

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 17th 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 second edition of our online newsletter. After Easter there will be a newsletter for you weekly for activities and information. 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, 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.

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.

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.

New intake for Nursery and Reception more information will be coming out in the forthcoming weeks. Online handbooks and prospectus will also be available.

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>

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!

Investors In Families - As an Investors in Families school we have been asked to take part in a questionnaire called 'The School I'd like'. Chris Waterman the executive director is collecting ideas for a book that will be published later in the year called 'the school we'd like to offer:2025' and would be grateful for the views of our children. Class teachers will upload the questionnaire on class hwbs for children to complete or can be found on our school website here <http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/the-school-id-like-questionnaires/>. Could the completed forms be returned to class teachers by Friday 1st May please. If you would like to find out any more information about this project more details can be found on www.theschoolidlike.com. Thank you in anticipation.

Nursery - Diolch yn fawr to all parents/carers for your support and efforts over the Easter break. We loved seeing your Easter activities and challenges! Our new summer topic, 'How does your garden grow?', will begin next week. Join us on Monday on our Meithrin Hwb class at 9 am to find out more about the daily tasks.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - We hope that you have had a lovely Easter together and thank you for sharing some of your challenges with us! If you would still like to share something you have been up to over the Easter break there is still time to send it in, we would love to see it on Twitter or our HWB classes! From Monday we will be kicking off the summer term a new summer topic, 'How does your garden grow?'. Make sure you check in with our HWB class for new summer challenges and discussions, where we will also be available to answer

any questions and support you with home learning. We are looking forward to hearing from everyone on Monday!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - We hope you have enjoyed your Easter break together with your families and want to say a big thank you for all those who have completed challenges during this time. There is still time if you would like to complete any of the Easter challenges, these can be found on Hwb, Twitter and Class Dojo. On Monday we are beginning our new summer term topic 'Ready, Steady, Cook,' make sure you check in with your HWB class to keep up to date with home learning, daily challenges and discussions. We look forward to hearing from you all then. Stay safe.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - We hope that you're having a fabulous Easter holidays and enjoying the sunshine as best you can. It has been wonderful to see and celebrate home challenges on Twitter. There's still time to complete the Easter wellbeing tasks if you haven't already and you wish to do so. The Staff of Dosbarth 5 and 6 are looking forward to hearing from everyone on Monday for the start of our Summer Term home learning. We will be kicking off the term with our new topic, 'Inside and Out!'. Make sure you check in with your HWB class for new summer term challenges and discussions, where we will also be available to answer any questions and support you with home learning. Enjoy the weekend and stay Safe!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Firstly, a huge diolch for all the tasks completed over the Easter holidays! We hope you've had a lovely, fun-filled Easter holiday with your families. Diolch yn fawr to families for all the support given to the children at home with their learning. Please keep sending us any tasks you have completed! We will be putting up a new learning log on Hwb, Class Dojo and Twitter on Monday with activities for the children to complete alongside daily tasks that will link to our new topic 'We Are Survivors!'. Starting on Monday, we will be setting up regular video calls through Microsoft Teams for each class, we hope to see you there!

Extra challenge:

- Record a video to share what you have done over the Easter holidays

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Well done to all the children, parents and carers for completing all the Easter tasks. It has been fantastic to see how creative you have been. There is still plenty of time left for you to finish the challenges if you wish to. We hope you enjoyed the glorious sunshine over the Easter period and spent lots of time doing fun things with your family. We will be uploading a new set of learning log activities along with the daily activities that is linked to our exciting new topic 'We are Survivors' on to HWB, class dojo and Twitter on Monday. Just a reminder that you can send us photographs of your work and ask for any help through class dojo, emailing using your child HWB email address or on the discussion part of HWB. We can't wait to see what you have created and award you lots of dojo points.

All staff are looking forward to hearing from you in what will be our Summer Term.

Extra challenge-create a jar of wishes with your family of things you would like to do after this strange time has ended.it could become your bucket list!

STAY SAFE everyone

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - We hope you are having a lovely Easter holidays enjoying the sunshine and spending time with your families. Thank you to everyone who has uploaded activities and Easter craft over the last two weeks, we have enjoyed seeing all your fantastic creations. There is still plenty of time to take part in our 'Gartneg Easter Craft' challenges, the calendar has been uploaded to Twitter, Dojo and Hwb for you to look at the activities. A massive thank you to all parents and carers who have been supporting learning at home we really do appreciate how hard you have all been working. On Monday we will be starting our new Summer term topic 'Ironmasters and Coal Disasters' and will be uploading our exciting new activities to Hwb!

Extra challenge: Can you take any photographs of Spring? What can you find?

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - We hope you have enjoyed your Easter Break and have had fun spending time with your families. Thank you to our pupils for your hard work and positive attitude and thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting the learning at home during this time.

On Monday, we will be back online ready to start our summer term. We will be starting our 'Roots' topic and continue to work on the local history and F1 work. We will get all the information uploaded over the weekend and look forward to being with you online on Monday morning.

Enjoy the weekend and **STAY SAFE** as always every day is a sunny day at Gartneg we miss you all and send our very best wishes to each and every family.

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Gartneg