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Newsletter - 26th January 2024
Cylchlythyr - 26th 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	19 Teach your child to read workshop class 6 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm crucial crew Y6	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Teach your child to read workshop class 7 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm	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 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 next reading workshop session is **Monday 29th January 2024**, and spaces are still available. 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.



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For Wales
And Velindre

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

On Friday 2nd February we will be supporting Wear Red for Wales and Velindre. Pupils will be able to wear something red and donate £1 towards this worthwhile cause.

School Menu

Our Autumn/Winter Menu is below. Next week is Week 2

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 eye out for the new pizza, more coming so soon!

	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 and Gravy 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 and Gravy 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

V 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.

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

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

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



Attendance Winners 15th - 19th January 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 1 Mr Tully who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 100 %!!!! and congratulations to Dosbarth 11 Mrs Messorre who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for the second week running with 98.4%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	65.2	3	93.7	6	96.6
Reception	85.5	1	88.1			7	91
		2	82.8	4	90.6	8	90.7
Year 1	90.8	3	88.6			5	91.9
		4	98.2	10	94.8		
Year 2	94.1	5	91.1	6	96.3	11	89.2
						12	94.8
						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 - Kit PM- Ollie S	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Rosie
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Gracie	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Maximus
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Gracie	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Olivia
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Ezra	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Leyla
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Freya-Mai	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messoré	Hayden
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Xander	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Esmie
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Ieuan	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Esmae

Nursery - Meithrin have had another bendigedig week! We have created 2D and 3D maps of our journey to the Co-Op. We followed directions, looked at positional language and directed the Bee bots around the map. Don't forget to check twitter to see pictures 😊 Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Both reception classes have been working like busy bees this week. We have been setting our own targets for each area of learning. We have spoken about what each area of learning means and have discussed what we can learn about in our new topic 'Dw i'n byw'. Learners have also been talking about where we can go in our local area, they have made their decision so keep your eyes peeled for trip information. Please can we continue returning reading books on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's so we can change them over and diolch for your engagements with our home learning challenges. Diolch! 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Gwaith wow Dosbarth Tri! This week you have worked hard exploring active travel and what the benefits of walking to school are. You created some lovely work to tell people about this in your topic journals. You have also worked hard writing your letters in English this week, writing the stages of your letters! Just a kind reminder that spellings are coming home weekly, please can these be learnt as they will help the children make progress in their reading and writing. Tuesday 30th is our trip to Pontypool Library, we look forward to our upcoming trip! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Da iawn Dosbarth 4+5, what a wonderful week using our map making skills to explore our local area. We have also practised using $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ fractions in different contexts including making turns, used directional language to create digital code and started writing our own retellings of local Welsh folk tales, bendigedig! We are looking forward to the upcoming reading cafe days, this is **Monday 29th January for class 4** and **Monday 5th February for class 5**. Please let us know if you are planning to attend! Thank you for home learning log challenges received so far, just a reminder to please send these books in when challenges are completed so we can celebrate the work with the children. Thank you!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendegedig Dosbarth 7 a 8 yet again you have made us all proud with the super work that you have produced. Also, you we great ambassadors for our school when we went Dwr Cymru education centre this week- where we learnt so many new facts about water. Just a quick reminder to send in the permission slips for your child to take part in the KerbCraft sessions that begin on Monday 29th January. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Ardderchog Dosbarth 8 & 9! You've had another excellent week of learning. We've been using our Welsh language patterns when cooking for "Dydd Santes Dwynwen", you've been comparing weather in our local area with the temperature you recorded in school last week and we've begun researching Welsh artist Nathan Wyburn and come up with some very creative ideas for how his work might inspire our own projects! Remember to continue bringing in learning logs and reading books. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Arddechog to Dosbarth 10 and 11 for another wonderful week! You have all worked hard exploring your chosen country for our topic 'The Big Picture - Y Llundain'. You were all so enthusiastic during our Active Travel workshop this week with Torfaen Highways and took a great interest in your local area and safe routes to school. Letters have been sent home this week with information about our class visits to Pontypool Park over the next 2 weeks. Please can permission slips be brought back to school as soon as possible for this. Have a lovely weekend!

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 by Monday 29th January 2024 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	89.6
4	94	95.7
5	94	91.6
6	93	92.6
7	95	90.8
8	95	92.9
9	95	93.8
10	93	90.6
11	93	93.1
12	95	92.2
13	95	94.8

Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School