



Croeso i flwyddyn un

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Welcome to Year 1

Information Booklet

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Ysgol Gynradd

Garnteg

Primary School

GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Croeso i'r Blwyddyn 1

Welcome to Dosbarth Tri- Year one.

Croeso...

We're thrilled to welcome you and your child into our warm and friendly Year 1 class. We're looking forward to a year filled with exciting learning, new friendships, and lots of memorable moments as we begin this wonderful journey together.

At Garnteg, we follow a Froebelian approach to learning, which means we value the whole child — their ideas, interests, and unique way of seeing the world. We believe that children learn best through play, exploration, and real-life experiences, so our classroom is full of opportunities to be curious, creative, and connected to the world around them. We encourage independence, collaboration, and a love of learning in everything we do.

Our ethos is built on the values of kindness, curiosity, and creativity, which guide everything we do in the classroom and beyond. Whether we're discovering new things in class, playing together on the yard, or exploring the world through our topics, we're always learning — and always supporting one another.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, laughter, and sparkle. Let's climb high and shine bright together!

Be sure to check our school website <http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/> and our



Instagram page [@GarntegPrimary](#) for regular updates and information.

Daily routines

- Breakfast club pupils can enter via top gate into the small hall between 8:20am-8:50am.
- Top gate and bottom gate will be open at 8:45am for pupils to come straight into class. If pupils arrive after 9:00am, they will have to walk to the main office with a family member or carer on order to sign in.
- The school day starts at 9:00am, and registers close at 9:10am. When children arrive in the classroom, they begin an Early Morning Activity, such as a learning task or reading books, while the teacher takes the register, which happens at 9:00 am.

A day as a Year 1 & 2 pupil

Climb to sparkle learning

Learners will explore the Climb to Sparkle curriculum by choosing their own topics and learning through different areas of learning.

- Language, Literacy & Communication
- Mathematics & Numeracy
- Science & Technology
- Health & Well-Being
- Humanities
- Expressive Art

Read, write inc

Learners will join in with daily Read, write inc sessions to develop reading, writing and spelling skills.

Guided reading

Learners will engage with daily guided reading sessions. A range of activities will be available to support reading skills.

Welsh

Learners will develop confidence in using conversational Welsh during classroom activities and daily routines.

Daily mile

Learners are encouraged to take part in the Daily Mile, helping to build fitness and wellbeing.

Climb to sparkle challenges

Learners will have opportunities to complete challenges independently and practise skills they have already learned.



Snack

Learners will enjoy healthy snack time to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Children will have opportunities to develop their spoken Welsh language during these social times.

Alongside the main curriculum we also use elements to support our development such as...



Clay - We develop the muscles in our hands which supports our writing skills.



Block Play - We develop spatial awareness and open ended possibilities.



Sewing - We develop eye and hand co ordination.



Cooking - We develop larger joints such as our arms and measurment skills.



Outdoors - We develop our creativity through a real life authentic setting.



Daily Mile- We develop our physical health to ensure we stay fit and healthy.



Welsh - We develop our ability to speak our national language with other peers and adults daily.



Gwisg Ysgol

School Uniform

We ask that all children wear school uniform.

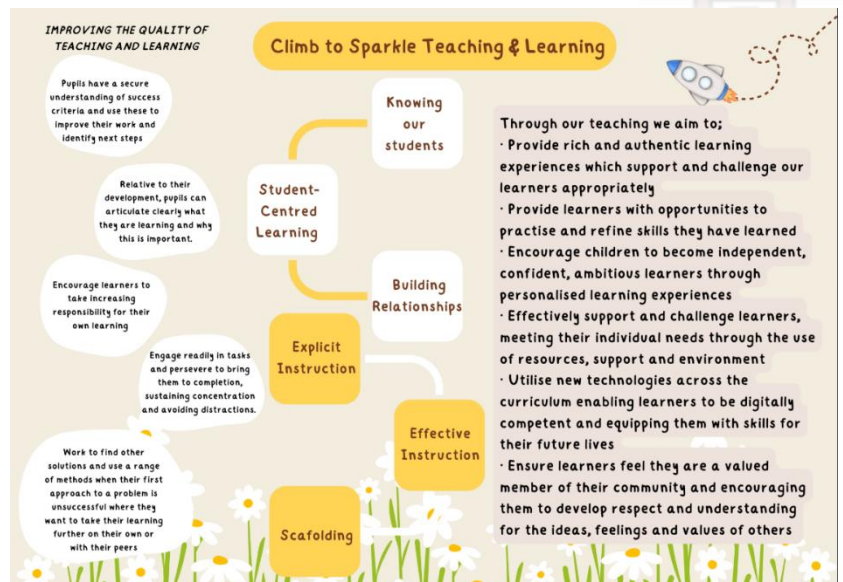
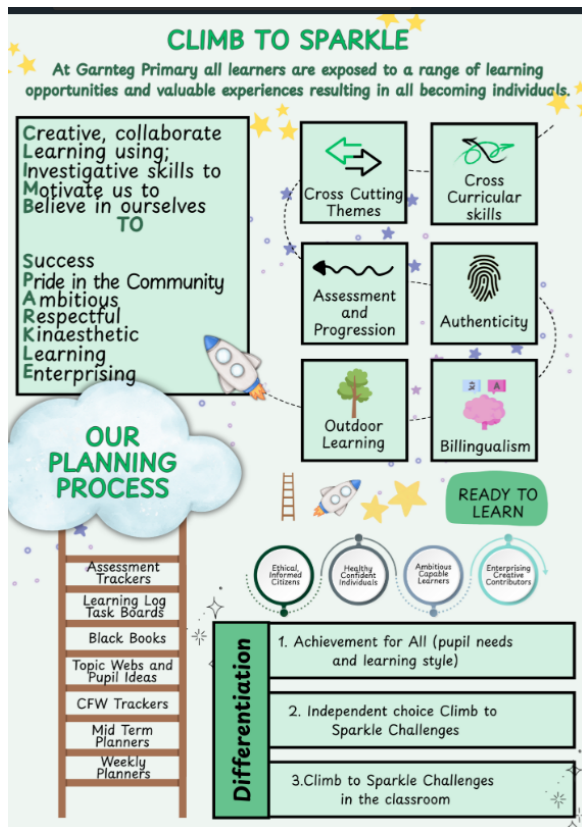
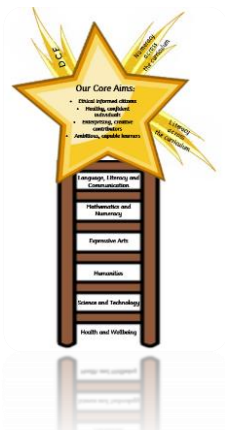
The school uniform consists of:

- Grey/black trousers /skirts/ pinafore dress
- White/Red polo shirts
- Red cardigan/ jumper/ sweatshirt
- Shoes or suitable trainers
- Girl's red and white checked summer dress



CLIMB TO SPARKLE CURRICULUM

At Garnteg, we are proud to help create the new Curriculum for Wales. The goal is for schools to be places where everyone keeps learning. Through pupil voice, students help plan and think about their learning in all areas.



Area's of learning

Language, Literacy and Communication



Mathematics and Numeracy

$$1 + 2 = 3$$



Area's of learning

Science and Technology



Expressive Art



Area's of learning

Health and Well-being



Humanities



Disgwyliad – Expectations

In our classes we ensure that we have a happy learning environment where everyone feels valued and enjoys their time together. In order for us to achieve this we have a number of rules that as a class we decide together to ensure we all have our voices heard and valued.



Gwybodaeth feddygol - Medical information

If your child has any medical needs that are likely to affect their education, we would be grateful if you would inform us. Should your child require regular medication, please complete a medical form at the office when bringing in your child first thing in the morning.

Presenoldeb - Attendance





Class Dojo

At Garnteg, we celebrate children's achievements with Dojo points. Each child has their own avatar and can earn points and rewards throughout the year. Parents and carers can use the Class Dojo app to follow their child's progress and receive school and class updates through the Class Story.



Gwaith Cartref - Home Learning

In Blwyddyn Un and Dau, we encourage children to continue their learning at home. Each half term, we provide a Home Learning Grid with a range of engaging activities for children to complete. These tasks are designed to support and extend their learning in a fun and meaningful way.

Here is an example:

Summer term topic – Little Seeds, Big Changes

These are your learning log task choices for the term.

Choose one activity to complete each week. You will be awarded at least the amount of dojo points indicated for the task, extra are available for amazing effort. You can be as creative as you like, the more exciting the better! Good Luck!

Please use the home learning logs to evidence your homework efforts- you could write directly in your learning log or send a video on Dojo and we can create a QR code.

(10 dojos)

Maths and Numeracy

- Go on a nature walk and collect some natural objects. Can you make some 2D shapes using the objects?
- Can you use natural objects to make a symmetrical pattern/picture?
- Use natural objects to represent number bonds – 4 sticks and 6 stones make 10. Can you also make 20?
- Sort natural objects in a Venn diagram.

Learning Log Tasks



(5 dojos)

(10 dojos)

Expressive Arts



- Can you make a natural minibeast?
- Can you use body percussion to make your own song?
- Can you create a 3D picture of your garden/ favourite green space?

(5 dojos)

Language, Literacy and Communication.

- Can you write a non-chronological report about our topic? E.g. minibests, flowers, the sun, rainbows etc.
- Can you create a picture from your favourite book outside? You could use chalk, natural objects etc.
- Collect some natural objects – can you use adjectives to describe them? E.g. rough, smooth, spiky.
- Write a silly poem about your garden.

Humanities

- Can you create a birds-eye view map of your garden or favourite outdoor space? Can you add labels?
- Make a poster or presentation about how we can look after our environment.

5 Dojos

Science and Technology

- Can you create a garden using ICT? You could use Minecraft, Canva etc.
- We've really enjoyed practising our sewing, can you practise sewing at home? You could draw a picture and sew the outline.
- Can you plant a seed and observe what happens when it grows? Use your knowledge from our lessons of how to help plants grow.

(5 dojos)

Health and Wellbeing

- Can you create an outdoor obstacle course?
- Think about how we can keep ourselves healthy, what foods keep us healthy? Can you make a healthy meal?

Llyfr Darllen - Reading Books

Reading books are sent home regularly and can be returned and exchanged up to three times a week. We encourage you to enjoy reading with your child as often as possible.

Learning Together at Home



Daily Reading - Listen to your child sound out letters and encourage them to blend the words together. Ask questions to ensure they understand what they are reading.



Maths - incorporate numbers into daily routines such as counting out coins at the shop, reading clock faces, weighing ingredients in cooking, etc.



Cooking - give your child instructions to follow a recipe, use measuring skills for weighing, encourage food hygiene and using equipment safely.



Outdoor Learning - Supporting your child with outdoor learning is all about embracing hands-on play and curiosity. Start by transforming routine walks into educational adventures, providing open-ended materials, and encouraging them to observe nature, record their findings, and explore local green spaces.



Praise efforts, embrace mistakes and have lots of fun!



Complaint Procedure

Complaints at Garnteg Primary school are rare but if you would like to arrange a meeting with the class teacher, please follow our procedures that are set out in our complaints policy listed below.

Stage 1: Class teacher.

Step 2: Senior Leader- Mrs Messori, Miss Brooks.

Step 3: Phase Leader- Mrs Messori- Foundation Phase

Mr Phillips- Year 3 and 4

Mrs Parker-Evans- Year 5 and 6

Step 4: Mrs Jones- Deputy head teacher.

Step 5: Mrs Roche- Head Teacher

Step 6: Angela Skyrme- Chair of Governors.

Diogelu - Safeguarding

At Garnteg primary we are committed to the welfare, safety and happiness of all our pupils.

All incidents are reported to the named child protection officer: **Mrs S Roche-Headteacher**

In her absence all incidents should be reported to:

The Deputy Named Protection officers

1. Mrs C Jones - Deputy Head teacher
2. Mrs S Skyrme –Safeguarding Governor

The child protection officers for Torfaen are

1. Mr J Tushingham – 01495 766941
2. Mrs J Watkins – 01495 766912

Year One High Frequency Words

Attached are the high frequency words that will be taught to your child in Year one. We encourage you to practice reading and spelling these words at home to support your child's reading development.

Year One High Frequency Words Assessment

Words	R	W	Words	R	W
			looking		
put			when		
with			came		
will					
little			don't		
too			could		
are			had		
as			your		
down			what		
looked			help		
but			now		
so			have		
today			very		
likes			about		
not			again		
			find		
that					
then			house		
into			old		
an			children		
back			made		
from			Mr		
one			I'm		
him			If		
do			Just		
out			Mrs		
came			called		
saw			asked		
his			<u>their</u>		

Year Two High Frequency Words

Attached are the high frequency words that will be taught to your child in Year Two. We encourage you to practice reading and spelling these words at home to support your child's reading development.

Year 2 High Frequency Words

	talked	walked	work	every
yes	goes	them	wanted	must
take	here's	thank you	other	something
baby	laugh	some	lots	garden
father	our	three	red	
Mother	water	myself	eat	bed
	away	next	food	fast
did	want		head	thought
or	how	these	everyone	door
home	took	live	that's	may
next	school	more	our	only
need	who	began	through	right
soon	didn't	say	town	many
fun	know	I'll	two	well
under	can't	animals	way	sea
coming	new	night	I've	found
last	round	tree	been	laughed
girl	much	never	gave	bring
end	best	small	around	push
than	most	shouted	think	Forgot
talked	please	first	stop	word

	morning	gone	pulled
grace	queen	hard	we're
couldn't	each	really	fly
king	book	wind	grow
long	green	wish	above
great	different	eggs	onto
why	let	once	
cried	which	stopped	
keep	inside	ever	
room	any	cold	
jumped	hat	park	
even	snow	birds	
before	air	duck	
gran	trees	horse	
clothes	bad	rabbit	
tell	top	white	
key	eyes	He's	
place	fell	river	
boat	friends	better	
window	box		
sleep	dark	Giant	
feet	grandad	Looks	
There's	sun	Along	
hot	across	Plants	

Autumn Spring Summer

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
hot	across	Plants	
There's	sun	Along	
feet	grandad	Looks	
sleep	dark	Giant	

Read Write Inc Sounds

Below are some of the sounds that your child will learn along with rhymes to support letter formation. We encourage you to practice these at home.

								
Maisey mountain mountain	Around the apple, down the leaf	Slither down the snake	Round his bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet	Down the tower, across the tower	Down the body, dot for the head	Down Nobby and over his net	Down the plait and over the pirate's face	Round her face, down her hair and give her a curl
								
All around the orange	Curl around the caterpillar	Down the kangaroo's body, tail and leg	Down and under, up to the top and draw a puddle	Down the laces, to heel, round the toe	Down the stem and draw the leaves	Lift off the top and scoop out the egg	Down the long leg	Down the head, to the hooves and over his back
								My RWI Sound Mat
Down his back, then curl over his arm	Down the body, curl and dot	Down a wing, up a wing	Down a horn, up a horn and under his head	Down up, down up	Zig-zag-rig	Round her head, up past her earrings and down her hair	Down the arm and leg, repeat the other side	

								
Wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally	Wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally	Wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally	Wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally	Wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally	Wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally	Wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally	Wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally	Wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally wally

Speed Sounds Set 2

ay  may I play?	ee  what can you see?	igh  fly high	ow  blow the snow	oo  poo at the zoo
oo  look at a book	ar  start the car	or  shut the door	air  that's not fair	ir  whirl and twirl

Speed Sounds Set 3

ea  cup of tea	oi  spoil the boy	ou  shout it out	oy  toy for a boy
a-e  make a cake	i-e  nice smile	o-e  phone home	u-e  huge brute
are  care and share	ur  nurse with a purse	er  a better letter	ow  brown cow
ai  snail in the rain	oa  goat on a boat	ew  chew the stew	ire  fire, fear!
ear  hear with your ear	ure  sure it's pure		

				
oa oa oa oa oa oa oa oa oa oa	ai ai ai ai ai ai ai ai ai ai	ie ie ie ie ie ie ie ie ie ie	ee ee ee ee ee ee ee ee ee ee	oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo