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Lythys - Newsletter - 8th November 2019

This half term our value is

"Unity"

Annwyl Rhieni,

Dear Parent/Carer,

Diary Dates/Forthcoming Events

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Day parade in Blaenavon

Monday 11th November - Year 6 Class Assembly - 'The Last Post'

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK W/C Monday 11th November

Wednesday 13th November 2019 - Dosbarth 6 (Year 2) Remembrance Day Assembly at 9:15am.

Thursday 14th November - Children in Need Visit by Pudsey Bear

Tuesday 19th November 2019 - Dosbarth 5 (Year 2) Class Assembly at 9:15am.

Pupil of the week Assemblies will be cancelled next week due to Remembrance and Children in Need Events

Attendance

Our **Attendance Winners** for week before half-term in **Foundation Phase** were **Dosbarth 4 with 98% & KS2 winners were Dosbarth 13 with 98.2%**. The overall attendance last week was **94.4%**. A big effort and we will be back up over the magic 95%. Well done everyone!

Christmas Concert Dates

29/11/19-Nursery- Morning session 9:30am/ Afternoon session 1:30pm

3/12/19- Rec/Yr1 at 1:30pm (Reception parents only)

6/12/19-Rec/Yr1 at 10am (Year 1 parents only)

11/12/19-Year 2 at 1:30pm Garndiffaith Millennium Hall

9/12/19-Year 3/Year 4 at 1:30pm (Year 3 parents only)

10/12/19-Year3/Year 4 at 10am (Year 4 parents only)

4/12/19-Year 5/Year 6 at 1:30pm (Year 5 parents only)

5/12/19-Year 5/Year 6 at 4pm (Year 6 parents only)

Children in Need - Friday 15th November A message from the School Council

This year, our theme will be Mellow Yellow. Children are invited to wear anything and everything yellow! Whatever you have that's yellow, wear it to show support for Children in Need. A donation of £1 to wear yellow would be greatly appreciated. Last year, our school raised a whopping amount of money of nearly £800! This year, we are hoping to raise the same or even better, beat it! A range of fun activities will be going on throughout the day that children are welcome to participate in, including Pennies for Pudsey (children get saving)! If parents would like to send in some small amounts, there will be activities throughout the day.

Remembrance Day - Sunday 10th November

The school will be taking part in the Remembrance Day parade in Blaenavon again this year, if you would like your child to take part in the parade please meet at the top car park in Blaenavon town at 10:30am ready to start at 10:40am. We will parade through the town to the cenotaph where we will take part in the service.

KIVA - Anti-bullying - Parents Meeting in Hall - Thursday 14th November

We are excited to launch a new anti-bullying programme at Garnteg. KIVA is a research-based antibullying program and we would like to welcome you to the introduction to share how we will promote respect, kindness and getting along within our school, the meeting will be held in the school hall at 2.30pm. Please come along and find out about our exciting new approach to anti-bullying during anti-bullying week.

GRSU Force (Garnteg Recycling School Uniform) A message from the School Ambassadors:

Can you help us? We have been given a special mission by the Children's Commissioner for Wales to encourage schools/parents and carers to recycle school uniform. We have decided to set up a swap shop to recycle school uniforms. This will be available for pupils to save buying new school uniform. If you have any school uniforms and coats you would like to donate, please send them in with your child. This a fabulous way to help the environment too. We hope you will help us!

Class Dojo

We use Class Dojo to celebrate the children's achievements and ask that parents do not use the messaging feature, as we have an open door policy. All queries to go through the school office.

Nursery

Nativity tickets are now on sale! Please follow the instructions on the letter explaining how to purchase them. All children need to bring in their costumes for the play by Wednesday 20th November ready for dress rehearsal. Please can any outstanding books borrowed from Nursery, as part of the children's homework, be returned for others to use. All homework packs need to be returned on Wednesdays in order for books to be changed. Diolch!

Dosbarth 1&2

Christmas concert lines have been given out today. Please could you check your child's bag for this and help them learn the lines over the weekend. We will be starting rehearsals next week. Thank you for the excellent response in the children's homework, due to many children having completed all their own choice tasks we have sent home a new set of homework choices this week.

Dosbarth 3 & 4

Lines for the Christmas concert will go out today, can you please help your child to learn these over the weekend ready for rehearsals beginning next week, date for the Christmas concerts are listed above. Can we ask children to continue bringing in natural resources, e.g leaves, conkers etc. For our Seize the Season investigation area. We are looking for small to medium wicker baskets for our block play area, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Dosbarth 5 & 6

We are using money in our art and craft areas next week. If you have any spare 1p and 2p coins that you would like to donate that would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing what coin creations the children will make. Diolch!

Dosbarth 7 & 8

Diolch to the children who have begun to learn their lines. The remainder lines will be sent out over the next two weeks. If you have a costume to bring in, please make sure children's names on are them! Please continue to complete homework logs, all homework tasks need to be completed by the end of this term.

Dosbarth 9 & 10

Dosbarth 10 are looking forward to their new project Roots of Empathy, which we started on Wednesday with Miss Chapman. This program will run on a Wednesday afternoon for the year, it focuses on the children's feelings and the feelings of others. Please can all forms be returned asap. Also, a reminder that penny whistles are to be brought in every Wednesday.

Dosbarth 11 & 12

A big well done to year 5 who have created canvases in support of Crime Awareness Week. The children's work has been collected and will be on display in libraries within Torfaen for one week. Look out for tweets on twitter! Costume letters will go out this week; if there are any concerns or issues with your child's part or costume, please do not hesitate to discuss with Miss Grimas and Miss Williams. Diolch.

Dosbarth 13 & 14

Class 13 look forward to inviting all parents into our Remembrance Assembly on Monday morning at 9.15. Well done to the pupils who took part in the Urdd Football Festival. The team were unbeaten in the tournament just missing out on the finals by 1 point.

Kind regards,

Mrs S E Roche & all the Staff at Garnteg