

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 26th 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 - Nursery /Reception packs and handbooks made available for parents

26.06.20 - All school summer term reports for all year groups and details of next year's teacher have been emailed to pupil Hwb accounts today.

29.06.20 - Return to school - We are very excited!



Good News and well done

A huge well done and thank you to all of our pupils, parents/carers and staff over the last few months for your amazing determination, perseverance and commitment to home learning. We are so proud of all that you have achieved in these difficult times and can't wait to see you next week. We are very proud to say that your hard work was recognised by Lynne Neagle this week, during her discussion with the Education Minister Kirsty Williams, in the Senedd; <http://schoolradio.wales/torfaen-primary-school-has-been-outstanding-in-lockdown-says-torfaen-ms/>

26.06.20 - Today end of term annual reports were sent to parents via the pupil accounts. Within the email are details of next years' class teacher. The following classes and their structure are as follows;

2020-21

Mrs Jones - Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Ally-Perrett - SLT Phase Leader, Mrs Davies - ALNCO & Parent Partnerships.

Nursery am/pm	Ms Hudspeth
Reception	Mrs Ngwenya
Reception	Mr Key
Reception/Year 1	Ms Bones
Year 1	Ms Brooks
Year 1 /2	Mrs Lee
Year 2	Ms Carroll
Year 3	Mrs Lewis
Year 3	Ms Paske
Year 4	Mrs Rogers
Year 4	Mrs Messoré
Year 5/6	Ms Grimas
Year 5/6	Ms Williams
Year 5/6	Mrs Parker-Evans
Year 5/6	Mr Phillips

Welcome to our thirteenth 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 preparing and marking our school site to return on Monday. All parents/carers have been given their days for families to return. And drop off zones have been created in the schools. All teachers have displayed a presentation with photographs of the drop off zones for each of the Phases and the classes.

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. All parents/carers have been given drop off times and staff will be out in the main car park zones to greet all pupils and take into school.

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>

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- Well done Nursery on planning, practising and competing in your at home Sports Day. Our next Teams video chat will be Wednesday 1st July. Summer reports have been e-mailed to your child's Hwb e-mail account. Remember to use our class page on Hwb to access resources to support your home learning. Enjoy your weekend Meithrin!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Reception for another brilliant week! Thank you all for your support with home learning! We are looking forward to welcoming some of you back next week and online learning tasks and support will continue during this time as well. We will be in touch through Hwb /dojos and Twitter with new learning challenges and the times of our next Teams video calls. Reports have been emailed to the children's HWB outlook account, can you please check and let us know that you have received these! If your child is returning to the school site next week and you would like to look through any of the information or pictures about returning to school, they are available on our Hwb class under the folder "Return to school".

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Another brilliant week of home learning and mini tasks! We have really enjoyed seeing your work again this week! We would just like to say a big thank you for all of your efforts the last 9 weeks and we are extremely proud of every single one of you. If you are coming back to school next week we cannot wait to see you again for lots of lovely learning. If you are staying at home we will still be checking in daily too see what wonderful work you have been creating at home! We will have daily check ins and will be live from the classroom on Fridays for Spellings and Big Maths.

If the weather is warm next week you can bring a sunhat to school which will need to be worn all day and sun cream applied before children come to school.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Fabulous home learning once again this week Year 2! We are very proud of you all! We are super excited to welcome some of you back to school next week! Everything has been prepared to welcome you a safe and happy return. Home learning will continue staff will be available online each day to celebrate and support on Twitter, Hwb Class, J2E and Class Dojos for both classes. There will be a daily teams meeting to go through each daily challenge. The rest of the year 2 staff will be on teams every Wednesday so we can all keep in touch. We will continue our topic of 'Inside and Out' in school and at home to ensure continuity. Your child's report has been sent to their Outlook email accounts. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions. We wish you all a lovely weekend with your families. See you next week! 😊

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - Da iawn for a fabulous week of home learning Year 3! You continue to amaze us with your focus and determination!! As we are back to school next week, our class Teams meetings will be slightly different - Class 7 every Wednesday at 11:00am, Class 8 every Wednesday at 1:00pm. Home learning will continue each day, we will be checking in throughout the day to see your amazing home learning through Hwb class, Class Dojo and Twitter. We're very excited to see you next week! Have a lovely weekend with your families and keep climbing to sparkle! 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Da iawn Dosbarth 9 & 10, your work this week has been amazing again. It is a pleasure to see. We have had some fab Teams calls and our quiz was so much fun again. Looking forward to next week's one. Thank you to your families at home for helping with your tasks. Look out for the different days that we will be having Teams calls next week. Have a lovely weekend with your families. Stay safe and remember to keep climbing to sparkle everyone!

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Da iawn Dosbarth 11 and 12 for another fantastic week of home learning! The Year 5 staff are so proud of all the effort you have made again this week and the beautiful work you have produced. We can not wait to see you next week in our bubbles at school! Online learning will continue next week including our Teams meetings that will take place every Wednesday. Your reports are now online and have been sent to your Hwb email accounts. Have a lovely weekend, remember to keep safe and spend time with your families. Keep climbing to sparkle Year 5!!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Da iawn for your work again this week. As always your attitude has been great and we have thoroughly enjoyed reading your tasks based on Matilda. Your reports are now online and have been sent to your hwb email accounts We are looking forward to seeing so many of you back in school next week in our bubbles. We will be continuing with our online learning including our Teams Quiz on Wednesday. Enjoy the weekend and keep climbing to sparkle. (Let's hope the alarm works on Monday morning!)

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