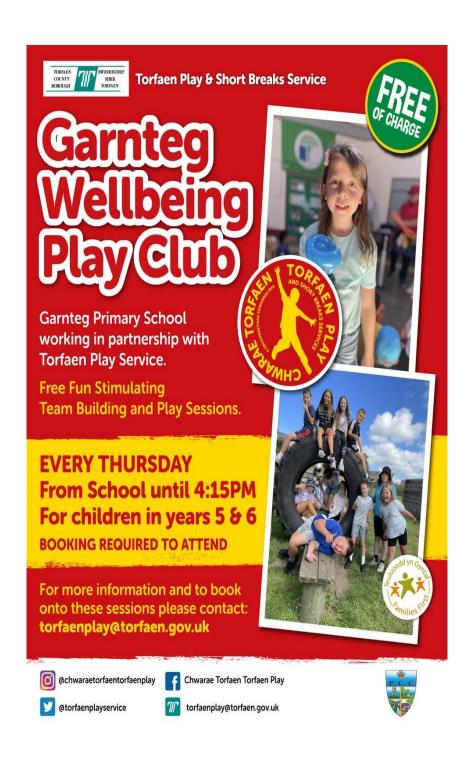
To register for the online sessions or to send any comments, please email abb.engagement@wales.nhs.uk

Or have your say on social media @AneurinBevanUHB

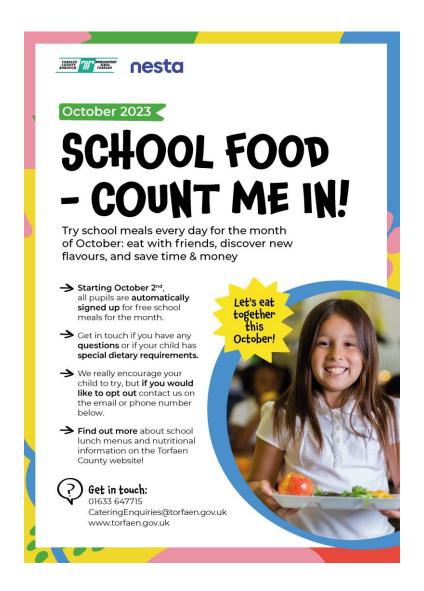
For more information visit: abuhb.nhs.wales/miu-engagement







Places fill fast so please register your interest as soon as possible. This is starting Thursday 21^{st} September



October is 'school food - count me in' month Monday 2 October - Friday 27 October

We are thrilled to share some exciting news. October 2023 is 'school food - count me in' month at G armteg Primary School!

What is 'school food - count me in' month and why is it being run?

Wales leads the UK in rolling out free school lunches to all primary school children, and this now includes every student at Garnteg Primary School. From Monday 2 October to Friday 27 October, we are partnering with Torfaen County Borough Council and Nesta, a charity which supports new ideas that improve people's lives, to encourage all our pupils to enjoy their free school meals every day. We believe this initiative could make a positive impact on our children's well-being and education, as well as saving families time and money.

We are part of a group of schools in Torfaen taking part in 'school food - count me in' month. There are plans to expand this month to other parts of Wales in the new year, so your participation in this research will help benefit all children in Wales.

What do I need to do?

Unless you inform us otherwise, we will assume that your child is participating in this initiative and eating a school meal every day from Monday 2 to Friday 27 October.

As school meals are free for all children at Garnteg Primary School there will be no cost and your child will be automatically registered.

While we understand that some children may have concerns about trying new foods or prefer packed lunches, research suggests that when we collectively embrace new experiences, it can make a positive difference. Each day there are three menu choices and your child will be able to choose their preferred meal.

For children with allergies or special dietary requirements, our council's expert dietitian ensures that their needs are met. If your child has unique dietary needs we are not aware of yet, please inform TCBC Special Diet Request by 22nd September by emailing specialdietrequest@torfaen.gov.uk or calling the catering office at 01633 647715 (please do not contact Garnteg Primary School).

We will explain the initiative to the children during a special assembly. Your support in discussing this with your children and reassuring them that it's only for one month and that everyone is taking part would be greatly appreciated. If you wish for your child not to take part, please email TCBC Catering Enquiries by emailing CateringEnquiries@torfaen.gov.uk or call the catering office at 01633 647715 (please do not contact Garnteg Primary).

Since this is a research project, Nesta will collect feedback from families at the end through a parent survey and small group interviews. Keep an eye out for further information on this, as your feedback will be invaluable.

Thank you for your support and participation in this exciting initiative.

Cashless school

A reminder that we are a cashless school we are unable to take money for trips or lunch, please use the Civica pay system. If you require any help, contact school office for support. Supporting our fundraising We've registered with easy fundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easy Uk to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so



please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-garnteg/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=twitter&utm_content=fdrg23-t1



Attendance Winners 5th - 8th September 2023

Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 Miss Dalton who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 96.7% and Dosbarth 8 Miss Channing who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 99.1%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	80.8%	0		3	93.7%	6	94.5%
Reception	91.6%	1	88%			7	92.9%
		2	95.4%	4	96.3%	8	96.4%
Year 1	91.5%	3	90.7%			9	96.1%
Year1/2		4	97.7%	5	95.4%	10	95.7%
Year 2	88.6%	5	82.1%			11	95.2%
					93.8%	12	89.3%
				6		13	98.5%

Seren Yr Wythnos 2023

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Felicity PM - Ollie S.	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Harley
Dosbarth 1 – Mr Tully	Adaleigh	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Elijah
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Ryan	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Logan
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Harper	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Cai
Dosbarth 4 – Miss Brooks	Isabelle	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore	Georgina

Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Kainan	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Tillie-Mae
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Louis	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Caden

Nursery Meithrin have had another fantastic week of settling in and making new friends. This week, Mr Potato Head has helped us create our classroom rules and we drew our own Mr potato Heads. We have also been creating self-portraits by experimenting with lots of materials and techniques. Da Iawn Meithrin! Don't forget to look on twitter to see what we have been up to. Our Autumn term topic is 'The Best Me.' We invite children to bring in a family picture to show our friends and display in our nursery classroom.

A polite reminder for learners to bring in a healthy snack and drink. Diolch!

<u>Dosbarth 1 & 2</u> - Gwaith da Derbyn, our first full week of learning! We are so pleased to see everyone talking about their feelings and growing their independence in our topics 'Be Yourself' and 'Learn to Grow'. Our first P.E session was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Just a friendly reminder that this will continue weekly so please dress the children in appropriate home clothes for exercise on a **Wednesday**. This week both classes have been working hard to begin to blend their sounds together and start their reading journey with sight words and RWinc. Please practise at home too. Fantastic start to the year everyone, we are sure to see your learning continue to grow. Please make sure to provide a drink and a labelled healthy snack every day. Thank you!

<u>Dosbarth 3 -</u> Bendegedig Dosbarth tri, what another fantastic week of learning! You wowed us in your first PE session up in the hall and showed us how amazing you are at working as a team. A friendly reminder that our PE sessions take place on a Tuesday and that you continue to send the children's PE kit in for these days. The children have worked hard in mathematics this week, continuing to work on their data handling skills by presenting and interpreting the data they collected. We would like to thank you for helping with your child's learning by completing activities on their learning logs and practising their weekly spellings. Don't forget that bug club is also available for home reading. Have an enjoyable weekend!

<u>Dosbarth 4 & 5</u> - Ffantesteg week dosbarth pedwar & pimp! We have had such a great week with our new topic 'What a Waste'. The children have really enjoyed learning all about recycling and how we can help our planet and recycle what we use at home and in school.

Autumn learning logs have gone home please send these in when they are completed one at a time. Spellings will be sent vis Class Dojo on a Friday. PE days are a Tuesday. Have a wonderful weekend.

<u>Dosbarth 6 & 7 -</u> Bendegedig Blwyddyn tri for a super week of learning. All children have worked hard on all tasks and have been creative in the way that they present their work. A polite reminder that our pe sessions are on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS and that the children need to bring in their pe clothes on these days to get changed in school. Also, the spellings are posted on a Monday and the test will be the following Thursday. We can't wait to see the fantastic learning log work that the children have completed next week. Please could you return the children's reading books need to be returned by Friday to be able changed and a register of the book that they have taken home will recorded to check when it has been returned. Have a lovely week.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 -

Da iawn Dosbarth 8 and 9 for your wonderful week of work! You are working so well on our new topic, "Healthy Minds, Happy Lives" You should all have had logins for My Maths and Bug Club too. Reminder that our weekly spellings tests will be on a Wednesday. Looking forward to seeing your first piece of Learning Log homework next week. Reminder to bring on a Wednesday so that it can be marked to hand back out on the Friday. Have a lovely weekend!

<u>Dosbarth 10 & 11</u> - Da iawn Dosbarth 10 & 11 for a brilliant week! You have enjoyed researching the Empire Windrush as part of our topic work this week. Learning logs have been sent home and we can't wait to see all of the wonderful work you share with us. A reminder to return reading books on a Friday so that dojos can be awarded and books changed for the following week. Have a wonderful weekend!

<u>Dosbarth 12 & 13</u> - Da iawn blywdden chwech for another fantastic week settling into year 6. You have worked extremely hard and are thoroughly enjoying our book 'Being Miss Nobody'. It was fantastic to see the progress made during swimming sessions this week and we look forward to the coming weeks. A huge well done to those who have already partaken in learning log tasks, you are doing a superb job, keep up the great work over the weekend and we look forward to seeing you Monday for another wonderful week!

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	91.8
4	94	97
5	94	87.3
6	93	95.4
7	95	94.1
8	95	97.6
9	95	97.4
10	93	96.9
11	93	95.6
12	95	92.2
13	95%	97.1

Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School