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Newsletter - 13th September 2024
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Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Thursday 17th October 2024
Monday 6th January 2025
Monday 21st July 2025

Important Dates

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22 October 2024 - Parents Consultations in school

Monday 4th November 2024 - Pupil Photos

Term Dates 2024/2025

Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.24	Monday 28.10.24	Friday 01.11.24	Friday 20.12.24
Spring	Monday 06.01.25	Monday 24.02.25	Friday 28.02.25	Friday 11.04.25
Summer	Monday 28.04.25	Monday 26.05.25	Friday 30.05.25	Monday 21.07.25

Asda Rewards

If you use the ASDA rewards app, please click on the cash pot icon and opt in to cash pot for schools. Please help us spread the word and get as many people to opt in as possible!

Once you have selected our school, ASDA will donate us £1. Then we will earn money every time you shop. This will not affect your rewards, what they give us is extra!



Please help us raise as much as possible before 30th November. Diolch!

Notices

Active Travel

Pupils from Y4, Y5 and Y6 took part in a speed Awareness session with a member of staff from Torfaen CBC this week where they observed speed of motorists in the local area. They thoroughly enjoyed this activity and were able to identify the impact speeding has in the local area.

Good news, we are taking part in the Active Travel scheme this year where children can gain a new badge every month for using Active Travel to school. This is starting on **Monday 16th September 2024**. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this project last year and we know they are looking forward to it again this year. Remember parents & carers can use the **Millenium Hall** carpark during drop off and pick up times and to always ensure the safety of our children when parking and to help gain a badge.

Attendance in school time

A reminder of the importance of good attendance as we begin the new academic year. Everyday counts! **If pupils arrive 9:05 and after, please can parents & carers take them to the school office so they can be taken to the classrooms from the school reception.**

Please contact the school office as soon as possible from 8.20am to inform of your child's absence.

The Welsh Government recommends that family holidays are taken outside school terms as this counts as a school absence even if it is authorised or un-authorised and this effects pupils' attendance.

Torfaen guidance and Welsh Government state that all learners should have attendance between 100% and 95% anything below will be monitored by the school and the Local Authority Education Welfare officer.

You must make a formal request to the Headteacher to take children on holiday during the school term this will then consider the reasons for the holiday, the pupil's past attendance, and the effects the absence will have on the pupil's learning.

If the request is declined, it will be classed as unauthorised, and you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

#NotinMissOut

School's Essential Grant

Have you applied yet for the school's essential grant? If not, there is still time to apply. This grant supports many families with lunches and uniforms. If you haven't applied visit <https://www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs> for more information. If you have responses are being processed! #notinmissout

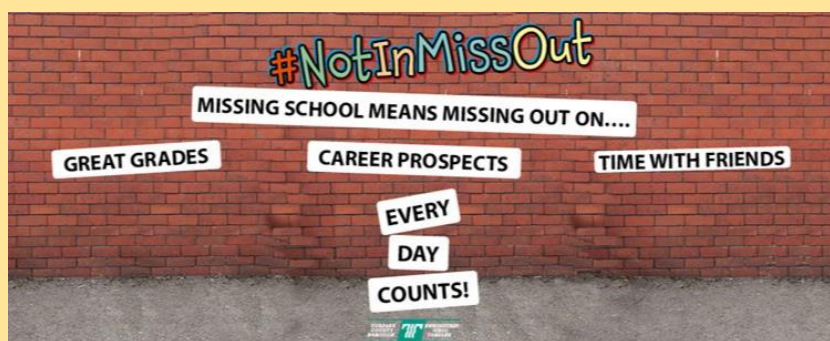
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT IS OFFERING HELP WITH SCHOOL COSTS - FIND OUT ABOUT THE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THEIR SCHOOL.

REGISTER NOW

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY APPLIED FOR SCHOOL ESSENTIALS GRANT FOR 2024/2025 SINCE 1 APRIL 2024, YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE ANOTHER APPLICATION. THE COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY WORKING THROUGH THOSE APPLICATIONS.

Releasing Pupils

Could parents and carers please be mindful of waiting near the gate area, once your children have been released at the end of the day, please can you move away from area as it is important to keep the area clear and safe. Thank you.



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	93.58%	0	93.58%	3	95.78%	6	98.85%
Reception	96.75%	1	96.02%			7	93.85%
		2	98.33%	4	93.90%	8	93.85%
1	92.94%	3	90.71%			9	92.31%
		2	98.68%	4	96.30%	5	96.36%
5	98.21%			11	94.81%		
6	92.16%					12	87.20%
				13	96.92%		

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mr Tully	AM - Florrie PM - Otis	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Lacey-Mae
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Felicity	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Rylan
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Solar	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Sienna
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Oliver	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Chloe
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Thomas	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Harvey
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	George	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Bridget
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Elliot	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Riley

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.8%
4	95	94.9%
5	95	98.8%
6	95	98.3%
7	95	96.1%
8	95	94.7%
9	95	94.4%
10	95	97.3%
11	95	93%
12	95	88.5%
13	95	98%

Nursery -

What a fantastic week we have had in Meithrin learning our classroom songs and routines. We are so pleased to choose our first King and Queen of the week. Bendigedig to the children who have been showing their new friends how to use the Nursery classroom. This week we have been exploring outside and in. As well as having a chance to get crafty and paint our own faces and hands to let our creativity sparkle. Keep up the good work Meithrin. Next week we will begin our Wednesday collection of snack money. Please enclose it somewhere safe that we can collect. All parents have now connected to our class dojo so keep an eye for updates through each week! Diolch all.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 -

We have had a super week in Dosbarth 1 and 2. This week we have been exploring the areas in our classrooms more independently. This week we have also taken part in our first PE session in the hall. All children have been trying super hard to remember their routines and responsibilities when working in our classrooms. You are all shining stars and have been climbing to sparkle. Just a reminder to label all items of clothing, snack bottles and boxes. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to another week of wonderful learning. 😊 Diolch from all staff in Derbyn.

Dosbarth 3 - Another amazing week in Dosbarth 3. The children have settled really well into the routines of the school day and engage well in the activities. They have been sharing their ideas about our class book on Mae Jemison and are eager to learn more about her. Just a polite reminder to label all items of clothes and that P.E. lessons are on a Monday and Thursday. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - What another amazing week we have had in Dosbarth 4 & 5! This week you have taken part in your first P.E session where we completed some gymnastic floor movements. You have also been exploring the outdoors for autumnal objects that we can sort and use for our data collection 😊 You have all been super and we are so proud, keep shining like the stars you are! Just a reminder that children are to change in school for P.E on a Tuesday and to label any clothing to avoid mix-ups. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again in the classroom on Monday 😊.

Dosbarth 6 & 7- Wow Dosbarth 6+7, well done for a fantastic second week. We are really getting into our new topic 'Born Curious', and you have all impressed us with your exploration of the book 'Hidden Figures' through predictions, character studies and exploring the themes of the text. In our maths learning we have been practising our number place value and continuing a sequence of numbers, and in our topic exploring the things we are curious about. Diolch for your support with PE this week, our sessions will continue to be on a Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (in hall). Thank you for your support with home learning challenges so far, for more information please see our dojo pages. Diolch, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 & 9-

Da iawn Blwyddyn 4 for another fantastic week. We are so impressed with the standard of your work and how you have settled into your new class routines. Just a reminder that P.E days for Class 8 are Wednesday and Friday and Class 9 Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure reading books and learning logs are returned to school every week to be updated. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 -

Another fantastic week for blwyddyn 5! They have completed some fabulous work this week and we are excited to continue learning all about Epic Explorers. Please can children bring their PE kits to school on Wednesday and Friday please.

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - We have had a fantastic week in Year 6! We have enjoyed working on our new topic "gogledd a de" (north to south) and have produced some fabulous pieces of work. Just a reminder that swimming will start on Wednesday and PE will be on Fridays for both Year 6 classes. Please can the children ensure they are bringing kits to school and still wearing school uniform for those days.

Year 6 Swimming

Starting back Wednesday 18th September, children need to bring their kit and towel. Please make payment of £24 on your child's Civica Pay account.



School Admissions

2025

Will your child be starting
 Nursery, Reception or
 Secondary school in 2025?



In Torfaen, there are a number of Welsh Medium, English Medium and Voluntary Aided (VA) Faith based Schools your child could attend.

Applications for school/nursery can be made online via our website. In submitting an online application, you will receive an instant acknowledgment that your application has been received and you will be notified of the outcome of your application via email on the decision date, rather than waiting for a letter in the post!

There is a deadline for making your application. If you miss this deadline, or change your preference after the closing date, it may increase the possibility of not achieving a place at the school of your choice.

September 2025 Admission Groups	Admission Round Commences	Closing Date for Applications	Decision Date
Nursery	10 June 24	15 July 24, 5pm	16 September 24
Reception	6 November 24	9 January 25, 5pm	16 April 25
Secondary	25 September 24	13 November 24, 5pm	3 March 25



Scan the QR code now to view the application process!

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This 8-week course takes place every Thursday, 9:30-13:00, from 3rd October through to 28th November (with a break during half term week), at the Croesyceiliog Community Education Centre, The Highway, Cwmbran NP44 2HF

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kindest regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School