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Lythys - Newsletter - 19th June 2020

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 Parents plan for their families to return days

22.06.20 Nursery/Reception packs and handbooks available for parents

26.06.20 All school summer term reports for all year groups and details of next year's teacher. Please note the change of date here due to the return to school organisation

29.06.20 Return to school



Welcome to our twelfth 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

At Garnteg we are really lucky to have a design that lends itself easily to keeping and maintaining class bubbles, with entry point doors for every year group leading to their own classes and toilet facilities and following through their classes outside single point exit doors to open and play spaces. There are also taps and sinks for washing in every classroom in addition to the toilets.

We now have a picture of what school will look like when we reopen on the 29th June, the steps we will take to minimise risk to children and adults, and how you can support us.

Please follow the links for a letter to parents/carers and a full plan and explanation

[Letter to Parents](#)
[Full Guide](#)

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 information

A news article with information about the re-opening of Torfaen schools as well as a link to FAQs can be found on the Torfaen website here:

<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.

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 already in and looking fantastic
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.

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

Type 1 Diabetes - The Children and Young People's Wales Diabetes Network

The NHS has asked for this message to be sent out to you.

Undiagnosed Type 1 diabetes in children requires urgent medical attention

If your child has ANY of the main symptoms of Type 1 diabetes please make an **urgent** GP appointment or contact the Out of Hours service. The main symptoms are known as the 4 Ts - Thirst, Toilet, Tiredness, Thinner. If you notice your child is thirsty or using the toilet more frequently, is always feeling tired, or has lost weight recently, seek immediate medical advice.

NHS services are very well equipped to look after children safely if they are unwell. Please do not delay seeking medical advice because of Covid-19.

There is more information available here:

https://www.diabetes.org.uk/in_your_area/wales/campaigning/know-type-1---wales

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- Excellent efforts again this week Meithin, da iawn! I can see you Sorts Day preparations are well under way. Our next Teams video chat will be Friday 26th 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. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Well done Reception for another fantastic week! We have been so impressed with how you have prepared for our bug ball and we hope you had a great time! We loved seeing your beautiful masks, bug snacks and decorations well done! Don't forget to check in on Monday for new HWB challenges and watch our twitter/hwb or dojos to find out the latest information on our video calls! Have a lovely weekend all and see you Monday!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Another fantastic week of home learning, thank you for continuing to support your children with their home learning challenges every week. We love seeing all of the photos you send in and make sure children are awarded Dojos for their efforts. Thank you for continuing to join our Teams meetings where we have a chance to catch up and share our learning. New challenges will be available from Monday through Hwb, Class Dojo and Twitter. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Another week of brilliant home learning of our 'Inside and out' topic! You have all climbed to sparkle! 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 'Summer Term Week beginning 22-06-20.' Have a relaxing weekend together. Stay safe and keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Another fabulous week of home learning Dosbarth 7 & 8! We are so proud of all your hard work and creativity! Diolch for taking part in our Teams meetings each week, we love seeing your smiley faces! Teams meetings will take place on our normal days next week - Class 7 on Monday 22nd June, Class 8 on Friday 26th June at the new time of 11:30am. 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 and keep climbing to sparkle! 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Gwaith bendigedig Dosbarth 9 & 10! Your work this week has been amazing we have looked forward to seeing your wonderful work everyday. Just a reminder that new Y maths tasks are set every week so please take a look and complete as there are extra dojo points on offer. We are extremely proud of each and everyone of you and we appreciate all the support that your parents and carers have given you. Diolch yn fawr for taking part in our Teams meetings and quizzes they have been great fun! Have a lovely weekend with your families. Stay safe and remember to keep climbing to sparkle everyone!

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Another fantastic week of home learning in Dosbarth 11 & 12! You have put in so much effort with your work and we are so proud of all of you, so a big diolch yn fawr from the Year 5 staff. This week we have really enjoyed seeing your Welsh work, newspaper reports and artwork and can't wait to see more of your amazing efforts next week. Keep safe and we wish you and your families a lovely weekend. See you on our next Teams meetings everyone! Keep climbing to sparkle everyone!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Gwaith da Dosbarth 13 and 14! Fantastic work completed this week on our Roald Dahl study of the book Matilda. Lots of creative work, writing and reading tasks completed. Well done! We are looking forward to see what you produce next week as we carry on with our study. Have a lovely weekend, relax and spend time with your families. We will see you on our Teams meetings on Monday! Da Iawn again 😊

We miss you, and send all of our best wishes at this time and we cannot wait to see you all next week stay safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg