

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 24th 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 third edition of our online newsletter. 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. We hope you enjoyed our climb to sparkle film earlier this week. We are aware that there may be queries in the weeks to come with regard to Year 6 and transition to Year 7 secondary schools in addition to Reception and Nursery Intake. We will try and provide you with as much information as we can next week on both of these areas.

### Diary Dates/Forthcoming Events

#### Support for Home Learning

Starting this week each class has been meeting virtually via video link using Microsoft Teams. This can be found within the Office 365 section of Hwb. A guide which shows you how to access this can be found here <http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/media/1493/hwb-teams-guide-correct.pdf>

If you are having any problems accessing Hwb or any of our online material please don't hesitate to get in touch with your class teacher or email us using [garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk)

### 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>

**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!

**Eco schools** - Families can now access the eco schools website, there are some fantastic activities to do at home please let us know if you complete any of the activities using the hashtag #Ecoschoolsat home on our schools twitter account. I have seen some fantastic activities being done in your gardens already this can all go towards our platinum award which we are due to apply for this term. 🌱 <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Biodiversity-Eco-Schools-at-Home.pdf> another great website for outdoor learning is Learning through landscapes [www.ltl.org.uk](http://www.ltl.org.uk)

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> May please. If you would like to find out any more information about this project more details can be found on [www.theschoolidlike.com](http://www.theschoolidlike.com). Thank you in anticipation.

**Nursery** - Thank you for sending us pictures of the amazing work you have been doing this week. Your Gruffalo models and dens looked brilliant! We also enjoyed talking to you on our first nursery teams video call. Please continue to join in with the 9am daily discussions on our Hwb class page. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Diolch yn fawr for a fantastic first week of the summer term, we have loved seeing your pictures and videos and hearing all about your adventures with our new topic "How does your garden grow?". We really enjoyed seeing you on our first teams video call this week. Our next video call will be at 10.30am on Monday where we will be able to introduce the new tasks for the week to you and to give us all a chance to see and catch up with each other! We hope to see as many of you there as possible! All you will need to join the call is your hwb login and password. If anyone needs guidance on how to access teams there is a guide on our hwb classroom, or message any of our reception teachers and we can help! Your teachers will be available during the week as usual to answer messages and support your home learning so if you are unable to join the call please don't worry! Diolch, have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - What an amazing start to our Summer Term home learning. We have really enjoyed seeing your photos this week and hope you are enjoying completing each task. Each piece of work has been uploaded to your personal files in Hwb and Dojos have been awarded. Every day we are holding Teams meetings at 11am to catch up and share home learning tasks, we hope to see you there on Monday. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to home learning. Don't forget, there are lots of different resources available in our Hwb classes, on Twitter and Class Dojo. Staff are available to answer any questions or queries you may have. Keep climbing to sparkle!

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - Diolch yn Fawr for a fantastic first week of our Summer Term home learning. We hope you are enjoying our new topic, 'Inside and Out!'. We have loved seeing all your photographs of the amazing work you have done and the enthusiasm and engagement from you all. Keep it coming! Make sure you check in with your HWB class for new summer term challenges and discussions next week. They will be in the file named 'Summer Term Week Commencing 26-04-20.' We will also be available to answer any questions and support you with home learning. We look forward to seeing you on Team Meetings next week too! 😊  
Enjoy the weekend and stay Safe!

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - We would like to thank all year 3 children for engaging with the tasks that we've set in our first week of summer term. We love seeing everybody's pieces of work. Great effort Year 3!

Year 3 staff are going to be meeting on HWB Microsoft Teams once a week to check in with everyone and will explain certain tasks to the children. If you could join in on Microsoft Teams, then that would be great. However, please don't worry if you can't because we will still be available on HWB discussions and Class Dojos. Make sure to check in daily for your tasks. Diolch yn fawr! Have a lovely weekend, keep safe and remember, keep climbing to sparkle! 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - It has been a fantastic start to the Summer Term. A huge thank you to all the children and parents in Year who are engaging with the tasks we have been setting. It has been lovely to see the brilliant work done at home by the children. We are also very pleased that Teams meetings are running successfully, it has been a pleasure to see and speak to the children! Tasks will continue to be put up on Hwb and class dojos. Please remember that if you want to contact us, you message us on the class dojo message area. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** - What an amazing start to the Summer term! Well done to all children, parents and carers this week for taking part in this week's activities, we are so proud of you all. We have really enjoyed having our Microsoft Teams meeting this week and are scheduling them for next week too. It was so lovely to see everyone! However, please don't worry if you can't because we will still be available on Hwb discussions and Class Dojos. Make sure to check in daily for your tasks. Diolch yn fawr! Have a lovely weekend, keep safe and remember, keep climbing to sparkle!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** - A big well done on even more wonderful work this week Year 6! We have enjoyed talking to you throughout the week and have made a little video to ease some of your concerns. Once again there has been amazing engagement in the sessions this week. Enjoy your weekend, stay safe and we look forward to picking it back up Monday morning 😊

**We miss you, and send all of our best wishes at this time**

**Kind regards,**

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg