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Newsletter - 14th February 2025
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Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

Monday 17th February 2025 - Key Stage 2 Valentines Disco

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

Nursery pupils

From Monday 17th February please can all Nursery parents & carers walk Nursery children down to the classroom at 9:00 and 12:45. Staff will continue to meet you with the children at the gates at the end of each session (11:30 and 3:15).



Valentines Discos

Discos will take place on following days:

Monday 17th February 2025 - Key Stage 2 Valentines Disco

Please can pupils wear something red to school to celebrate and donate a £1 towards classroom resources. Snacks will also be available to buy at the discos.

Valentines Shop

A huge thank you for your support and purchases from our Valentines shop, it was a great success! We hope you enjoyed the gifts 🎁📦👉

Coedwedd Community Hub Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to Coed Wedd community hub for making the fabulous benches and planters for our school and the others due to arrive around the school. We are very grateful for your generosity. These brilliant skills are being taught in the hub in our local area, situated in Garndiffaith opposite the Co-Operative and Premier Stores.



Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip Payments

A polite reminder that both Year 5 and Year 6 residential trip payments are due via Civica Pay by the end of March with the financial year cut off.

Food and Wellbeing Camps

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Providing a variety of fun and educational events 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, Gwendditha, 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
Penygarth Community Primary School
St Cadoc's Road, Pontypool, NP4 8XR

HOT LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY FREE OF CHARGE

Pre booking required
Please use the QR code to pre book.
For more information please contact:
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torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

Welsh Government
Llywodraeth Cymru

Please click below to apply for a space;

[Application](#)

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/>

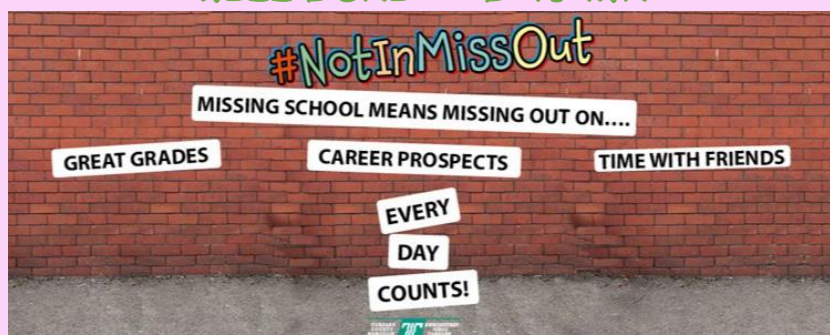
The guides include a detailed overview of the app, outlining the age rating and key terminology.

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 - 3rd - 7th February 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Messoro who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 98.89 and Dosbarth 7 Mrs Rogers with 97.69%.

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	85	0	85	3	91.91	6	90.37
Reception	94.77	1	95.60			7	94.62
		2	91.54	4	92.20	8	92.31
1	90	3	92.59			9	91.11
		2	88.42		5	94.46	10
4	86			11			94.64
5	90			12			88.85
				6	92.50	13	96.15

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.38
4	95	91.56
5	95	92.98
6	95	94.33
7	95	93.19
8	95	89.05
9	95	90.37
10	95	91.96
11	95	90.96
12	95	88.15
13	95	94.08

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 - Isaac PM - Carter	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Darci
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Roman	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Joshua
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Braea	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Ariyan
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoro	Noah M	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Elijah
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Lexi	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Shantel
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Alda	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Lacey
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key		Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Oscar

Nursery - From Monday 17th February please can all Nursery parents & carers walk Nursery children down to the classroom at 9:00 and 12:45. Staff will continue to meet you with the children at the gates at the end of each session (11:30 and 3:15).

We're also doing a "Fantastic Friday" to celebrate our first week back to school and for our January starters, their first term in school! If able, can the children dress as their favourite film/cartoon character for a mini Meithrin party. Have a lovely weekend all!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - From beautiful handwriting to using their creativity in artwork, both class un and dau have been very busy with their learning in school this week. Learners have worked thoroughly hard in class and have enjoyed exploring shapes in different environments. Gwaith da pawb for super learning! Diolch for your engagement with home learning challenges and reading at home. A kind reminder to send in reading books as often as you can so that learners can receive rewards for their hand work! Have a restful weekend 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Dosbarth 3 have been working very hard completing some beautiful pieces of art for the Eisteddfod in the style of Suzie Grindey. They have written creative stories based on our class book, 'Charlie the Crow'. It has been lovely to see all the pupils work so well in our areas outside, making nests, and using natural resources to make different birds. The Valentine's disco yesterday was a great success, the children really enjoyed themselves, and danced their socks off! Have a lovely weekend, see you all Monday.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Dosbarth 4 & 5 have had a wonderful week, from writing their own myths and legends to using tessellation in their artwork for our Eisteddfod competitions. We can't wait to see all your final

versions and are so glad we haven't got to judge them ourselves! Just a reminder to continue to bring in learning logs and reading books so we can celebrate all your wonderful work. Have a lovely weekend all 😊.

Dosbarth 6 & 7- Ffantastig pawb for a super week of learning. You have very creative with your learning and this was on display with your writing for the Eisteddfod- We can't wait to read the final drafts. It is lovely to hear the progress that you have made with your brass lessons as well as class 7 writing a rap with DJ Suzi. We would like to say a big thank for the wonderful homework that you have sent in. Just a polite reminder to send in reading books in as often as you like so we can change them. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9- It has been a very busy week in Year 4 as we have been working on our Eisteddfod entries, creating stories, creating art pieces and using ICT to create a digital piece of work. We have also been learning our diversity dances with Alys which we can't wait to show you. It will be normal PE lessons next week as our Cricket Wales sessions will return after half term. Make sure your Craft pieces for the Eisteddfod are brought into school next week.

Enjoy the weekend and see you all on Minday for the last week before our half term break

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - We've had another fantastic week working towards completing our Eisteddfod entries! Please can we have all craft entries returned to school by next week. Please can you inform the office if you are having trouble accessing Civica Pay for the Residential payments. Just a reminder the PE days are Wednesday and Friday and pupils should be bringing in appropriate kit, including footwear. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - What a fantastic week we have had in Year 6! We have had such a busy week with our Eisteddfod entries - Please can all craft items be brought in by Friday next week. Our last swimming session will be on Wednesday. Have a wonderful weekend all!!

Community Notices

Garnsychan Partnership

Please see below for the amazing support services Garnsychan offer in our local community. Children's Costume's available to borrow ready for world book day!

Children's Costume Borrowing Service



Does your child have a fancy dress party to attend or a school dress up day? Then look no further!

Garnsychan Partnership are now running a costume borrowing service.

We have a variety of children's costumes that can be hired out all for a small donation, and a small deposit which will be refunded back to you on return of costume.



For more information please drop in or call us on

01495 774453

www.garnsychanpartnership.co.uk
55 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith NP47LH
T: 01495774453 E: info@garnsychan.org.uk



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FREE ACCREDITED TRAINING COURSES

Whether you're looking to enhance your professional expertise, explore a new area of interest, or refresh your existing knowledge, Garnsychan Partnership can help.

If your a business or organisation we can also help with staff development and refresher courses



Our Location:

55 Stanley Road,
Garndiffaith, NP4 7LH

- Food Hygiene Level 2
- First Aid Level 3
- Customer Service Level 2
- Paediatric First Aid Level 3
- Health & Safety Level 2
- AND MORE...



Contact Us:

01495 774453

kylleanne@garnsychan.org.uk





TORFAEN COMMUNITY KIT ROOM

To make a donation or to enquire about available sportswear and footwear please contact the community kit room hubs...

Hub Location	Days and Times	Contact Number and Email
 Cwmbran Community Council, The Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran, NP4 3JY	Mon-Thur: 8.30am-5:00pm Fri: 8.30am-4.30pm	01633 849073 cwmbrancc@cwmbran.gov.uk
 Blaenavon Town Council, 101 High St, Blaenavon, NP4 9PT	Mon-Fri: 9:00am-2:00pm	01495 790643 sophie.johnson@blaenavontowncouncil.co.uk
 Garnsychan Partnership, 55 Stanley Road, Gernidiffail, Pontypool, NP4 7LH	Mon-Fri: 9:00am-4:00pm	01495 774453 info@garnsychan.org.uk
 Circulate Blaenavon, Unit 14, Gilchrist Thomas Industrial Estate, Blaenavon, NP4 9RL	Mon-Thur: 9:00am-5:00pm Fri: 9:00am-4.30pm	01495 793187 circulate@garnsychan.org.uk

Follow us on social media to find out what sports clothing and footwear can and can't be donated!



TORFAEN COMMUNITY KIT ROOM

A FREE service within Torfaen that provides appropriate sports clothing and footwear for people aged 3 - adults.

Helping to reduce the barrier of appropriate clothing and footwear for sports participation

Accepted:

- Clean and washed sports clothing
- Paired trainers and boots, which are tied together, free of dirt or mud

Not Accepted:

- Stained or damaged clothing
- Unpaired or damaged trainers and boots
- Sporting equipment

Follow us on social media to find out information on the hubs you can donate to!



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TORFAEN SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
TORFAEN LIBRARIES

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LENDING LIBRARY SPORT PACKS

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CWMBRAN, PONTYPOOL AND BLAENAVON
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CURLING, FITNESS, FOOTBALL,
FUNDAMENTALS, GOLF,
NETBALL, PICKLEBALL, ROUNDERS,
RUGBY, TABLE TENNIS AND TENNIS

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NECESSARY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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AGES 9+ - 5:15 - 6:00**

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Striving for excellence in the support of vulnerable people.

Our wonderful Charity is OPEN IN CWMBRAN



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- Kids' upcycle project (clothes and toys)
 - A bookshop
 - A community bike project

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The Greenest Cross Border Charity



**Diolch i chi
am eich
cefnogaeth.**

"Striving for Excellence in Supporting Vulnerable People"

As a registered charity, we collect and sell donated furniture, creating employment opportunities for individuals from marginalized backgrounds. Our mission is to provide meaningful work and support to those who need a second chance.

Our project encompasses a diverse range of activities, including:

Selling books, children's items, and gardening supplies
Offering house clearances and affordable house moves
The revenue generated directly funds more employment opportunities, allowing us to expand our reach and impact. Generous donations from communities across the Forest of Dean, Swindon, Torfaen, and Monmouthshire enable us not only to operate our large warehouses but also to provide essential items to local individuals in desperate need.

39 + employees, over 50 regular volunteers and a over 50 tonnes of items recycled every month.

Chepstow - Station Yard Industrial Estate (opposite the train station), NP16 5PF

Cinderford - Unit 8-10, Hollywood Works, Valley Road, GL14 2PD

Swindon - Unit 34b Ganton Way, Techno Trading Estate, SN2 8ES

Cwmbran - Unit 1, Avondale Industrial Estate, NP44 1UG

kindest Regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School