

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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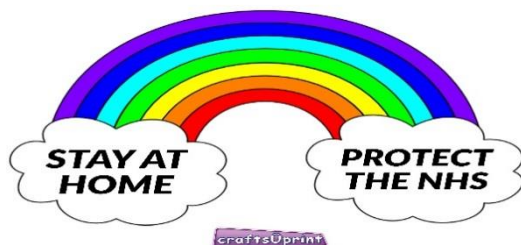
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*This half term our value is "Unity" being united or joined together as a whole.*



Dear Parent/Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni

### **Important Dates**

**22.06.20** Nursery/Reception packs and handbooks available for parents

**24.06.20** All school summer term reports for all year groups and details of next year's teacher.

**29.06.20** Return to school

Welcome to our tenth 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 have been very busy this week after the announcement this week that schools in Wales will reopen on 29.06.20 .

We are working very closely with our LA and although there are some questions our partners in Torfaen are waiting on from WG , our staff and governors at Garnteg have been busy at our site this week preparing drop off zones walkways and classrooms in preparation for our return on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. More plans and information will be available on the school website and dojo pages etc next week to help you with preparation. Some questions we have

already been asked is about uniform for the final weeks. Your child will **not** be expected to wear school uniform just comfortable clothes and trainers suitable for outside learning experiences and can be washed easily.

### **Return to school Letter and survey information**

A letter to parents/carers with more information about school re-opening on 29<sup>th</sup> June is available to download from our website. <http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/>

To help us ensure school is safe and secure for students and staff we need your engagement. We would like all parents to return the form attached to the letter and return it to us no later than **Wednesday 17th June** indicating whether you would like your child[ren] to attend school for the remainder of the term. If you are a key worker please make sure you tick this option when completing the form.

Welsh Government have been clear that there will be no penalty for parents if their child does not attend school this term. I am sure the decision about whether you want your child to return to school at this time, is one you want to think carefully about. We will respect every family's decision but it is important we hear from you if you want your child[ren] to return by Wednesday 17th June at the latest via Class Dojo, our website and school office email address [garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk)

OR

If you would prefer to complete the form electronically it can be accessed using the links below and your response will be submitted to us:

If you **WILL** be sending your child/children back to school:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k6MEvN-Fmm1HgELOFI7aT-9URFUOTE1BSk9DNldEUUVWNlhOUVA4MjNGVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k6MEvN-Fmm1HgELOFI7aT-9URFUOTE1BSk9DNldEUUVWNlhOUVA4MjNGVi4u)

If you **WILL NOT** be sending your child/children back to school:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k6MEvN-Fmm1HgELOFI7aT-9UQUUpOVOIPODIPOFVLVFIsmkswNFBCN0UxSy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k6MEvN-Fmm1HgELOFI7aT-9UQUUpOVOIPODIPOFVLVFIsmkswNFBCN0UxSy4u)

### **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.

## **Garnteg Leavers Year 6**

**This week we are also very pleased to announce although our format and organisation will be changed this year our wonderful year 6 will still have**

1. A leavers and awards ceremony and trophy full awards this will include:
2. Graduation from Garnteg cap and Gowns
3. Leavers prizes and hoodies
4. Shield winners and local history awards
5. Music awards
6. A CD and video link ceremony and cds for parents

## **Transition Nursery and Reception Garnteg**

In much the same way staff at Garnteg have prepared induction booklets packs, presentations and virtual tours and will be phoning parents.

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/>

All packs for Nursery and reception will be available on Monday 22.06.20

All reports including the name of your next teacher will be available on Wednesday 24.06.20.

## **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 made contact with families 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** - Diolch Meithrin for your fantastic work again this week! Our next Teams video chat will be Wednesday 17th 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** - Diolch Reception for another great week of home learning. We have loved seeing you complete the challenges this week, especially the 30 days wild challenges! We are super proud of you all. You have all worked so hard getting ready for our virtual 'bug ball' and we can announce that it will be taking place next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June on Microsoft teams in the Reception team. We have really enjoyed seeing your creations and plans for this ball. Just to remind parents also to update us whether your child will be returning back to school or not, the form is on the Garnteg primary website or you can email the school office. Please can you respond before 17<sup>th</sup> June at the latest. There will be new challenges

uploaded to hwb on Monday and there will also be a team meeting at 10.30 am Monday morning. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - A big Diolch to you all for your amazing work that you've handed in our second week back since half term. Your determination to complete your work really makes us smile and we are very proud of you! Thank you for your patience with Teams meetings changing due to us being in school, we really missed seeing your lovely faces! Our next Team meeting will be on Monday and we have some lovely activities to complete next week too! The Tiger Who Came to Tea has been an incredible hit with you all and we cannot wait to see what else the tiger will get up too in your homes next week. Have a lovely relaxing weekend with your families and we will see you on Monday.

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - What a week of fabulous home learning inside and out! You have all climbed to sparkle! It has been wonderful to see you use your own ideas, imagination and creativity to complete your home learning challenges. It's also been fabulous to see you exploring our beautiful world of nature and engaging in the Wildlife Trust's 30 Days Wild activities. We enjoy celebrating your pictures, family experiences and updates so please keep them coming! A big thank you once again for joining us on Team Meetings - we love seeing you, hearing about your favourite things and sharing story time sessions with you. Your confidence is growing every week. We are very proud of each and every one of you. Your new Ready to Sparkle challenges for next week will be saved in your Class Hwb files for 'Week beginning 15-06-20.' Have a relaxing weekend together. Stay safe and keep climbing to sparkle!

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - Diolch yn fawr once again for your excellent effort this week. Teams meetings will take place on our normal days next week - Class 7 on Monday 15th June, where we will be taking part in 'Show and Tell'. Class 8 on Friday 19th June, where we will be reading the next chapter of the book and taking part in 'Show and Tell.' We can't wait to see you all and to see how you are getting on with the tasks. 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 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - Diolch yn fawr Dosbarth 9 & 10 for your amazing home learning this week we have really enjoyed reading your adventure stories! It has also been lovely to see all the wonderful art, maths and science work you are doing at home. We can not wait to see you on our Teams meetings for a quiz and show and tell as well as seeing more of your fantastic work next week. Keep looking on class dojo and HWB for the next few chapters

of our class story. We are extremely proud of everyone. Have a lovely weekend with your families. Stay safe and remember to keep climbing to sparkle everyone!

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** - Da iawn Dosbarth 11 & 12 for another fantastic week of home learning! We are so proud of all the effort and hard work you are all putting in so a big diolch yn fawr from the Year 5 staff. We have really enjoyed seeing your newspaper reports, health and well-being work and art this week and can't wait to see more of your fantastic efforts next week. Have a relaxing weekend, spend time with your families and keep safe. Keep climbing to sparkle everyone! See you on our next Teams meetings!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** - Even more fabulous work has been produced this week and we are beyond proud once again. We're really looking forward to some of the fun activities in store for next week including a Roald Dahl book study! Have a restful, fun weekend with your families and we look forward to seeing you in Teams meetings on Monday! Da Iawn again 😊

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

**Kind regards,**

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg