



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 9th February 2024

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Value for this half term is Equality



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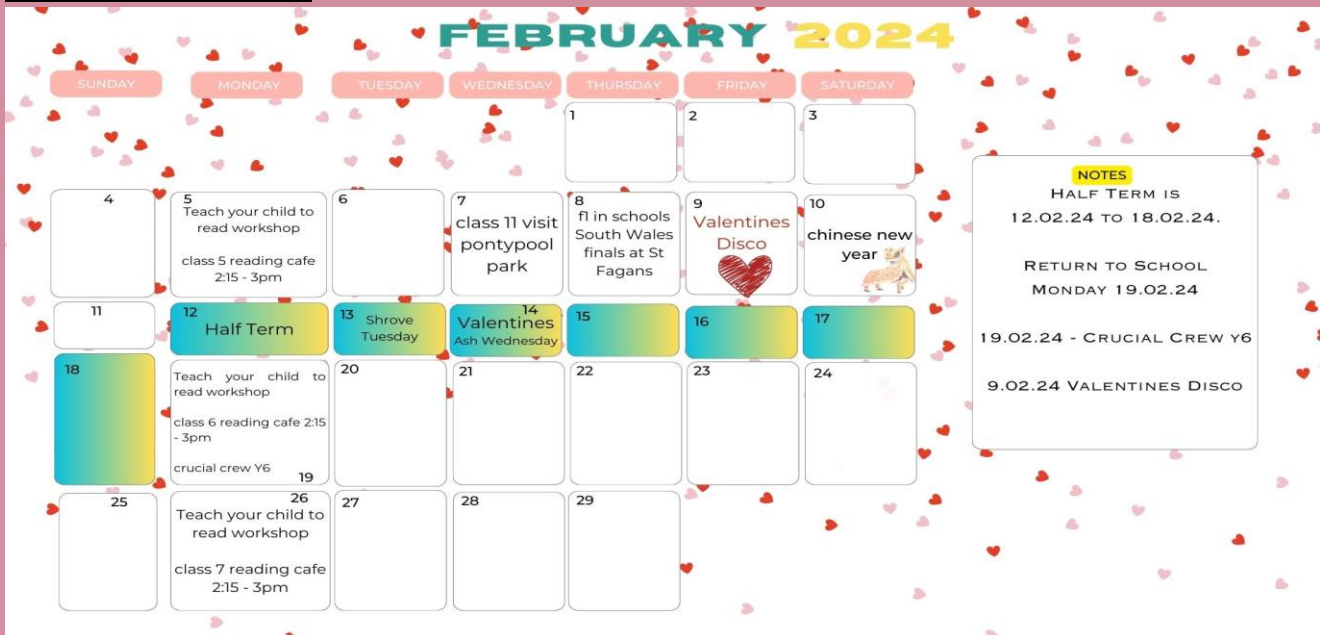
INSET DAYS

Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 21st June 2024

Friday 19th July 2024

February Diary



Nursery April Intake 2024

Croeso I Meithrin am Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg!

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery intake for April 2024.

We look forward to meeting parents / carers and the children at our settling in and information sharing event on **Wednesday 20th March at 3:30pm**. You will have the opportunity to meet the Nursery team, spend time in the setting and access information as well as enjoying refreshments.

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 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 19th February 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. Please make sure to book your space.



Wear Red for Velindre

You all looked fabulous dressed in red for Velindre and raised a huge £285.85. Thank you all!

School Menu

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

	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 Artis 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

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
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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 to those that have already returned your slips and money for flowers. If you have not returned your slip yet, there is still time. Orders need to be in by Friday 23rd February 2024

February Half Term Play and Wellbeing Camp

Please use the link below to book your child's place as soon as possible

Link:

https://iweb.itouchvision.com/portal/itouchvision/r/customer/category_link?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=EN&_LANG=en

MOTHER'S DAY!

This year we are selling Primroses thanks to our friends at The Secret Garden.

Limit to 3 pots per child at £1 per pot.

Letters have been sent out so to avoid disappointment please return ASAP

SPECIAL PERSONS DAY!

Secret Garden

Chwarae Torfaen a Gwasauethau Seiblonau Byr
Children's play activities and short breaks for young children

Gwersylloedd Chwarae A Lles Hanner Tymor
Chwefror 2024

Ysgol Gymraed Drefodwrth Wleddol a Broff Bannafon
1000 Card Can Road, Bannafon, NP4 1BB

Ysgol Gymraed Gymunedol Bledwyrws Road
1000 Bledwyrws, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4JZ

Ysgol Gymraed Cwrlwyg
Wickford, Llanidloes, Powel y gwallt, NP4 7U

Ysgol Gymraed George Street
1000 George Street, Powel y gwallt, NP4 4BB

Ysgol Gymraed Llantarnam
1000 Llantarnam, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 2JL

Ysgol Gymraed Nant Celys
1000 Nant Celys, Cwmbran, NP44 2JL

Ysgol Gymraed Penygarn
1000 Penygarn, Penygarn, Powel y gwallt, NP4 4JL

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Specialist play sessions, short breaks and play for employment opportunities. Contact your nearest play centre for more information or contact us on 01495 222222.

Rheoldd Gymunedol Gwernolodwr & St Dials
11 Gwernolodwr, 10 St Dials, Gwernolodwr, Cwmbran, NP44 8JL

Thornhill Community Centre
London Court, Cwmbran, NP44 0TJ

Ysglwyd Victory
Greenlodge Way, Cwmbran, NP44 3JL

Rhaidd ddergymu cymdeithasol a gallu ar all-gymu a chinio pecyn

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS
10:00AM TO 3:00PM
Tuesday 13th February to Thursday 15th February

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
To complete your registration of interest form please contact: halfterm@torfaen.gov.uk. Please note applications for your child must be completed prior to attending.

For more information contact:
halfterm@torfaen.gov.uk

Greenwood Heritage VC Primary School
1000 Green Lane Road, Ebbw Vale, NP23 5BB

Wendle Road Community Primary School
Wendle Road, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4JZ

Cwrlwyg Primary School
Wickford, Llanidloes, Powel y gwallt, NP4 7U

George Street Primary School
1000 George Street, Powel y gwallt, NP4 4BB

Llantarnam Primary School
1000 Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 2JL

Nant Celys Primary School
1000 Nant Celys, Cwmbran, NP44 2JL

Penygarn Primary School
1000 Penygarn Road, Penygarn, Powel y gwallt, NP4 4JL

SPECIALIST PLAY & RESPITE SESSIONS
Specialist provision for children and young people with complex needs. These sessions are through school premises.

Gwernolodwr & St Dials Community Hall
11 Gwernolodwr, 10 St Dials, Gwernolodwr, Cwmbran, NP44 8JL

Thornhill Community Centre
London Court, Cwmbran, NP44 0TJ

Victory Church
Greenlodge Way, Cwmbran, NP44 3JL

A refillable drink and packed lunch is required

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Partnership of schools and play centres working in the heart of the community

Halfterm Play & Wellbeing Camps
February 2024

FREE OF CHARGE

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The dates the camp will be running are on Tuesday 13th February, Wednesday 14th February and Thursday 15th February, the times are 10:00am-3:00pm.

Please note that limited spaces are available and pre-booking is essential.

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DO YOU NEED HELP TO Make Your Money Work?

FULLY FUNDED support across Torfaen providing help with:

TRAVEL COSTS REFUNDED!

- Choosing and managing bank accounts
- Budgeting and planning for the future
- Borrowing money
- Ways to save money
- Paying rent, bills and other expenses
- Financial risks
- Financial fraud, scams and identity theft
- Credit scores and debt
- Salaries and payslips
- Financial Abuse
- Entitled2 Benefits Calculation
- Better off working calculation

Contact us for more information
www.p2e.org.uk bookings@p2e.org.uk
07498 180154 - 01443 807980

LEVELLING UP
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This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Winners 29th January - 2nd February 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 1 Mr Tully who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 96.2 % and congratulations to Dosbarth 6 Miss Williams who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 95.5%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	86.53%	0		3	93.83	6	91.7%
Reception	89.61%	1	91.1%			7	95.8%
		2	88%	4	95.85	8	93.6%
Year 1	91.79%	3	92.8%			9	98.4%
		4	93.7%	5	87.08%	10	84.3%
Year 2	91.14%	5	87.8%			11	89.6%
				6	93.75%	12	98.3%
						13	88.9%

Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 92.41 %

Seren Yr Wythnos 2024

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Esme-Joy PM- Lottie	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Darcey
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Noah	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Finnley
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Oliver	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Faye
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Charlie	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Lacey
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Poppi	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messori	Whole class!
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Alexis	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Kyron
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Edward	Dosbarth 1rs Parker-Evans	Lola-Rose

Nursery - What a wonderful week Meithin have had this week! Learners have been very busy getting ready for their Eisteddfod, writing beautiful handwritten pieces and creating landscape art that we have seen in the area. We also had lots of fun making daffodil biscuits and decorating them. They were very yummy!

We hope you all have a lovely and safe half term!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Both reception classes have had a busy week preparing their Eisteddfod entries. Learners have created fantastic 3D sculptures items using manipulatives and techniques. We have also chosen our favourite Welsh songs to writing using our best handwriting, these pieces of work look fantastic. Diolch to those who have brought in their homework craft for the Eisteddfod, we look forward to seeing more after half term 😊 Please can all children bring in one healthy snack for snack time in school, with a refillable bottle with water or squash please.

Have a safe and relaxing half term!

Dosbarth 3 - Gwaith da Dosbarth Tri! What a fantastic first half of spring term we have had. You have been working hard the last week completing your Eisteddfod entries. We cannot wait to continue your entries when we return from the February half term. The children have also been practising their class assembly and their speaking parts have been sent home with the children today. Please can we ask that you help your child learn their speaking parts and get creative making their Eisteddfod craft entries during the half term break. We hope you all have a fantastic break and make amazing memories, see you after half term!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Bendigedig Year 2 what a fantastic half term. We have really enjoyed learning all about our local area including creating maps, exploring local art, retelling local legends and tales and more! We are so proud of all of your work towards our Eisteddfod this week in particular and we are all looking forward to celebrating these shortly after half term. Please see dojos for a home learning challenge for this also, making some wonderful crafts to bring in for the celebrations! Have a wonderful half term and see you all soon!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Wythnos Gwych Pawb! The children have had super busy half term but have worked really hard and have grown in so much confidence. Just a reminder to complete their craft for our school eisteddfod over the half term-we can't wait to see what they produce. These need to be brought back to school on the first week. Have a lovely half term and keep safe.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Blwyddyn pedwar have had a wonderful week starting entries for the Eisteddfod and exploring all about satellites and how Wales looks from above. You have all really impressed us with your understanding of simple algebra. You have all had a wonderful start to the Spring term and the homework that has been coming in has been wonderful to see. Have a safe and restful break and we look forward to seeing you after half term - don't forget craft entries for the Eisteddfod can be completed at home and brought back to school on our first week back.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Da iawn blwyddyn pump for another fantastic week of learning! You have all worked so hard creating wonderful pieces of work for the Eisteddfod. A reminder that swimming for both classes will start on Wednesday 21st February. Pupils will need to wear their swimming costumes to school under their uniform. Pupils will also need to bring a pair of goggles and a towel. Have a wonderful half term!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Da iawn blwyddyn chwech, another wonderful week of learning! This week we have practised fractions and equivalent fractions and have been creating lovely pieces of work for the eisteddfod. Please could all craft entries for the Eisteddfod be returned in the first week. Just a reminder that Year 6 will be going to Crucial Crew. Have a lovely half term all!

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	89.8
4	94	95.4
5	94	91.3
6	93	92.7
7	95	90.8
8	95	92.6
9	95	94
10	93	90
11	93	92.7
12	95	92.6
13	95	94.3

Have a lovely restful half-term, see you all on Monday 19th February
Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School