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### Lythys - Newsletter - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

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

Dear Parent/Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni

Welcome to our fourteenth edition of our online newsletter. This letter will be tweeted, added to our school website and posted on the Hwb and Class Dojo sites.



What a great time we have had returning to school this week. It was lovely to see all the children looking so happy on arrival and smiling after spending time with their peers and teaching staff in their bubbles. It was also fabulous to see the excellent blended learning taking place in the bubbles and on line through Hwb and Teams. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting our policies of social distancing and using drop off/collection zones and specified times. We look forward to spending lots more time with the pupils during the next 2 weeks.

### Important Dates

A reminder that school finishes for Reception to Year 5 pupils on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and for Y6 pupils only on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

### School Reports

Last week, all end of term annual reports were sent to parents via the pupil Hwb 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 Messoro
Year 5/6	Ms Grimas
Year 5/6	Ms Williams
Year 5/6	Mrs Parker-Evans
Year 5/6	Mr Phillips

**Next week teachers will meet and introduce themselves to their new classes on Teams. We will let you know days and times the beginning of next week.**

### **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 DVD and video link ceremony and DVDs 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.

### **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)

### **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](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- Da iawn Meithrin for another fantastic week of home learning! Our next video chat will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Remember to use our class page on Hwb to access resources to support your home learning. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - A big diolch to Reception for a fabulous first week back in school! You have all done really well this week with following our new class rules and also your home and school learning. We have loved seeing your pictures of you completing your challenges this week. Don't forget that sunscreen needs to be applied by the parents at the start of the day as we aim to be outdoors as much as possible. We will still be available on HWB, Twitter and Dojos so keep an eye out for more information for the times of our class teams calls. Keep up all the hard work on your home learning and we hope you all have a lovely weekend!!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - What a wonderful first week back at school! Well done! We have loved seeing all of those who have returned. A big well done to those still completing home learning tasks too, we still enjoy seeing your pictures and have awarded Dojos for all work completed at home. We are still able to communicate with you through Twitter, Dojo and Hwb so keep an eye on these for updates on home learning and Teams sessions which are continuing every day. Can we ask that you bring in any home learning that has been completed on your next session into school. 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. Diolch.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - We have had a fabulous first week back in school! You have all been exceptional following our new class rules and we have loved seeing you in person! 😊 It's also been another successful week of home learning. A BIG da iawn to all who have sent your wonderful home learning inside and out too! You have worked so hard and we have loved awarding you dojos and celebrating your work! Our Teams meetings have been so uplifting and positive! We have all thoroughly enjoyed being able to talk and see everyone both at home and in school! It has brightened up everyone's day seeing all the smiling, happy faces! Have a fantastic weekend all and we will see you on Monday, either in school or on Teams at 10.30am 😊 Keep climbing to sparkle Blwyddyn 2!

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - Da iawn for a fabulous week of home and school learning Year 3! It's been so lovely to see some of you back in class! Class Teams meetings for both classes next week will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am where you will be able to see your friends that are in school! 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. Have a lovely weekend with your families and keep climbing to sparkle! 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - What a fantastic first week back in school and the continuation of the home learning. We are so proud of each of you and love seeing all your super work. It has also been enjoyable to catch up with you on Teams from our classroom. We will continue to do this next week as well as hold our quiz and spelling test on Friday at 10.00am. 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! The Year 5 staff are so proud of all the effort you have made yet again and the beautiful work you have produced online and in our class bubbles. It has been lovely seeing some of you back in class this week and we have thoroughly enjoyed hearing your lockdown stories. Have a lovely weekend, remember to keep safe and spend time with your families. Keep climbing to sparkle Year 5, you are all doing amazing!!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** - We have thoroughly enjoyed having some of you back in class this week. It has been amazing to hear what you have been doing and see your smiling faces. Thank you to parents and children for being so mature and sensible with social distancing rules, it has made our time together even more enjoyable. It has been wonderful to see the work you have still been completing from home also! Well done Year 6!  
Reminder- Anyone who has not yet sent a baby photo- please return one the next time you're in or on class dojo :)

**Once again thank you for a fabulous week and we look forward to seeing you again next week.**

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg**