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Newsletter - 3rd May 2024
Cylchlythyr - 3rd Mai 2024

Value for this half term is Tolerance



Gwerth yr hanner tymor hwn yw Goddefgarwch

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

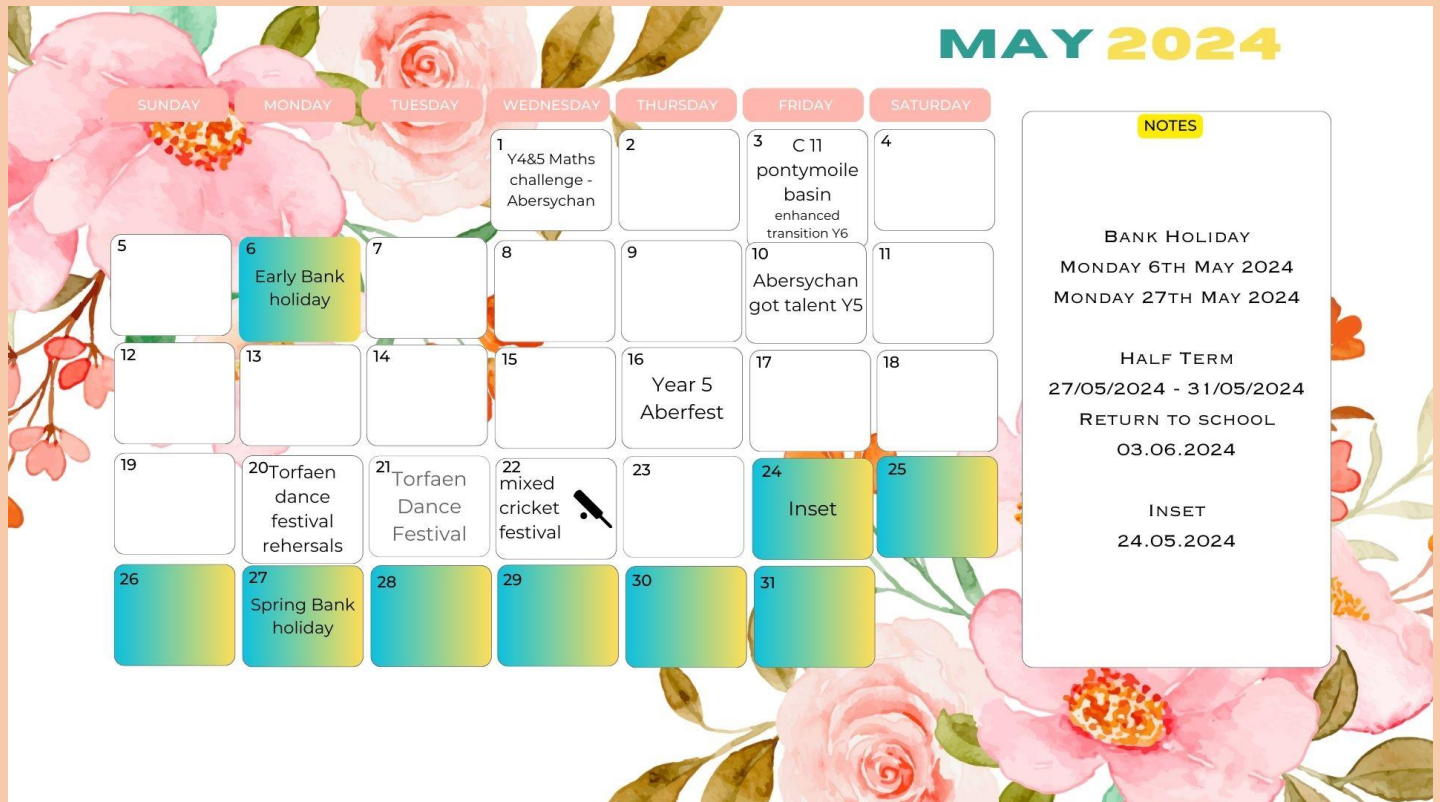
Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 21st June 2024

Friday 19th July 2024

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May



Measles Outbreak MMR Vaccine Clinics

MMR Vaccines for Children

Following the recent outbreak of Measles in Gwent we are holding a number of MMR vaccine catch-up clinics for school aged children. You will find a list of these clinics by clicking here:

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/vaccinations/vaccination-pop-up-clinics/>

Alternatively you can call our vaccination booking team on 0300 303 1373. If you require a **Gelatine free vaccine**, please contact 01633 431 685.

MMR

Children's Walk in Clinics

Get your child caught up with their **MMR Vaccination**

For school aged children (Reception to Year 11)

If you require a Gelatine free vaccine, contact 01633 431685



MMR

Clinigau Plant Galw Heibio

Sicrhewch bod eich plentyn yn cael eu **Brechriad MMR**

Ar gyfer plant oed ysgol (Derbyn i Flwyddyn 11)

I gael brechriad heb gelatin, ffonwch 01633 431 685






New Lego club

 **Pontypool Community Council**
supported by Torfaen Play



LEGO AND PLAY

Encouraging creative skills, self-confidence, resilience, interaction and wellbeing.

TUESDAYS
4:00PM - 5:30 PM
5 - 11 years old

BOOKING REQUIRED
To make a booking or for more information please contact:
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

FREE OF CHARGE

Torfaen County Borough Council, Civic Centre, Pontypool, NP4 6YB

Ynghedd yn Gyntaf Families First

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 **Cyngor Cymuned Pont-y-pŵl**
Cefnogir gan Chwarae Torfaen



LEGO A CHWARAE

Annog sgiliau creadigol, hunanhyder, gwydnwch, rhyngweithio a llesiant

BOB DYDD MAWRTH
4:00YP - 5:30 YP
5 - 11 oed

BYDD ANGEN ARCHEBU
I archebu neu i gael mwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â:
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

RHAD AC AM DDIM

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Torfaen, Canolfan Ddinesig, Pont-y-pŵl, NP4 6YB

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Useful Links

Following our parent survey back in March the results showed you were unsure as to where you can get mental health and support for you or your child.

We have spoken to many agencies and compiled the attached list. This will also be available on our website.

HELPLINES

FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

1. MELO

Melo contains information, advice and self-help resources to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing.



2. 111 OPTION 2

If you or someone you know needs urgent mental health care, but it's not life threatening. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is free to call from a mobile



3. C.A.L.L

Offers emotional support and information literature on Mental Health and related matters to the people of Wales.



PHONE 0800 132 737 OR TEXT HELP TO 81066



4. MIND

Mind Cymru is Mind in Wales. We make sure everyone in Wales has access to the mental health information, support and services they need. We are here to make sure no-one in Wales faces a mental health problem alone.



5. SAMARITANS

Together let's make sure that we're always here for people to turn to in their darkest hours.



PHONE 116 123



6. PLACE 2 BE

Place2Be is a children and young people's mental health charity with almost 30 years' experience working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools. They provide mental health support in schools through one-to-one and group counselling using tried and tested methods backed by research.



Torfaen Play - Whitsun Play and Wellbeing Camp

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
 Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

Whitsun Play & Wellbeing Camps

Tuesday 28th May to Thursday 30th May
 10:00am - 3:00pm
 Age 5 to 11 years

FREE OF CHARGE

Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School
 Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

Blenheim Road Community Primary School
 Blenheim Road, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

Garnteg Primary School
 Hillcrest, Garmdfiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

George Street Primary School
 Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Llantarnam Primary School
 Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 3XB

Nant Celyn Primary School
 Henllys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

Penygarn Primary School
 Penygarn Road, Penygarn, Pontypool NP4 8JN

TORFAEN AND SHORT BREAKS SERVICE
CHWARAE TORFAEN

AM DDIM

A refillable drink and packed lunch is required

Pre booking required
 Please use the QR code to pre book

For more information please contact: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

Gwasanaethau Chwarae a Seibiant Byr Torfaen
 Cynnig amrywiol o sesiynau hwylio a rhyngweithiol yng nghanol y gymuned.

Gwersylloedd Chwarae a Lles y Sulgwyn

Dydd Mawrth 28 Mai i ddydd Iau 30 Mai
 10:00yb - 3:00yp
 5 i 11 oed

Ysgol Gynradd Wirfoddol a Reolir Trefadaeth Blaenafon
 Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Blenheim Road
 Blenheim Road, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg
 Hillcrest, Garmdfiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

Ysgol Gynradd George Street
 Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Ysgol Gynradd Llantarnam
 Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 3XB

Ysgol Gynradd Nant Celyn
 Henllys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

Ysgol Gynradd Pen-y-garn
 Penygarn Road, Penygarn, Pontypool NP4 8JN

TORFAEN AND SHORT BREAKS SERVICE
CHWARAE TORFAEN

AM DDIM

Bydd angen pecyn bwyd a photel diod i'w hail-lenwi

Angen archebu ymlaen llaw
 Defnyddiwch y cod QR i archebu ymlaen llaw

Am fwy o wybodaeth, cysylltwch: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

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The Play Service are delivering Play and Wellbeing Camps during Whitsun Half Term. The dates the camps will run are Tuesday 28th May, Wednesday 29th May and Thursday 30th May, from 10:00am-3:00pm. This is a free play and wellbeing opportunity for children aged 5-11 years.

Please note that limited spaces are available and pre-booking is essential. Parents/carers must click on the link below or use the QR code to register an interest in the camp

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

Transition for Abersychan Comp



TRANSITION DATES

17TH JUNE
 24TH JUNE
 1ST JULY
 10TH JULY

GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP KINDLY LOANED THE
DOWNSTAIRS SPACE FOR A
3 DAY SALE TO SUPPORT NODDEFA CHURCH
RENOVATIONS
GOOD QUALITY ITEMS AT LOW PRICES
ALSO A RAFFLE . (WHO DOESN'T LOVE A RAFFLE)
COME ALONG YOUR MORE THAN WELCOME
DOORS OPEN AT 10AM ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY FOR
3DAYS .
CONTACT GWYNEIRAROSE@ICLOUD.COM FOR FURTHER
DETAILS



**GIRLS
ONLY**



PANTEG CRICKET CLUB

AGES 8 - 11
T-SHIRT INCLUDED
Friday 17th May - Friday 5th July
5:00pm - 6:00pm
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
PANTEGFLAMES@GMAIL.COM



**GIRLS'
SOFTBALL
CRICKET**

PANTEG SPARKS
FOR GIRLS IN YEAR 4, 5, 6 AND 7
Friday, 5:00pm - 6:00pm
at Panteg Cricket Club
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
PANTEGFLAMES@GMAIL.COM



Holidays taken in Term Time



Polite Reminder:

Fixed Penalty Notices may be considered appropriate when:

- At least 10 sessions (5 school days) are lost due to unauthorised absence during the current academic year. These do not need to be consecutive;
- Unauthorised absences of at least 10 sessions (5 school days) due to holidays in term time or delayed return from extended holidays; or
- Persistent late arrival at school, i.e. after the register has closed, in the current term. Persistent means at least 10 sessions of late arrival;
- Truancy, where the child has come to the attention of the Police or public during school hours for being absent from school, without an acceptable reason.

We have noticed a rise in the number of unauthorised absences and holidays taken by students. We would like to remind you that our school follows the Torfaen Fixed Penalty Notice policy. Please note that this policy applies to unauthorised holidays and a fine can be issued once your child returns to school. If your child's attendance is under 95% we will not authorise your holiday request.

Please can we also ask that if your child has a Medical/Dental/Optician etc appointment during school time,

that the appointment card or letter is given to the office to copy. Thank you.

Summer Menu - Next week is week 2

Spring/Summer Menu 2024

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 pasta 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, Dry Roast, 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	BBQ Chicken or BBQ Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Diced potatoes and Sweetcorn Pear and Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Beef Meatballs or Plant Based Balls (Ve) served with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy Fruit Jelly and Cream	Turkey or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Dry Roast, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Welsh Cake and a Milk Drink	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) served with Potato Wedges, Side Salad 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	Salmon Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) served with Herby Diced Potatoes, Beans or peas Strawberry Whirl with Fruit Cocktail	Beef Lasagne or Cheese and Potato Pie (V) served with Seasonal Vegetables and Garlic Bread Arctic Roll and Peaches	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables, Dry Roast, Boiled potatoes and Gravy Fruit Jelly and a Milk Drink	Chicken curry or Vegetarian Curry (V) served with Savoury Rice, Naan Bread & Veg 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: specialdietrequest@torfaen.gov.uk

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

April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
M T W T F	M T W T F	M T W T F	M T W T F
8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10	3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5
15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17	10 11 12 13 14	8 9 10 11 12
22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24	17 18 19 20 21	15 16 17 18 19
29 30 1 2 3		24 25 26 27 28	

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.

GO GREEN GARNTG



All pupils have been working hard to win our 'Go Green Garnteg' award. We have monitored how well all classes have been recycling and working on our recycling superhero.

This week's winners are Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Winners 22nd - 26th April 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Brown who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 96.6 % and congratulations to Dosbarth 12 Mrs Lee who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 91.7%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	77.7	3	83.7	6	87.9
Reception	83.3	1	86.2			7	79.7
		2	80.4	4	88.3	8	86.1
Year 1	94.6	3	93.5			9	90.8
		4	97.5	5	90	10	88.8
Year 2	95.3	5	93.9			11	91.2
				6	91.6	12	90
						13	93.5

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 - Esme-Joy PM - Ollie S.	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Isla
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Daisy-Mae	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Lilly-Beth
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Harrison	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Castiel
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Amelia	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Toby
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Georgia	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore	Whole class
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Elijah	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Lateilia
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Jake S	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Ollie

Nursery - Bendigedig pawb for your amazing nature walk poems this week. You have drawn pictures, initial sounds and words to communicate what you could see, smell, hear and feel. A big Da iawn from your proud teachers in nursery. Keep climbing to Sparkle! 😊 Have a lovely weekend and bank holiday!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Gwaith da pawb for a super week of learning. We are incredibly proud of all learners practising their spellings and using this in their writing during work in school. Please continue to practise spellings at home for our weekly challenges! We have explored the term 'Beth wyt ti'n hoffi' this week, discussing what we like and dislike. We have also challenged our Mathematic skills to find one more and one less in our classroom environment. A kind reminder that learners bring in one piece of fruit for snack 😊 Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 3 - Bendegedig Dosbarth Tri, another fantastic week of learning. You have worked hard this week exploring division by sharing into equal groups, which you wowed us with your ability. You have also been busy cooking and taking part in activities in preparation for writing our own set of instructions. In Welsh you have also explored your likes by saying Dw i'n hoffi, this is now our new phrase to use in as many areas as possible. Keep up your fantastic work Dosbarth Tri! We hope you all enjoy your bank holiday, and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 7th May.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 -Gwaith da! You have all had a fantastic week learning and researching about Fairtrade this week! We have learnt that a tea bag takes 3 years to grow! We have been amazed by what we have found out this week! We have also been looking at time and learning about o'clock and half past. A reminder for Dosbarth 4 - could we please have any jars that are 500ml or bigger. Diolch! Have a lovely and safe bank holiday and hopefully in the sun too!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendigedig pawb for the fantastic work that you have produced this week. You have continued to learn more about the Ancient Olympic games as well as learning some French. You are all shining like stars with how creative you are producing your work-it is always a pleasure to read. A polite reminder-please label your child's clothing as well as providing a PE kit even if they are joggers. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Gwaith ffantastig pawb for another enjoyable week of learning. This week we had lots of fun using pizzas to explore different fractions and then cooking them to eat afterwards! We've been exploring animals that live in the layers of the ocean and you've found some interesting ones! Da iawn for a great effort at the dance-a-thon yesterday too! Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the bank holiday and we will see you in the classroom Tuesday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Another fantastic week of learning, gwaith da pawb! This week we have been exploring artwork by William Morris and creating inspiration pages for our own designs. We have also explored plants and flowers from around the world. Well done for a brilliant effort at the dance-a-thon, some wonderful dance moves on show! A reminder to send in any letters for next year's trip to London and our trip to Newport Wetlands as soon as possible 😊 Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend, see you all on Tuesday!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Gwaith grêt this week pawb! This week we have started our new topic 'Empowerment', looking at different people to understand similarities and differences in people. We have also enjoyed our Expressive Arts lessons, exploring Andy Warhol's techniques by layering and digital printing. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday 😊

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.9
4	94	95.3
5	94	91.8
6	93	92.2
7	95	90.4
8	95	92.6
9	95	94.4
10	93	90.6
11	93	92.6
12	95	92.7
13	95	93.4

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School