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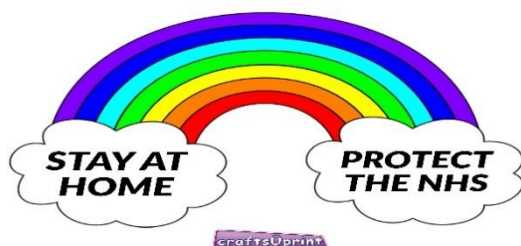
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Lythys - Newsletter - 15th May 2020

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



Dear Parent/Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni

Welcome to our seventh 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.

Note of Thanks

After last week of voting for the next Garnteg staff singalong the winner with 51% was Can't stop the Feeling. This is now available for you to watch on the link below, we hope you enjoy watching it as much as we did making it!

<https://t.co/bV8eijTLsZ?amp=1>

Another video is currently being made so watch this space.....

Mental Health Awareness week 18th - 24th May

This week pupils will be taking part in activities with Place2be a charity working with children and adults with mental health issues. Last year we all 'Found our Brave' on the climbing wall and this year the theme is kindness. Parents can access this website on www.Place2be.org.uk:

https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2020/may/award-a-kindness-cup-for-mental-health-awareness-week/?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=685ae78018-SchoolsNewsletter_NonPartnerSchools_May2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c6b02a1e38-685ae78018-219962199

Year 7 Transition

It has been fantastic to see pupils making use of the new Abersychan transition Teams account where you can leave questions for the staff to answer. Year 7 transition also have Twitter and Instagram accounts available for pupils to make use of also.

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.

First Minister of Wales press release

Many of you have been asking about the position regarding the re-opening of schools in Wales. The Education Minister has published today, a working document on the decision framework for the next phase of education and childcare. Here are the links for information:

<https://gov.wales/decision-framework-next-phase-education-and-childcare>

<https://gov.wales/education-minister-sets-out-thinking-return-schools>

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 Government's 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

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!

Nursery - Thank you for all of your efforts this week! We have really enjoyed seeing your minibeast hunts, creating a space in your garden to attract wildlife and your daily physical activities. Our next Teams video chat will be Friday 22nd May. Remember to use our class page on Hwb to access resources to support your home learning. We also have daily discussions at 9am. Keep safe and have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendigedig Reception, once again you have been doing some amazing home learning this week and thank you for sharing all your lovely pictures and videos with us! Remember to check our class HWB page on Monday for new weekly tasks which will be saved in a folder for week beginning 18th May 2020. We post daily discussions on our hwb page and we would love to hear from you there too! Don't forget you can always send us a message if you have any questions or queries! We look forward to seeing you on Teams soon! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Thank you for another marvellous week of home learning in Dosbarth Tri and Pedwar. We are blown away by your commitment and dedication to home learning, we love seeing all of your photos and videos and make sure the children receive lots of Dojos for their efforts. Thank you for continuing to join in with our Teams sessions, these are lovely opportunities for us to see each other and catch up as well as learn together. Don't forget to get in contact with us if you have any questions or queries, we are always here to help. Diolch. Stay safe.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Wow! We have had another fantastic week of our Summer Term home learning topic 'Inside and Out.' We have loved seeing all your sparkle challenges and we are all very proud of you! Keep sharing your incredible work as it really brightens up our day when we receive your lovely photos! New challenges will be on Hwb files next week. They will be in the file named 'Summer Term Week Commencing 18-05-20.' We have loved our Team Meeting sessions too! It's been wonderful seeing and speaking to you all! The 'Show and Tell' and 'Story time' sessions were lovely and have really made us smile! We look forward to seeing you again next week! Have a lovely weekend with your families! 😊

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Diolch yn fawr for all your amazing work produced this week. Keep it up! Make sure to check in daily with your Hwb class and Class Dojo for your tasks. Reminder that we will have a weekly team meeting - Class 7 on Tuesday and Class 8 on Friday. It's been a pleasure to see and speak to you all! Next week we will be completing a 'Hands on week'. All activities will be practical and creative activities based on our topic. We also have lots of fun activities that you can complete with your families. Another reminder that if you have written your COVID 19 Hero story, then that needs to be sent to your class teacher so we can submit them before the end of May. Good luck. Have a lovely weekend and keep climbing to sparkle! 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Diolch yn fawr Dosbarth 9 & 10 for another amazing week learning at home. It is lovely to see more of you joining into our weekly teams meeting on Monday and Friday. All the staff in Year 4 look forward to seeing your fantastic work every day-you are making us all very proud. We were astounded by your silhouette artwork work for VE day-I think that we have some artists in the making. Keep up this fantastic work with your families and keep sharing with us. Have a lovely weekend with your families, keep safe and remember keep Climbing to Sparkle Year 4!

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Well done and a big diolch yn fawr for another fantastic week of home learning. Your work has been amazing this week again with science investigations, Welsh, writing about the past and creating your own maths games! Well done to every single one of you, we are very proud of you all and the effort you are putting into your work! We look forward to our Teams meetings next week and hearing about what you have been doing over the weekend. Keep safe, have a lovely weekend with your families and remember, keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 -

It has been another busy week in Y6. You have continued to impress us with the fantastic work you are uploading and it is lovely to speak to so many of you in our Teams meetings. We are enjoying reading your entries to the history competitions and all the other amazing work we get the chance to see each day. Looking forward to our team meetings next week, especially Quiz Time! Have a lovely weekend with your families, keep safe and keep Climbing to Sparkle.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg