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Newsletter - 04th April 2025
Cylchlythyr - 04th Ebrill 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

Tuesday 8th April 2025 - Easter Headgear Competition
Thursday 10th April 2025 - Easter Raffle
Thursday 1st May 2025 - Year 3 trip to Techniquet 'Survival Science'
Sunday 6th July 2025 - 'Summer Under the Arch' concert Noddfa & Garnteg

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

Attendance

A big well done to all pupils who have achieved **99%+** attendance in Autumn and Spring term 2025. As a reward for this excellent attendance, Y2-Y6 pupils with **99%+** attendance will attend Pontymoile Basin on **Friday 11th April 2025**, taking part in canoeing, art and nature walks and Reception and Y1 pupils with **99%+** attendance will be having an activity day in school using Forest Schools, cooking and crafts. Da iawn everyone!




Easter Activities at Gareg



Egg-Citing Easter Raffle





PLEASE HELP DONATE EASTER
EGGS, CHOCOLATES, SWEETS
ANYTHING EASTER

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 50p 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.

ALN transformation

Please find below an email from Welsh Government who are conducting a survey to gather parental/ carer views on the ALN transformation. Please click on link below:

[ALN System Evaluation: Parents and Carers Survey](#)

Advice farms during Easter

[How to stay safe from infections carried by animals when visiting a farm - UK Health Security Agency](#)

Food & Wellbeing Camps at Garnteg

Please click on link below or QR code to register children for Easter provision:

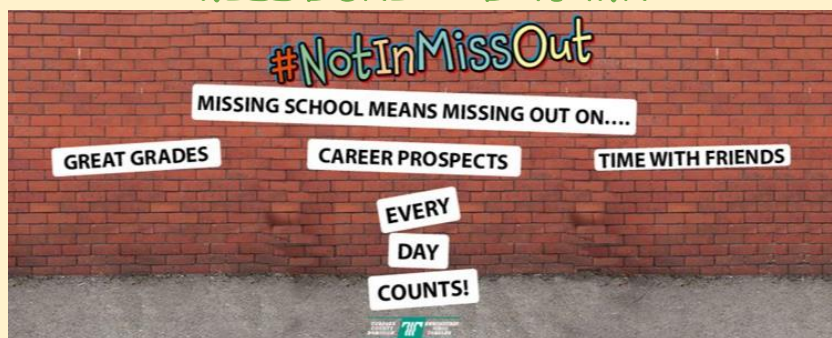
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Attendance Winners - 24th - 28th March 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Messoro who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week 96.30% and Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker-Evans with 96.15%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	82.35	0	82.35	3	89.57	6	90
Reception	92.73	1	93.20			7	91.54
		2	92.69	4	89.49	8	87.31
1	94.29	3	94.07			9	89.26
		2	95.13	4	94.62	5	94
5	95.36			11	91.43		
						6	89.04
						13	91.15

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.75
4	95	91.87
5	95	93.63
6	95	93.53
7	95	93.40
8	95	89.21
9	95	90.75
10	95	92.36
11	95	91.28
12	95	87.95
13	95	93.86

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 - Kingsley PM - Mason	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Reagan
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Eleanor	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Grace
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Jac	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Matilda
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Daisy-Mae	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Harrison
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Bonnie	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Finnley
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Nancy	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Lilly-Rose
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Chloe	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Finley

Nursery - Bendigedig meithrin for another fantastic week of learning. You have been working hard on your sound and number recognition and practising your writing skills. We have enjoyed learning all about Easter and talking about what Easter means to you. You have done so well re-telling the Easter story and using different actions. Da iawn meithrin! Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Dosbarth Un and Dau, you have worked on developing your independence this week whilst exploring the areas in and out of the classroom. We have thoroughly enjoyed planning all the

wonderful activities and instructions for cooking, ready for our celebration day next week. A kind reminder for learners to return their reading books at least twice per week so that they can be rewarded at the end of the week. Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine. Class 1 and 2 team 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 3 for another fantastic week of learning. We have been busy exploring our story through drama, analysing the characters and writing descriptions of the setting. Thank you for an excellent two days of parent consultations, we appreciate your continued support. Please check Dojo for information about our Easter events next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Gwaith gwych Dosbarth 4 & 5, you have been working hard writing your own rhyming poems and ensuring that they include alliteration too. We're so proud of how hard you've worked. You've also been learning about Islam and the celebration of Eid. Thank you for all your support with parent/carer consultations. If you were unable to make an appointment, please contact your class teacher to arrange a suitable time. Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine, we're looking forward to a fun-filled last week of term. See you Monday 😊.

Dosbarth 6 and 7 - Da iawn Class 6+7, this week you have been exploring the features of adverts and persuasive writing. We have also been exploring our skills when dividing and starting a new skill learning about measures and converting between measures of length. Please check class dojo for updates on the Easter events next week. Thank you for your support with parent/carer consultations this week! We have been able to book a 'survival science' workshop at Technquest for Thursday 1st May. This will be the introduction to our new summer topic called 'Into the Wild/I'r Gwyllt'. Please see the letters sent home this week for more information.

Dosbarth 8 & 9- - Da iawn for another fantastic week in Year 4, we have been working super hard this week to collect all of our lovely work to celebrate our project - How diverse in my valley. Just a quick reminder for reading books and learning logs to be returned to school on a regular basis. We look forward to a fun Easter filled week next week! Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 10 & 11 -

Another fantastic week, thank you for a successful parent's evening. Just a reminder that our residential trip parent meeting is Thursday 10th April. Please can we also remind you about completing learning log tasks and regularly returning reading books.

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Thank you for attending parents' evenings this past week, we have thoroughly enjoyed showing you the fabulous things the children are doing. We look forward to celebrating easter this week, remember to do a last push with your homework logs too.

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 <small>(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)</small>

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
 Iechyd Prifysgol Amseru Beuan
 University Health Board



Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers
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Child & Family Community Psychology

TORFAEN CERNY BUNNELL PRESENTFYR BIRK SWYTHY

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

APRIL 2025

FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMPS

Tuesday 15th April
Wednesday 16th April
 10:00am - 3:00pm
 Age 5 to 11 years

Garnteg Primary School
 Hillcrest, Garndiffaith,
 Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

FREE OF CHARGE

Pre booking required
 Please use the QR code to pre book
 For more information please contact:
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HOT LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY FREE OF CHARGE

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Pontypool Community Council Cylfaen Community Centre NP40 1PL

Girls
BASKETBALL
T O R F A E N

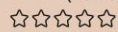
ASHLEY HOUSE YOUTH CENTRE

TUESDAYS 6-7PM



Cost: £4

Mixed ages: 9-16 years
(flexible)



TUE

PONTNEWYDD
CWMBRAN
NP44 1AN

6-7
PM

20nuggetsbasketballwm@gmail.com

BASKETBALL
Torfaen

ASHLEY HOUSE YOUTH CENTRE
PONTNEWYDD, CWMBRAN, NP44 1AN

Girls
GIRLS - AGE 9 - 16 YEARS
(flexible)



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RECRUITING

COME AND JOIN US!!!!

#OneClub

Tiny Tigers = Age 3 – 5
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

FUN
RESPECT
FRIENDSHIPS
TEAMWORK
DISCIPLINE
MEMORIES
SKILLS
SOCIAL EVENTS
FITNESS
CONFIDENCE
TOURS

CONTACT JAMIE WILLMOTT 07 583690571

Talywain Minis & Juniors RFC
DBS QUALIFIED COACHES

Calling Under 11's

Calling All Future Rugby Stars!

Are you in Year 6 and ready for exciting new challenges as you prepare for comprehensive school this September? Garndiffaith Under 11s is looking for enthusiastic new players to join our squad for the upcoming rugby season!

Why Choose Garndiffaith Under 11s?

- **Boost Fitness and Strength:** Rugby helps you stay healthy and active while building confidence.
- **Learn Life Skills:** Develop teamwork, leadership, and strategy skills on and off the field.
- **Make Friends for Life:** Become part of a supportive team and make memories that last forever.
- **Fun for Everyone:** Whether you're tackling, passing, or scoring, there's never a dull moment!

Training Details:
 📅 When: Every Wednesday, 6 PM – 7 PM
 📍 Where: Garndiffaith Minis and Juniors

No experience? No problem! We welcome players of all abilities—just bring your enthusiasm and a can-do attitude!

Let's make this season an unforgettable journey. Join us and kick-start your rugby adventure today!

#GarndiffaithRugby #Under11s #RugbySeason #Year6
 #JoinTheTeam
 #RugbyForLife

Upcycle
Striving for excellence in the support of vulnerable people.

Our wonderful Charity is **OPEN IN CWMBRAN**



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- Free collection and sale of household goods and furniture
 - Affordable house moves
- Kids' upcycle project (clothes and toys)
 - A bookshop
 - A community bike project

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kindest Regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School