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Newsletter - 15th December 2023
Cylchlythyr - 15th Rhagfyr 2023

Value for this half term is Perseverance



Gwerth yr hanner tymor hwn yw Dyfalbarhad

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 22nd December 2023

December Diary

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 New Years Eve					1	2
3	4	5	6 Elf Day Nursery intake meeting	7 Nursery Christmas workshop 10:30am & 2pm	8 Year 2 concerts	9
10 Christmas videos sent to parents	11	12	13 Christmas Dinner	14 Nursery Christmas workshop 10:30am & 2pm	15 Year 6 concerts	16
17	18 Reception concerts	19 Christmas Raffle	20 Christmas Disco	21	Inset Day	
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30

HALF TERM
22.12.23 TO 08.01.24

Every Friday in December is Christmas jumper, costumes or sparkles Day.

ELF DAY 6/12/23
DRESS AS AN ELF - DONATIONS £1
6.12.23

NURSERY INTAKE FOR JANUARY 2024 -
3:30PM 6/12/2023

RECEPTION CONCERTS
10AM - CLASS 1 MR TULLY
1:30PM - CLASS 2 MISS DALTON

YEAR 2 CONCERTS
10AM CLASS 4 MISS BROOKS
1:30PM CLASS 5 MR KEY

YEAR 6 CONCERT
10:30AM AT NODDFA CHURCH

NURSERY WORKSHOP
SANTA WILL BE VISITING TO GIVE THE CHILDREN A PRESENT AS WELL AS SINGING CAROLS AND A CHRISTMAS SHOP.

Every Friday in December is Christmas attire at Garnteg. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumper, costumes or something sparkly.

January Diary

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Anti discrimination workshop y6	16	17	18 Parent Wellbeing Workshop	19	20
21	22 Teach your child to read workshop Anti discrimination workshop y6	23	24	25 Parent Wellbeing Workshop	26	27
28	29 Teach your child to read workshop	30	31			

NOTES

HALF TERM IS
22.12.23 TO 07.01.24.

RETURN TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024.

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO READ
WORKSHOP FP

KERBCRAFT WC 29.01.24
FOR YEAR 3 ALL WEEK

Parent Workshops

We have organized two workshops for parents/carers in January 2024. The first one is a well-being workshop for parents, and the second one is a workshop to help your child learn to read. In

the reading workshop, we will teach you about the reading methods we use at Garnteg to help your child improve their reading skills. This session will be 90 minutes for parents then 30 minutes with your child(ren) to put what you have learnt into practice. This workshop is open to parents/carers of Nursery to Year 2 students only and will take place over six weeks.

The well-being workshop will take place over four weeks and is open to parents of all-year groups. The workshop will be held on Thursdays from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm.

We will provide more information about the workshops next week. If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office and provide your name, your child's name and class, and the workshop(s) you are interested in.

Family Learning

Garnteg Primary School

Helping your Child Learn to Read

Monday 22nd January 2024
1.15pm - 3.15pm
For 6 Weeks
At Garnteg Primary School

Share ideas and discover new ways to work with your child in a friendly and relaxed environment to support their learning.

- ✓ Discover ways to help your child with their reading.
- ✓ Experience and enjoy the value of sharing books.
- ✓ Make your own games and activities to use with your child to support reading.

Tel: 01633 647734
Torfaen Adult Community Learning

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH
BWRDEISTREF SIROL TORFAEN

Swimming Lessons

Year 5 pupils will start their swimming lessons after February half-term. Please remember to pay your one-off charge of £24 for swimming this will be accessible in the new year. This should be paid through your Civica Pay Account.

School Reading Books & Learning Logs

Please can children bring in all home reading books into school at least 3 times a week and learning logs weekly. We would also be grateful if you can return any additional school reading books too.

School Raffle

We have already had in some very generous prizes, Thank you for your support so far.

We are still looking for donations, if you or a company you know can donate any prizes, they would be greatly received.

Please can any raffle donations be in by Monday 18th December

There are tickets available please ask your class teacher.

Thank you and good luck.

School Menu

Our Autumn/Winter Menu is below Next week is Week 1

Autumn/Winter Menu 2023

This menu is compliant with the Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations 2019

Why not try our Salad Bar?

Pick one: baguette, tortilla wrap or jacket potato
Pick two: ham, turkey, cheese, tuna or egg
Variety of salad and baked beans
As an alternative to the dessert - Fresh Fruit, yoghurt or cheese and crackers are available
Bring your own plates home reusing in school!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Mashed Potato, Baked Beans, Bread and Cheese Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with Custard	Homemade Beef Spaghetti Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese (V) served with Assorted Vegetables and Garlic Bread Chocolate Biscuits and a Milk Drink	Chicken Breast Fillet or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Arvic Roll and Fruit Cocktail	Salmon Fishfingers or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) served with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard	Ham and Pineapple Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) served with Chips and a Side Salad Ice-Cream and Mandarins
Week 2	Beef Meatballs or Veggie Plant Based Balls (Ve) served with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy Pear and Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Cottage Pie served with Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy Cheese and Potato Pie (V) served with Baked Beans or Peas Three Fruit Crumble and Cream	Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Welsh Cake and a Milk Drink	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Peas Sticky Toffee Sponge and Custard	Jumbo Fish Finger Subs or Vegetable Sausage Subs (Ve) served with Chips and a Side Salad Raspberry Flavour Ice Cream and Fruit
Week 3	Savoury Minced Beef or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Mashed Potato and Seasonal Vegetables Spicy Peach Cake and Custard	Salmon Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) served with Herby Diced Potatoes, Baked Beans or Peas Carrot Cake topped with Cream	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Fruit Jelly	Chicken Curry or Vegetarian Curry (V) served with Savoury Rice, Naan Bread and Vegetables Chocolate and Coconut Pudding (Ve)	Chicken Burger in a Bun or Southern Quorn in a Bun (V) served with Chips and Salad Ice-Cream and Mandarins

Catering for Medical Diets/ Food Allergies
For special diets requests please e-mail: specialdietsrequest@torfaen.gov.uk

Menus may vary in faith schools, please check with your individual school for details

	December 2023							January 2024							February 2024							March 2024						
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
6	7	8	9	10				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
27	28	29	30	1				29	30	31	1	2			31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Vegetarian. All accompaniments to main dishes above are available for Vegetarian, Any and Tiffin are not suitable for vegetarians. Fruit and yogurt are always available. No Vegan. All accompaniments to main dishes above are suitable for vegans with the exception of Yorkshire Pudding. Fruit is available daily as a dessert option, and replace where it appears above. A fully vegan menu is available on request.

Every effort is made to provide the correct balance of choices to our customers but we cannot guarantee that all choices will be available right to the end of service.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING
Torfaen Play Service's
COMMUNITY PLAY CLUBS

OUR LAST PLAY CLUB WILL BE ON:
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

WE WILL BE BACK ON
THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Attendance



Lateness

We are currently having a lot of pupils arriving late to school in the mornings, please ensure your child is on time as these impact on their learning and wellbeing in school.

Appointments

If you need to take your child to an appointment in school hours, please bring an appointment card/letter to the school office or you can email the office garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk. We understand this is not always accessible in some circumstances.

Reporting illness

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please remember to contact the school as soon as possible to report the absence. Failure to do so will result in your child being marked as unauthorised, and if this occurs for 10 or more sessions (5 days), the Education Welfare team may take legal action against you.

Pupil Zone

Attendance Winners 4th - 8th December 2023

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were foundation phase attendance winners with 97.7% and Dosbarth 11 Mrs Messoro who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 97.6%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	87.9	3	91.3	6	91.4
Reception	77.7	1	81.2			7	91.3
		2	74	4	93.9	8	93.6
Year 1	82.6	3	81.8			9	94.2
		4	88.9	5	90.4	10	91.3
Year 2	85.7	5	82.5			11	89.6
				6	95	12	92.1
						13	98.2

Seren Yr Wythnos 2023

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Freddie PM- Oscar	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Mali-Kate
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Marcus	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Jacob & Myles
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Beatrice	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Matvii
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Lexi	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Sienna
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Grace	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messori	Riley
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Mya	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Whole class
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Mali	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Whole class

Nursery - What an amazing week Meithrin have had! We had so much fun at Santa's workshop yesterday. We loved meeting Santa and his helpers in the grotto and doing Christmas activities with our families. Big thank you to everyone who came. It feels very Christmassy in Meithrin 🎄 Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - What a Christmassy week we have had in both classes. Learners' creative skills can be seen through their fantastic choices of Christmas crafts and decorations, they are so excited to share their hard work with you. All items will be on sale at our Christmas concerts. The children have been working their socks off practicing for the Christmas concert on Monday, I'm sure you will feel just as proud as we do. Both concerts are on Monday 18th December, Dosbarth 1 is at 10:00am and Dosbarth 2 is at 1:30pm. We look forward to seeing you. Diolch, have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Gwaith wow Dosbarth Tri! What a great week of learning. You have been busy creating your Christmas cards, Calendars for 2024 and have been writing your up-levelled versions of your Christmas story retells. A kind reminder that we please ask you to continue reading and return your reading books weekly. We look forward to a week of festivities next week. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - What a ffantesteg week Dosbarth Pedwar ar Pimp! This week we have been busy writing out scripts out that we learnt for our Christmas concert and finding the main points we need to include. We have also re-created our concert using block play and acting out each scene using differently created scenes and characters. We are looking forward to next week with our school discos and celebrations of Christmas. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Well Dosbarth we have been busy elves in year 3 making crafts, cards and calendars-you have shown your creativity skills. We have enjoyed reading your lovely comments about the children's video that we sent out-we secretly enjoyed making it. Next week the children will continue with their Christmas celebrations with a Christmas party. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Gwaith arbennig blywddyn pedwar! You've all shown tremendous creativity in your work this week and we are so proud of you all. Just a reminder that next week we are continuing the Christmas celebrations with a Christmas party, we are looking forward to celebrating with you all. We have loved reading your comments about the Christmas videos we sent out - we thoroughly enjoyed making them! Have a lovely weekend and we will see you in the classroom again Monday, ready for our final week before the end of term.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 10 & 11 for another wonderful week of learning! You have been incredibly creative this week in preparation for making Christmas crafts, cards and calendars next week. We are looking forward to an exciting week next week, with our Christmas party on Wednesday and raffle draw on Tuesday. We hope you have a brilliant weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - We have had another amazing week in Blwyddyn 6! We have been busy creating Christmas cards, calendars, Christmas crafts and preparing for our concert. We are looking forward to taking part in many more exciting activities in the last week! Have a lovely weekend all.

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.4

4	94	95.5
5	94	91.8
6	93	93
7	95	90.7
8	95	93.7
9	95	93.8
10	93	90.6
11	93	92.7
12	95	92
13	95	94.6

Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School