



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 19th January 2024

Cylchlythyr - 19th Ionawr 2024

Value for this half term is Equality



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Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 19th July 2024

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 Gwent Music Y3	17	18	19	20
21	22 Teach your child to read workshop Class 3 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm Anti discrimination workshop Y5	23 Gwent Music Samba Year3	24	25 Year3 Trip to Waterworks	26	27
28	29 Teach your child to read workshop class 4 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm	30 Class 3 Pontypool Library	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

February Diary

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Teach your child to read workshop class 5 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm	6	7 class 11 visit pontypool park	8 fl in schools South Wales finals at St Fagans	9 Valentines Disco	10 chinese new year
11	12 Half Term	13 Shrove Tuesday	14 Valentines Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	18 Teach your child to read workshop class 6 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm crucial crew Y6	19	20	21	22	23
24	24	25	26	27	28	29
25	25 Teach your child to read workshop class 7 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm	26	27	28	29	

NOTES

HALF TERM IS 12.02.24 TO 18.02.24.

RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY 19.02.24

19.02.24 - CRUCIAL CREW Y6

9.02.24 VALENTINES DISCO

Reading Cafes for Parents / Carers

Join us for a literary adventure at Garnteg Primary School! We're excited to announce our upcoming class Reading Cafés, where you can immerse yourselves in the joy of reading alongside your child/children. On the specified dates and times, we welcome you to the classroom to explore fun reading activities and strategies. There will be beverages, opportunities to engage in conversations, and even meet our beloved School Mascot! It's a fantastic opportunity to

foster a love for reading both in School and at home. Please let us know if you can attend by responding via Class Dojos. Let the reading festivities begin!

Monday 22nd January for **Class 3** at 2:15pm - 3:00pm

Monday 29th January for **Class 4** 2:15pm - 3:00pm

Monday 05th February for **Class 5** 2:15pm - 3:00pm

Monday 19th February for **Class 6** 2:15pm - 3:00pm

Monday 26th February for **Class 7** 2:15pm - 3:00pm

Parent Workshops

Our **reading workshop** starts Monday. It is aimed to help you assist your child with reading using the reading methods we use at Garnteg, and help your child improve their reading skills. These sessions will be 90 minutes each 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 3 students only and will take place over six weeks. It will run in the afternoons from 1:15 pm - to 3:15 pm. This starts **Monday 22nd January 2024**.

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 BIBLIOTHEC SIBYL TORFAEN

Places are still available to Sign up for Help your child to read Workshop [Help your child to read](#) today!



Wear Red for Wales and Velindre

WEAR RED
For Wales
And Velindre

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Wear Red. Donate £1. Make a Difference

SIGN UP NOW
for Wear Red on
the 2nd of February
2024!

By wearing red and donating £1 on Friday 2nd February you'll be showing your support for our National Rugby Teams ahead of the 6 Nations and raising vital funds for Velindre - Wales' largest cancer centre.

Polite Notice

Gwent Police have contacted us in regard to parking at school.

The main concern is, due to the vehicles parking on the pavements the children are walking on the road, and it is limiting the access for wheelchair users and people with prams.

It is absolutely imperative that you keep the pathways clear during pick-up and drop-off times to ensure the safety of the children. We kindly ask you to comply with this rule.

School Lottery



The school is still holding its weekly lottery, we have seen some lovely prizes being won and donations sent to the school. Proceeds from the tickets sold go back to the school to help us raise funds for consumables for the Garnteg children. So far, we have raised over an amazing £300, thanks to you!

If you wish to sign up please visit

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garnteg-primary-school?utm_campaign=getaway-jan23&utm_source=cause-admin&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

Noddfa Church

Noddfa has received some funding to assist people in the local area to learn how to plant, grow and cook fresh meals (Poster attached).

It is free and every family that joins will finish the course with a full planting kit to continue to grow at home - whether in a garden or window box (also provided).



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.

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 should be paid through your Civica Pay Account.

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 2013.

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.
Keep your eyes out for the new pizza bars coming to school!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Mashed Potato, Baked Beans, Bread and Spread Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with Custard	Homemade Beef Spaghetti Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese (V) served with Assorted Vegetables and Garlic Bread Chocolate Brownie and a Milk Drink	Chicken Breast Fillet or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Artic 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 or 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 Sub or Vegetable Sausage Sub (Ve) served with Chips and a Side Salad Raspberry Flavour Ice Cream and Fruit
Week 3	Savoury Minced Beef or Quorn Savoury Mince (V) 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 Flapjack (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: specialdietrequest@torfaen.gov.uk

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

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

Vegetarian. All accompaniments to main choices above are suitable for Vegetarians. Jelly and Trifle are not suitable for vegetarians. Fruit and yogurt are always available.
Ve Vegan. All accompaniments to main choices above are suitable for vegans with the exception of Yorkshire Pudding. Fruit is available daily as a dessert option, and flapjack 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.

ATTENDANCE



Lateness

Class registers are taken at 9:00, please ensure your child is on time as the missed time impacts on their learning and wellbeing in school. If your child is late, please can parents & carers bring children to the main school office to be signed in and so they can be taken to classrooms by staff.

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.

Attendance Winners 8th - 12th January 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 96.7 % and congratulations to Dosbarth 11 Mrs Messore who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 97.2%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	85	3	91.7	6	89
Reception	95.7	1	100			7	94.2
		2	91.2	4	92.3	8	90.7
Year 1	88	3	83.9			9	94
		4	97.4	5	94.6	10	90.4
Year 2	90.2	5	86.4			11	98.4
				6	95	12	92.4
						13	97.8

Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 92.4%

Seren Yr Wythnos 2024

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Freddie PM- Billie	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Dayton
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Jayden	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Tilly
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Harrison	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Charlie
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Isaac	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Seren
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Isobelle	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore	Brodie-May
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Aysha	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Finnley
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Ceinwen	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Timmy

Nursery - Wow Meithrin, what a fabulous busy week we have had! 😊 First we made bird feeders and have loved watching the birds visit our nursery garden. Next, we made our own playdough and choose our own colours by colour mixing. Later in the week, we created a gratitude tree and drew pictures and letters to show why we were grateful. It looked beautiful! 😊 Finally, we went on our bendigidig trip to the Co-Op. We had lots of fun choosing a treat for the guinea pigs and we have lots of ideas for our shop role-play. Very proud teachers in Meithrin. You are superstars!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendigidig Derbyn, another marvellous week of learning by both classes. We have been looking forward at our spring term topic and using our pupil voice to lead our own learning in our topic 'Dw I'n Bwy'. This week the classes have been using google maps to take a walk around our local area and created houses that they have seen using different materials. This week attendance has been marvellous, please can you ensure that your children come to school every day with a healthy snack and a drink. Enjoy the weekend and keep up the good work!

Dosbarth 3 - Gwaith wow Dosbarth Tri! Another fantastic week of learning in our topic 'Fy ardal i'. This week you have been exploring features of a letter, past tense writing and even exploring your own addresses. Lots of fantastic working taking place this week by interpreting the data that you collected too. Just a friendly reminder that our school trip to Pontypool Library is taking place on Tuesday 30th January and payments can be made through your child's Civica Pay accounts. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Ffantesteg Week everyone! This week we have been researching all about local area to go into our new topic 'Cartref Melys Cartref' (Home Sweet Home). The children have looked at the locality around where we live and researched details about places such as the Folly Tower and Big Pit!

Just a reminder that PE days are Tuesdays and children should have kit in school to change into. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendedig pawb for another super week of learning. You have impressed us with your creativity in your work and your musical skills with DJ Suzi. We have loved seeing your enthusiasm for writing non-chronological reports about the water cycle. Also, a reminder permission slips and money for the school trip need to be in by Monday 22nd January. The children are excited to visit the education in Cilfynydd. Have a lovely weekend

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Gwaith arbennig blwyddyn pedwar! You've had another fantastic week of learning and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the work you've begun on your individual projects around space - you've all shown great creativity with the research you are completing. Well done for bringing in your reading books, keep it up! The learning logs have now been sent out and we look forward to seeing the challenges you complete at home. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and we will see you in the classroom again on Monday!

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Da iawn blwyddyn pump, what a fantastic week you have had! The pupils are enjoying their Mindfulness sessions on a Monday with Elizabeth Williams. A reminder for the Homework books to come back in so the new learning log can be stuck in. We will be doing dance on a Thursday afternoon for the term, so please can pupils have the appropriate footwear on. Have a great weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Da iawn blwyddyn chwech, another wonderful week of learning! This week we have practised calculating averages and have been exploring the mountain ranges of Wales. Please could all homework books be returned asap so that the new learning logs can be stuck in. Have a lovely weekend all.

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	89.7
4	94	95.5
5	94	91.6
6	93	92.3
7	95	90.8
8	95	93
9	95	94
10	93	90.4
11	93	93.3
12	95	92.1
13	95	94.6

Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School