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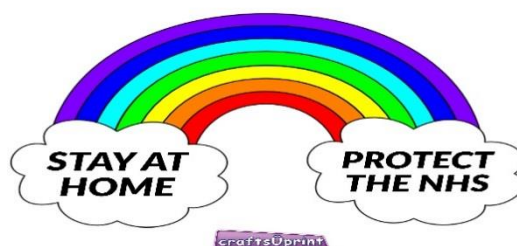
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Lythys - Newsletter - 06 April 2020

This half term our value is "Unity" being united or joined together as a whole.

Dear Parent/Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni

Welcome to our first edition of our online newsletter after Easter there will be a newsletter for you weekly for activities and events. This will be tweeted, added to our school website and posted on the Hwb and Class Dojo sites.



We hope you are all well and looking after yourselves and your families. A huge thank you to every single member of our Garnteg community who have kept our school running online perfectly. Thank you and well done! Every one of us without exception pupils, parents, staff and governors, you have all played a different but essential role in keeping in contact with our pupils during this period and ensuring that our key learning for our children has kept going daily.

At the moment the essential roles we have played HAS BEEN VITAL to the community staff have been online everyday working up in the Blaenavon Hub supporting Blue light families, delivering food packs and dropping off any outstanding homework packs and many more. A Change for us but wow, how quickly we have adapted to it, working as ever as a superbly excellent Garnteg team.

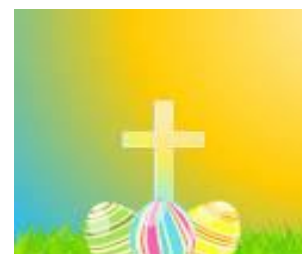
We are aware that there may be queries in the weeks to come we will try and provide you with as much information as we can each week, as soon as it is published from Welsh Government and the LA.

As we move over to our Easter period the focus of activities will be fun activities to enjoy so we are ready to move back into online sessions refreshed after Easter. Teachers will check in daily with their classes for craft activities at the end of the day, but please note from Friday to Monday 13 April bank holiday period the staff will be offline to ensure everyone has a digital rest.

Diary Dates/Forthcoming Events

Reception Intake September 2020

Please make sure you have applied for a school place in our Reception for next year please follow this link



<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/School-Admissions/SchoolAdmissions-Primary/School-Admissions-Primary-Schools.aspx>

the LA staff are online and working and will process any late applications.

Important information for Parents

If you are claiming Free School Meals, please follow link to register for Free School Meal Payments during the Coronavirus pandemic (on a weekly basis from 6th April 2020):

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/Forms/Request/FreeSchoolMeals-Covid19.aspx>

Garnsychan Partnership are now working to support immediate frontline services for residents and families affected by Covid-19. More information is available on:

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/AboutTheCouncil/Homepage-Stories/Coronavirus/Other-Local-Organisations/Other-Local-Organisations.aspx>

Support for Home Learning

Here is a quick guide showing you how to access the j2e area on Hwb. You might find this useful to use with your children at home to support their learning activities:

<https://sway.office.com/DgU5hoEmfWWmmUSR?ref=Link>

Attendance

Our Attendance for the whole school year up to March 20 2020 was 95.3%. Well done everyone

Thrive - Thrive activities can be found in all class Hwbs' in a file called 'Thrive activities. These activities can be used by all children even if they do not currently take part in Thrive sessions in school. The activities are designed for you to use with your child to support their emotional development at home. They will help to develop connections through play and fun activities. Play releases lots of feel good chemicals that help us feel calm, steady and connected. Well done to those who have already sent in some lovely examples of your Thrive work!

Nursery - Thank you everyone for your support and efforts with our home learning challenges. We love seeing pictures of the children and the fun home learning activities they have been doing. We have uploaded Easter activities onto Hwb and Class Dojo for you to try. The Easter challenges are:

- Design an Easter egg.
- Take part in Easter cooking with your family.
- Make an Easter bonnet.
- Learn the dance to the 'Easter Bunny Bop'

The Nursery team would like to wish you a very Happy Easter!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - A huge diolch yn fawr and well done to all of you for taking our online and home learning challenges these last few weeks, we are loving seeing all the wonderful activities you are completing! We have put together a set of fun Easter activities which you can complete with family over the Easter break, please check our class HWB, twitter and class dojo to find these.

Our Easter challenges will be:

- 1) Design your own Easter eggs
- 2) Hide your eggs and make an Easter egg hunt!
- 2) Make an Easter bonnet
- 3) Find and try an Easter recipe!
- 4) Learn an Easter song

Why not send us a picture to let us know how you got on?!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - A HUGE Da Iawn to you all for your outstanding patience and effort with your online learning. We are extremely blown away with your efforts and your commitment has really made us very proud!

We have uploaded Easter activities onto HWB and Class Dojo for you to enjoy and these can be done with your families too!

Our extra daily tasks are:

- 1) Can you create Easter themed craft using outdoor materials?
- 2) Can you help cook a meal with your family to show kindness
- 3) Can you create your own Easter quiz and we can use it as quiz time in our next Teams Chat

We wish you an Easter that is filled with laughter, happiness and time where you get to enjoy each other's company as a family. Most of all, STAY SAFE!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Thank you for your patience, support and your fabulous home learning! It has been heart-warming to see your commitment, creativity and pride that you've taken in your activities. There are some Easter wellbeing tasks that you can complete if you wish. They are saved in 'Files' and Class Dojos with the following challenges:

Can you create an Easter themed Lego masterpiece?

Can you make or decorate your own Easter Egg?

Can you create your own Easter scavenger hunt?

The Staff of Dosbarth 5 and 6 we wish you a very HAPPY EASTER together!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Diolch yn fawr for your amazing home learning and online work over the last two weeks. You have all produced some fantastic work and we are so proud of you. We have uploaded an Easter challenge sheet for you to compete over the Easter break (you can choose which ones you'd like to complete each day).

Some extra class challenges for extra dojo points will be:

- 1) Bake some Easter treats
- 2) Create an Easter picture and turn into a jigsaw puzzle

Remember to spend time with your families and enjoy your break. We will still be here to support you and will continue to have our check-ins daily on Hwb, Class Dojo and Twitter during the Easter break.

Dosbarth 9 & 10 – Firstly, a huge thank you to how hard you have been working at home and online over the last two weeks. You have produced some fantastic pieces of work, showing how amazing your independent research skills are, as well as art, maths and Literacy. Thank you, parents for supporting the children at home with their learning. We have put up on Hwb, Class Dojos and Twitter our Easter activities for you. We will be available for check-ins over the Easter period.

Here are some of those extra challenges:

- Easter cooking
- Easter art, indoors and outdoors
- Rock decorating

Enjoy the Easter break with your families and have lots of fun. **STAY SAFE** everyone

Dosbarth 11 & 12 – Well done year 5, a big thank you to how you have worked at home and online. You have proved yourselves to be independent workers and have produced some fantastic quality work! Enjoy your Easter break and don't forget to check out the Easter activities available on dojo, Hwb and Twitter. We will both be available for check-ins on class dojo. Show us your amazing activities!

Our extra class challenges will be:

- Take some spring photography
- Bake some yummy Easter treats
- Rock decorating
- Egg race!
- Make a no sew sock bunny

Once again, a big thank you for your hard work. Please remember to stay safe and spend time with your families. Happy Easter!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 – First of all a big thank you for the way you have worked online and at home over the last two weeks. Your attitude has been amazing and you have produced some fantastic work. We have uploaded an Easter challenge sheet for you to complete over the Easter break. (You can choose one to complete each day)

Our extra class challenges will be:

- 1) Bake some Easter treats
- 2) Create an Easter picture and turn into a jigsaw puzzle
- 3) Watch a video of the Easter Story and then retell the story
- 4) Create a model showing a part of the Easter Story

Thank you once again, spend time with your families and enjoy your break. We will still be here to support you and will continue to have our check-ins on Hwb and class dojo during Easter.

Very best wishes over the Easter stay safe and enjoy the company for your family and indeed your eggs!!
Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg

