



GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 14th March 2025

Cylchlythyr - 14th Mawrth 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

Monday 24th March 2025 - Friday 28th March: Mother's Day/ Special person's Shop

Friday 4th April - Easter Egg hunt

Thursday 10th April 2025 - Easter Raffle

Parents Consultations

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

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

Parent & Carer Meetings

Meetings will take place with class teachers on Tuesday 1st April 2025 and Wednesday 2nd April 2025. We also have **Garnteg Recycle and Reuse uniform stall**, **Usbourne books**, and other **community stalls** in the hall for you buy books to read with your children and to find out what is available in our community. We are really looking forward to meeting you and talking about progress children have made.

Easter Activities at Garnteg

Egg-Citing Easter Raffle



We're thrilled to announce the launch of our egg-citing Easter Raffle at Garnteg Primary School! We would be very grateful for any Easter egg donations, if you or a company you know can donate any prizes, they would be greatly received.

Raffle Ticket Sales: You will receive two strips of tickets per child at £1 per strip, please return them with your child's name and class written on the back as soon as possible.

Raffle Drawing: The much-anticipated raffle will take place on **Thursday 10th April 2025**. Pupils can win prizes for best Easter headgear.

All funds raised from this will directly contribute to resources for our children. Your generosity and participation are greatly appreciated.

Mother's Day/Special Person's Shop



Message from School Council & Ambassadors:

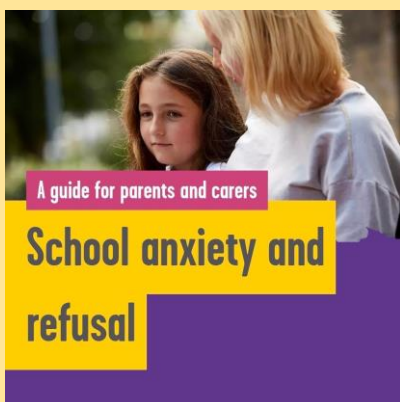
We are organising the shop for children to buy gifts. This will start on Monday 24th March 2025 and prices will range from £1.50- £5.00. We hope you are able to support us with this.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip Payments

A polite reminder that both Year 5 and Year 6 residential trip payments are due in **full** via Civica Pay by Monday 31st March 2025. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

School anxiety and refusal support

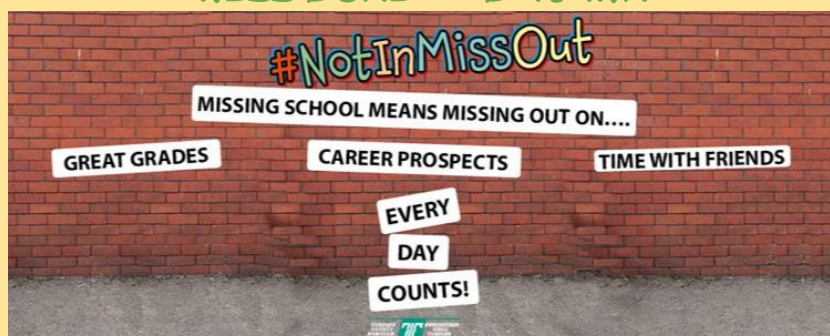
If your child is feeling anxious about school, or not able to go, it can be exhausting for both of you. YoungMinds has advice to help you explore what's going on with your child, make changes at school & find the support you need; <https://buff.ly/36ILA3F>



Attendance Winners - 3rd - 7th March 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mrs Phillips with 9.21% who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week and Dosbarth 10 Mrs Ngwenya with 95.71%.

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	82.67	0	82.67	3	92.34	6	88.89
Reception	95	1	96			7	95.38
		2	95	4	92.03	8	91.92
1	95.10	3	94.07			9	92.59
		2	94.62	4	93.46	5	93.93
5	96.07			11	90.36		
						6	91.54
		13	93.46				

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.58
4	95	91.78
5	95	93.58
6	95	93.90
7	95	93.40
8	95	89.62
9	95	90.53
10	95	92.38
11	95	91.09
12	95	88.41
13	95	93.93

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 - Theya PM - Mia	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Jake
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Tyger	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Isaac
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Lottie	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Charlie
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messore	Tyler	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Logan
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Nate	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Max
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Ryleigh	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Seren
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Elliot	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Amelia

Nursery - Da iawn meithrin for a fun filled week of learning and exploring! We've been working on learning our new number and sound of the week and the children have been practising their formations in the areas around our nursery. We've started looking at different feelings and learning how to say them yn Cymraeg and we can't wait to learn more in the coming weeks! It's been lovely to see everyone using their imaginations to create their own stories and to see what they come up with when given different resources. Keep sparkling Meithrin!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - We have had a wonderful week of learning in both Dosbarth 1 and 2. This week, we have been exploring measure through size. You have worked extremely hard to find small, medium and big objects. You also used blocks to measure different sized buildings, counting how many blocks altogether. We have also had a fantastic week using our tricky words in our writing. Gwaith da Pawb. Please can we have as many home reading books returned as possible so we can send new one's home, and learners can be rewarded 😊 Have a safe and lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 3 - Da iawn chi dosbarth 3 for completing lots of lovely tasks in class this week. Year 6 pupils made us some lovely story sacks and the children have really been enjoying using them, so a huge thank you to them. Just a reminder, if you could check for any reading books at home, please. We are quite short of some home books, so if you find any over the weekend, please return them to school on Monday. Also, a reminder that spelling tests are on a Friday morning. Have a nice weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - This week we have explored the features of leaflets and celebrated how we are all different using a special book created by your teachers. We are so proud of all the mature conversations we had around "how are we different?". Just a polite reminder to keep returning learning logs and reading books regularly so we can award lots of dojo points and celebrate your work. Please see class dojo stories for an additional homework task for this coming week - we would really appreciate the continued support. Have a lovely weekend all 😊.

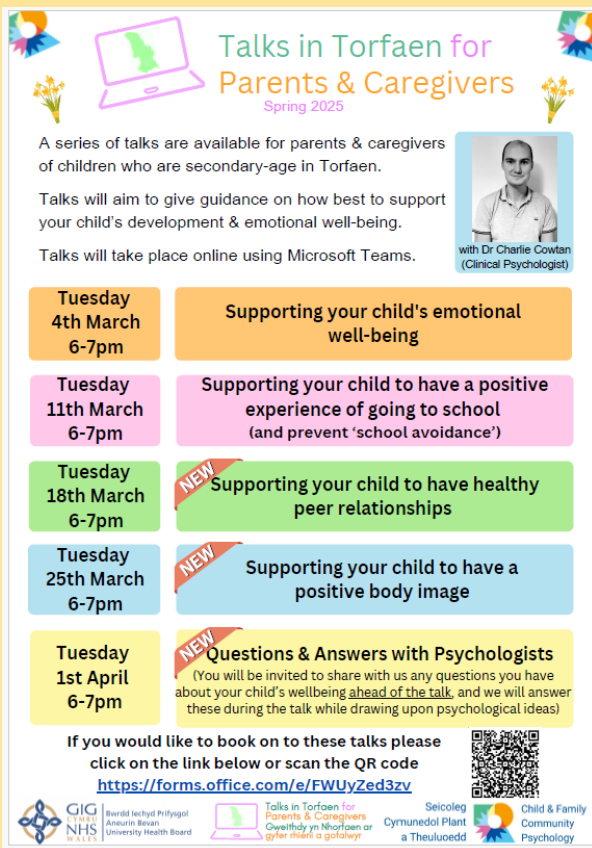
Dosbarth 6 & 7- This week you have shone like superstars with finding out the key features of a newspaper article and then writing an opening paragraph using the 5W's (Who, what, where, why, when), as well as using perimeter and area in real-life situations. Just a reminder that the children need to bring in a healthy snack into school. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 & 9- Well done Blwyddyn 4 for another fantastic week! You have impressed us so much with your work this week and how you have participated in cricket sessions. A reminder for reading books to be returned regularly and for learning logs to be brought to school for us to see your fantastic tasks. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - What a fantastic week in Blywddyn 5. We have been working hard exploring 2d shapes and creating our own Cubism artwork. Swimming is going very well and we are all enjoying our sessions. A reminder that our trip to Pontypool Park takes place on Thursday 20th March - please can the £2.50 to cover the cost of the bus be paid by the end of Monday. Can any amount owed for our residential trip please be paid as soon as possible. Many thanks! Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - What a great week we have had in Year 6 exploring the history of Cardiff Bay in readiness for our trip in a few weeks' time. Remember to get your homework logs completed and return your books for changing. Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday 😊

Community Notices



Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers
Spring 2025

A series of talks are available for parents & caregivers of children who are secondary-age in Torfaen.


Talks will aim to give guidance on how best to support your child's development & emotional well-being.


Talks will take place online using Microsoft Teams.


with Dr Charlie Cowtan
(Clinical Psychologist)


Tuesday 4th March 6-7pm	Supporting your child's emotional well-being
Tuesday 11th March 6-7pm	Supporting your child to have a positive experience of going to school (and prevent 'school avoidance')
Tuesday 18th March 6-7pm	NEW Supporting your child to have healthy peer relationships
Tuesday 25th March 6-7pm	NEW Supporting your child to have a positive body image
Tuesday 1st April 6-7pm	NEW Questions & Answers with Psychologists (You will be invited to share with us any questions you have about your child's wellbeing <u>ahead of the talk</u> , and we will answer these during the talk while drawing upon psychological ideas)


If you would like to book on to these talks please click on the link below or scan the QR code
<https://forms.office.com/e/FWUyZed3zv>



 **GIG NHS WALES**
Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Anafuon Bwari
University Health Board

 **Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers**
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 **Seicoleg Cymunedol Plant a Theuluoedd**

 **Child & Family Community Psychology**

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 Under 7s – School year 2
 Under 8s – School year 3
 Under 9s – School year 4
 Under 10s – School year 5
 Under 11s – School Year 6
 Under 15s – School Year 10

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- AND MORE...

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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 cwmbrance@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, Gernidiffall, 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 793 187 circulate@garnsychan.org.uk

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

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TORFAEN COMMUNITY KIT ROOM

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

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

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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NETBALL, PICKLEBALL, ROUNDERS,
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"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