

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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



Dear Parent/Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni

Welcome to our fourth edition of our online newsletter. This letter 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. As always we really, really miss you all and thank you for all your lovely photos and work you are sharing with us every week.

We are glad you enjoyed our little dance along last week and thought it would be a good idea if pupils vote for a next one from the staff.

The choices are :

- a. Times like these
- b. Mr Baked Potato
- c. True Colours
- d. Happy
- e. Can't stop the Feeling

### **Transition**

We were aware last week of queries with regard to Year 6 and transition to Year 7 secondary schools in addition to Reception and Nursery Intake.

### **Year 7 Transition**

We have been in contact with the secondary schools and they will be setting up links onto the year 6 Hwb pages and Teams for you where you can meet and ask questions. For children going to Abersychan Comprehensive there will also be a link on the Abersychan website for transition these updates will be available in the next two weeks so please keep checking. The schools will also be offering virtual school tours via the link too and a

transition booklet will be set up. Classes for Year 7 will be set up in much the same way as it normally would, and our teachers are already setting up meetings and providing lots of information. The classes for Abersychan plan to be completed when they would be available in June.

### **Transition Nursery and Reception Garnteg**

In much the same way staff at Garnteg are currently preparing induction booklets presentation and virtual tours and will be phoning parents in the forthcoming weeks to discuss our new pupils. All staff are really looking forward to talking to all parents about our new pupils .

### **Digital commitment for home learning**

We know that some families may need some IT equipment and connections to WI FI in the homes. We are working with Torfaen and SRS in the next two weeks to make this available to all families who need it.

### **Information**

#### **Staying Safe online**

Learners and schools are now using technology to continue their learning and many of us are relying on technology for work and communicating with friends and family. This increase in the use of technology has raised the importance of keeping children and young people safe online. The latest Online Safety Zone half termly news article, published last Friday on Welsh Governments Hwb, has many useful tips:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/zones/online-safety/news/articles/42ae160b-7ab4-4510-8792-c70ef861c6d5>

<https://www.gwentsafeguarding.org.uk/en/Children/Parents-and-Carers/Keeping-Children-Safe-Online/Keeping-Children-Safe-Online.aspx>

#### **Support for Home Learning**

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)

#### **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>

Garmsychan 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!

## **VE Day activities**

Next week, we will be celebrating VE Day (Victory in Europe Day). We would love for you to find out about why we celebrate it. Why don't you take this opportunity to learn about VE Day? Please send any photos or activities completed which you wish to share about VE Day to your class teachers or on Twitter. Here are some useful websites for activities:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting>

<https://www.veday75.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/English-Heritage-Party-Pack.pdf>

**Nursery** – Diolch yn fawr for your fantastic efforts and work this week. Please continue sending us videos and pictures of your children learning through play, we love seeing them. This week we will be organising another video call, more details will be posted on our Hwb class page. Remember 9am on our Hwb class page we post daily tasks and discussions as well as providing lots of resources and ideas for you to try at home. Enjoy the weekend! We look forward to seeing you soon on our next Team Meeting.

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** – Da iawn for another brilliant week of home learning! Thank you to everyone who sent beautiful work in for us to see, we are very proud of all of you! We have really enjoyed seeing you through our class video calls this week and are looking forward to continuing this next week. Our next call will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am and then we will meet again on Friday afternoon. Please ask if you need support accessing the video calls and we will be happy to help. New challenges are being uploaded to HWB, Twitter and Class dojos every week with bonus challenges at the start of the day, so please keep checking in with us for the latest information! Thank you again for your support with our home learning and well done for a brilliant week!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** – Another fantastic week of home learning, we hope you are enjoying our new topic 'Ready, Steady, Cook.' Thank you for sharing all your photos and videos, we love seeing learning at home. Each piece of work has been uploaded to your personal files in Hwb and Dojos have been awarded. A new set of home learning tasks and challenges will be updated next week. 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 another amazing week of our Summer Term home learning. Your dedication and commitment has blown us away, and we are all very proud of

you! Keep climbing to sparkle and keep sharing your incredible work! We hope you are enjoying our new topic, 'Inside and Out!'. New challenges will be on Hwb files next week. They will be in the file named 'Summer Term Week Commencing 04-05-20.' We have loved our Team Meeting sessions! It's been wonderful seeing and speaking to you all! The 'Show and Tell' sessions were fantastic too! We look forward to seeing you again next week! 😊  
Enjoy the weekend and stay Safe!

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - Diolch yn fawr for an amazing start to our Summer Term home learning! We hope you are all enjoying our new topic and we are so proud of all the amazing work you are producing. Keep it up! Make sure to check in daily with your Hwb class and Class Dojo for your tasks. We will be available to answer any questions and support you where needed. Reminder that we will have a weekly team meeting - Class 7 on Mondays and Class 8 on Fridays. It's been a pleasure to see and speak to you all! Have a lovely weekend and keep climbing to sparkle! 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - Diolch Dosbarth 9 & 10 for another amazing week learning at home. Meeting on Teams is getting better every time, with more of you joining and sharing your news and work. All the staff in Year 4 have been smiling so much looking at the wonderful work you are producing. This week you have all been very creative with your tribal instruments, music and dance routines. The thankful/grateful poems have been beautiful. You are all super stars. Keep up this fantastic work with your families and keep sharing with us. Have a lovely weekend, remember, Climb to Sparkle Year 4!

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** - Another great week of learning at home. We are so impressed with all the activities and tasks you are doing; keep continuing to send us your fantastic efforts! Make sure to check in daily for your tasks. This week you have all been working hard on your leaflets, art and learning about the coal and iron industry. Well done! We look forward to continuing our Teams meetings next week. Diolch yn fawr! Have a lovely weekend, keep safe and remember, keep climbing to sparkle!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** - This week we have been working hard on lots of different projects and it has been wonderful to see the effort you have all put in! Keep coming with all your wonderful pictures too! We have loved the joint cooking and baking sessions and will be continuing with these. For those that haven't yet, take a look at [www.learn-welsh.net](http://www.learn-welsh.net) where there are lots of engaging welsh activities and games for you. Have a wonderful weekend, stay safe and continue climbing!

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

**Kind regards,**

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg