

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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*Lythys - Newsletter - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020*

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



Dear Parent/Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni

Welcome to our ninth 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 have had a good week. We were pleased with the announcement this week that schools in Wales will reopen on 29.06.20 and include an additional week to finish on 24.07.20.

We are working very closely with our LA to ensure that when the guidance is released from WG we will then be in a position to communicate further plans in a consistent manner to all our families and community. We are very much expecting this will be available next week.

### **Torfaen link to education and learning**

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/AboutTheCouncil/Homepage-Stories/Coronavirus/Education/Education-and-Learning.aspx>

### **Torfaen Young People's Counselling Service**

Torfaen's Primary Counselling Service is available to support parents and carers as they support their children at home. They are currently offering support to parents/carers so that they can have access to guidance and support in order to respond if they feel their child is struggling. Their Facebook page is regularly updated with ideas, techniques and apps that can be useful when a young person is not coping.

**Facebook:** Torfaen Young People's Counselling Service

<https://www.facebook.com/Torfaen-Young-Peoples-Counselling-Service-109172984050900/>

**Instagram:** ccyp\_counselling

**Confidential Telephone Message Service:** 01633 453035 - Leave a message with your name and number and a counsellor will get in touch

### **Year 7 Transition**

Through conversations with Abersychan this week they are very pleased with the uptake of the twitter (@abersychan2020) and Instagram (abersychan20202026) accounts. A reminder that through hwb teams both pupils and parents can ask questions on the Abersychan transition team and a member of staff will get back to you. On their website <https://www.abersychan.org.uk/> you will also find a visual tour of the school.

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

In much the same way staff at Garnteg are currently preparing induction booklets presentations 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. Intake presentations are available to watch on the school website for parents of pupils due to start Nursery and Reception next academic year.

<http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/information-zone/admissions/>

Information about the school can be found in our new prospectus 2020-21 here <http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/our-school/school-prospectus/>

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

We know that some families may need some IT equipment and connections to WI FI in the homes. We have been working with Torfaen and SRS and this is now available to all families who need it. We have been making contact with those families this week to provide a time slot for collection of these devices.

### **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)

### **Free Parent Courses - Public Health Wales**

Public Health Wales and health board colleagues have been working hard to support parents during this Coronavirus pandemic. You now have the opportunity to access free online, bilingual courses that cover:

1. *Understanding Pregnancy, Labour, Birth and your Baby*
2. *Understanding your Baby*
3. *Understanding your Child*
4. *Understanding your Teenager's Brain.*

To access the courses, go to <https://inourplace.co.uk/> and put in the code **SWSOL** to create your account and gain access to the course of your choice. We hope that you find these courses helpful during these challenging times.

## 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 - Da iawn Meithrin for your efforts with home learning this week! Our next Teams video chat will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Remember to use our class page on Hwb to access resources to support your home learning. We also have daily discussions at 9am. Keep sending in pictures of your home learning activities so we can give you lots of Dojo points. Stay safe and have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - We hope you all had a lovely half term week and a huge diolch yn fawr for a fantastic first week back. We have loved seeing you joining in with our challenges and our 30 Days Wild activities. Next week we will be starting a new topic book called 'Mad about Minibeasts' so we will be reading the story on Monday and there will be new challenges on HWB to go with this story! We are going to be working together to get ready for an exciting virtual 'bug ball' and you are all invited to join us on teams! Next week we will need your help to create masks, invitations and more! Our next Teams call will be on Monday 8th June at 10.30am where we will read our new book together! We hope you have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - What an amazing first week back Dosbarth 3 & 4, we have seen some fantastic work completed this week on our topic 'Ready, Steady, Cook,' with lots of lovely tiger themed activities based on our new book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea.' Dojos have been awarded for all the work sent in. Thank you for continuing to join in with our Teams meetings, it's so nice to see you and be able to share learning, stories and complete tasks together. We will be back on Monday with lots more home learning challenges for you to complete. Don't forget to get in touch if you have any questions or issues. Keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - An incredible first week back after Whitsun Year 2! You've used your creativity and imagination to complete lots of wonderful activities for our topic 'Inside and Out!' It's also been fabulous to see you exploring our wonderful world of nature and engaging in the Wildlife Trust's 30 Days Wild activities. We look forward to seeing your pictures and updates everyday so please keep them coming! 😊 Thank you once again for joining us on Team Meetings - we love seeing you and hearing about your day! Your new Ready to Sparkle challenges for next week will be saved in your Class Hwb files for 'Week beginning 08-06-20.' Have a lovely weekend and we will be in touch again next week. Stay safe and keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Diolch yn fawr for all your amazing work produced this term. Teams meetings will take place on our normal days next week - Class 7 on Monday 8th June, Class

8 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. We can't wait to see you all and to see how you are getting on with the tasks. Over the next few weeks we will be continuing to work on tasks related to our topic- 'We are survivors.' Polite reminder to send any completed pieces of work to your teacher, so they can tweet pictures of your work to show to the rest of the school. Have a lovely weekend with your families! 😊 Keep safe and remember to keep climbing to sparkle.



**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - Diolch yn fawr Dosbarth 9 & 10 for another fantastic week! It is so lovely to see all the wonderful work you are doing at home. We really enjoyed hearing about what you did in half term and sharing photos of the fun you had was great to see. A big thank you to everyone in your homes helping to support you at home. We are extremely proud of everyone. We are really enjoying the Teams meetings and the quizzes are so much fun. Have a lovely weekend. Stay safe and remember to keep climbing to sparkle everyone!

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** - It has been a great start to the new half term year 5! You are continuing to produce excellent work and we are all so proud of you. We have really enjoyed seeing your work and can't wait to see more of your fantastic efforts next week. Have a relaxing weekend with your families, keep safe and remember, keep climbing to sparkle! See you on our next Teams meetings!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** - As ever you have worked extremely hard this week Dosbarth 13 & 14 and it has been wonderful to see what you have completed. We look forward to working with you further next week on your tasks and seeing what you produce. Remember to take a look at 'The Ickabog' over the weekend to help with your illustrations!

<https://www.theickabog.com/home/> Have a relaxed and refreshing weekend and we will see you on Monday for even more climbing and sparkling!

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

**Kind regards,**

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg