



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL
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January

Newsletter - 31st January 2025
Cylchlythyr - 31st Ionawr 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

Valetines Disco's



Disco's will take place in school on;
Thursday 13th February 2025 - Foundation Phase
Monday 17th February 2025 - Key Stage 2
Pupils can wear something red to celebrate. A £1 donation will be appreciated.

INSET DAYS
Monday 21st July 2025

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

Reporting Absences and Lateness

A polite reminder that absences are to be reported through the main office number; **01495 742934** where you also have the option to leave a message. Please be aware any absences without a provided reason will be unauthorised. Thank you.

A reminder that registration is at 9.00am, please ensure children arrive before this to avoid any late marks. If children arrive after 9:00 am all children need to be brought to the school office to be taken to safely to class.

If you are unsure if to send your child to school with illnesses, please check the Healthier Together website for advice.

Check it out before you miss out

#NotInMissOut

Should my child go to school today?

For advice about common childhood illnesses, visit the Healthier Together website or speak to a school nurse.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://abbhealthier.together.cymru.nhs.uk>

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Food and Wellbeing Camps

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

FREE OF CHARGE

FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMPS

Working in partnership with Torfaen Catering

Tuesday 25th February
Wednesday 26th February
Thursday 27th February
10:00am - 3:00pm
Age 5 to 11 years

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

Garnteg Primary School
Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, 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 Community Primary School
St Cadoc's Road, Pontypool, NP4 8JR

Pre booking required
Please use the QR code to pre book
For more information please contact:
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Please click below to apply for a space;

[Application](#)

Year 4 Cricket Sessions

Cricket Wales are due to begin sessions with Year 4 commencing in February, this will last for 4 weeks.

Online Safety

A reminder that many social media apps have an age restriction of 13+. Please can we encourage parents/guardians to monitor their child's use of social media to ensure their safety.

Information on a range of social media, games and other apps can be found here

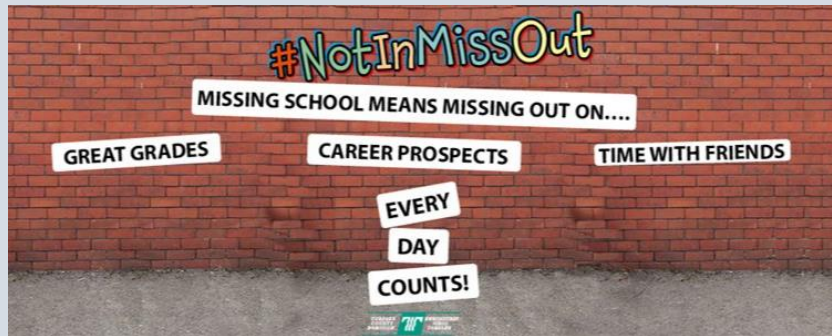
<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>

The guides include a detailed overview of the app, outlining the age rating and key terminology. They also highlight the risks each app poses to young people and give detailed instructions on how to enable parental controls and safety settings. Your children will also be accessing online safety lessons in school, so we encourage you to talk to them about the information they have learned.

Attendance Winners - 20th - 24th January 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Messoro who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 94.44% and Dosbarth 7 Mrs Rogers with 94.23%.

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	88.79	0	88.79	3	94.47	6	94.07
Reception	90.23	1	90			7	95.38
		2	92.69	4	92.88	8	90.77
1	94.69	3	97.04			9	94.07
		2	94.21		5	90	10
4	92.80			11			90.3
5	92.50			12			93.08
		6	93.46		13	93.85	

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.12
4	95	91.82
5	95	93.11
6	95	94.61
7	95	92.85
8	95	88.96
9	95	90.23
10	95	91.68
11	95	90.75
12	95	88.20
13	95	94.21

A reminder to Strive for 95! The classes with the highest attendance for the week receive a whole class reward (e.g. squash and biscuits) and any class who achieves over 90% attendance gets extra

play. Individual classes also give rewards and prizes to pupils with fantastic attendance.
#notinmissout

❁ Seren Yr Wythnos ❁

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery -	AM - Harper PM - Reggie	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Dominic
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Keano	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	William
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Solar	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Darcey
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoro	Harrison	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Logan
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Ezra	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Riley
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Thero	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Sienna J
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Gracie	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Archie

Nursery - We've had another wonderful week of learning and exploring in Meithrin! Continuing with our topic of 'Me & My Family', we've been looking at different places we could live in and making them out of a range of resources! Using what we've learnt about Wales from our Welsh appreciation day and activities throughout the week, we've done artwork using ICT to represent our favourite Welsh things. Da iawn pawb and a lovely weekend for you and your families!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - This week Dosbarth Un and Dosbarth Dau have enjoyed learning more about our topic and reading our class book; 'Our Community.' Da iawn pawb! We are looking forward to our local walk next week, where we will explore our community 😊 Ardderchog blant! Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 3 - Dosbarth Tri have been working extremely hard this week, using the outdoor environment making bird feeders and hanging them around the school and then watching the birds enjoy the food! We have swapped our P.E. session from today (Friday 31st January) to Monday 3rd February, so please can the children bring their kits in then. A reminder can pupil please practise and learn their weekly spellings. They bring them home on a Monday and the test is on a Friday morning. It is very important for them to practise them; they have a reward for getting them all correct. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - We've had another excellent week of learning, from exploring adjectives and direct speech to using estimations to estimate the mass of objects around our classroom. We've also enjoyed going on bird watches in our forest school area and making our very own bird feeders out of natural resources. Just a polite reminder to bring PE kits in on our PE days and return home learning logs so we can celebrate the fantastic work you've done outside of the classroom too 😊 Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7- We have had a fantastic week of learning from finding out the key features of writing a myth to researching famous myths and legends. In maths we have been learning how to multiply by 10 and 110. Please remember to send in the children's learning logs and reading books on a regular basis. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9- It has been an enjoyable week carrying on our mini-topic looking at the Chinese New Year following our visit from Laurence last week. Reminders that for the next month that our PE sessions will be on a Monday and Thursday for both classes. We will be having dance sessions on a Monday and Cricket Wales are visiting the school on a Thursday to work with Year 4 for 4 weeks. Thank you for returning learning logs and reading records this week as we love to look at and celebrate the work you have done outside the classroom. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - A super week in Blwyddyn 5! You have all been hard at work planning and creating your digital entries for our Eisteddfod. We have received beautiful pieces of homework, and we can't wait to see more coming into class. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - We've had an excellent week this week and really interesting conversations based on the holocaust anniversary. The children were so inquisitive in their discussions and made inciteful comments. Well, done year 6, keep up the excellent work with your homework logs and have a great weekend.

Community Notices



The poster features the Garndiffaith RFC crest on the left, which is a shield divided into four quadrants with a yellow border and the text 'GARNDIFFAITH RFC' below it. To the right of the crest, the text reads 'Join Our Exciting Rugby Club'. A large red banner with white text says 'CALLING AGE GROUP UNDER 10'S'. Below this, a group of young boys in red and black rugby kits are posing for a photo. On the left side of the poster, it says 'Discover the Magic of Rugby' followed by a list of benefits: 'Learn the Basics', 'Build Lifelong Friendships', 'Stay Active and Healthy', and 'Join a Family'. At the bottom left, it provides an email address: 'Email us at: garminjunior@gmail.com to register your interest and secure your spot today!'. At the bottom right, it says 'Contact us via Facebook page' and includes social media icons for Facebook and Instagram with the handles 'RFCGarndiffaith' and '@Garndiffaithmandj' respectively.

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The **School Essentials Grant** is available for **all children looked after** by the local authority.



Please use the following link for more information;

<https://t.co/BfOSNti5n3>

BASKETBALL WALES

TORFAEN 20 NUGGETS BASKETBALL

@ PONTYPOOL ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

Tuesdays

Boys 14-18 years
5:30pm-6:30pm

- STARTING
1ST OCTOBER 2024

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Girls 11-18 Yrs
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27TH SEPTEMBER 2024



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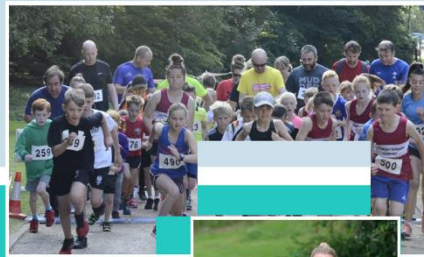
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2k Family Fun Run Sunday 14 July

8.45am
Pontypool Park

micmorristrust.co.uk/2km-Family-Fun-Run

Pontypool Park is the fabulous setting for this friendly family fun run.
Grandparents, parents, children, toddlers.
Everyone can join in the fun
It is timed to finish just as the 10k runners come in for their finish.

£3 per entrant to cover costs. All proceeds used to support local athletes
Register on-line or enter on the day (cash only)
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kindest Regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School