



GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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May is the fifth month of the Gregorian calendar and marks the transition from spring to summer in the Northern Hemisphere and from autumn to winter in the Southern Hemisphere.

The ancient Greeks gave it her name, Maia, after the goddess Maia, who was revered for her association with growth and fertility.

Newsletter - 10th May 2024

Cylchlythyr - 10th 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

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



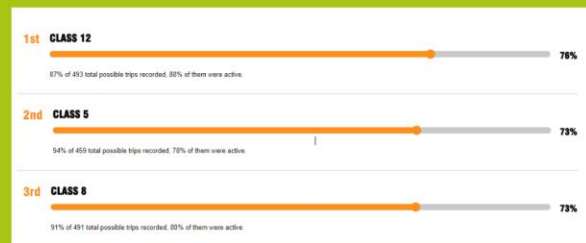
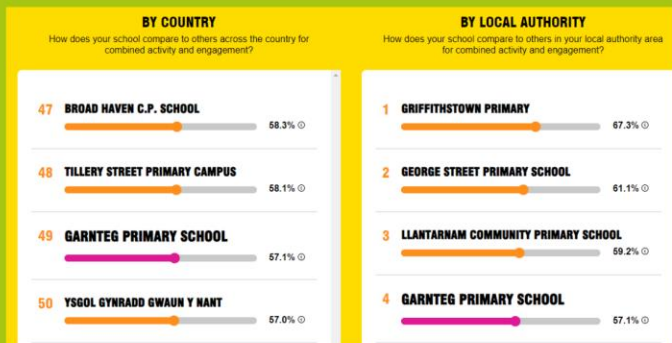
WOW Active Travel

WOW

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gydol y flwyddyn



Class LEADERBOARD



Bendigedig dosbarth 12. You were the overall class winners for the active travel in April. As a school we came 4th in Torfaen and 49th in the Country!

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.



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



111 (OPTION 2)


- ### 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. SAMARITAINS

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, Garddffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

George Street Primary School
Wainfein 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

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
Cynning amrywiolaeth o sesiynau hwyliog a rhyngweithiol yng nghalon 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

AM DDIM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Transition for Abersychan Comp
Holidays taken in Term Time



TRANSITION DATES

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



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. We will not authorise your holiday request if your child's attendance is under 95%. Please can an absent request form be completed for all leaves of absence including sports events.

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.

Message from Breakfast club staff

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving at the Breakfast Club but not attending it. These children are going directly to their classes, which is not allowed before 8:40 am. We kindly request you to ensure that if your child is attending the Breakfast Club. This will help us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children.

Summer Menu - Next week is week 3

Spring/Summer Menu 2024

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 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 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 Artic 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

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.

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.



PASTA
BAR



After half term, we will be starting a new addition to the menu. Please see our new menu, which is in addition to the hot menu above but replaces, from Monday the 3rd of June 2024.

Pasta and Meat in a Tomato Sauce
Pasta with Tomato Sauce
Plain Pasta
On selective days Tuna Mayo or Chicken
& Sweetcorn Mayo
Choice of Wrap or Garlic Bread
Grated Cheese
Mixed Salad
Also available from the bar will be
Jacket Potato, Cheese and Beans



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 recycling superhero. **There are no winners this week you have all been amazing!**

THANK YOU SO MUCH

from the danceathon we raised an amazing....

£231.50

13TH - 17TH MAY

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

For Mental health week this year we are celebrating with a **DRESS WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD** day on Friday 17th May

HERE FOR YOU

£1 donation for Wellbeing resources

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Winners 29th April - 3rd May 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 97.5 % and congratulations to Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker-Evans who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 93.5%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	87.1	3	90.9	6	93.1
Reception	89.4	1	90.4			7	88.8
		2	88.5	4	88.9	8	80.4
Year 1	94.3	3	92.8			9	98.1
		4	98.2	5	91.1	10	93.8
Year 2	94.4	5	92			11	88.5
				6	93	12	91.8
						13	94.2

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 - Poppy PM - Lilah-Rae	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Callie
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Mila	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Harrison
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Noah W	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Shantel
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Isaac	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Cori
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Isobelle	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messoré	Jenson
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Ella-Marie	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Seren
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Sienna A	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Lily B

Nursery - Gwaith da Meithrin! This week we have been learning about grouping, sharing and making equal and non-equal sized groups. We went on a colour hunt and shared the items to make equal amounts. We also grouped in our play within the classroom. Bendigedig efforts! 😊 Please can children wear hats during the summer period and have suncream on before coming into nursery. Diolch! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendigedig Derbyn another marvellous week in both classes. This week we have seen some marvellous maths and lovely literacy all around our eco topic. The children have been enjoying beginning to plant and grow their seeds. As the weather moves towards Summer, please make sure your children always come to school with a drink and healthy snack. Also summer hats and suncream on especially hot days. Da Iawn Blant!

Dosbarth 3 - Gwaith da dosbarth 3, you have had another fantastic week of learning! This week you have been busy completing more division by sharing into equal groups, you have written out your instructions and have even been exploring more Welsh saying what you like. You have wowed us with your fantastic effort towards your work. Please can we ask that now that the sun has made an appearance, can the children come to school with a hat and a drink. Sun cream can be worn to school and the children can bring additional to apply throughout the day. Have a fantastic weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Diolch dosbarth 4+5 for your wonderful learning this week. You have been ethical, informed citizens this week, completing our research into Fairtrade products and finding out how and when crops are grown. We have planted our own vegetables in our Year 2 allotment and have been excited to water them every day and check how they are getting on! You have also been practising telling the time this week and using different kinds of clocks. Just a reminder that please can the children bring in refillable drinks containers for this lovely weather. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Da iawn pawb for an amazing week of learning. You have impressed us with your reading skills to answer questions about a famous athlete as well as mastering the skills of understanding fractions. Now that the weather is changing, please can you make sure that the children bring in a sun hat and a drink. If they need sun cream, then pop it in their bags and they will need to apply it themselves.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 -Gwaith gwych Dosbarth 8 & 9! You've had another super week of learning and have really impressed us with your research skills and then applying them to create an interview in Welsh, based on Welsh artist Jon Foreman. You've also enjoyed looking at letters and reading "Song of A Dolphin Boy". Just a reminder to bring in PE kits and appropriate footwear on your designated PE days. In the warmer weather, can children please bring in a drink and suncream if needed, but they will need to apply it themselves. Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine! We will see you in the classroom on Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Arddechog Blywddyn 5 for another wonderful week! We have been very busy this week planting seeds in our allotment area. We have explored work by William Morris ready to create our own nature inspired prints. A reminder to bring PE kits and appropriate footwear to school on designated days. Please can children bring in a drink and hat to school, especially with the warmer weather. Have a wonderful weekend, see you on Monday!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Gwaith ffantasteg this week Blwyddyn 6! We have had fun this week exploring our new allotment area, planting vegetables and being creative by decorating signs for each class! We are enjoying our new topic 'Empowered' and have learnt about different conditions people may have. We look forward to exploring our topic further next week. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday 😊

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.9
4	94	95.3
5	94	91.8
6	93	92.3
7	95	90.4
8	95	92.3
9	95	94.5
10	93	90.7
11	93	92.5
12	95	92.7
13	95	93.4

Kindest regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School