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*Lythys - Newsletter - 10th July 2020*

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

Annwyl Rhieni  
Dear Parent/Carer



We are now the other side of the rainbow and are extremely pleased to announce school will be returning for all pupils in September on a gradual return returning to full capacity on September 14. **Well done everyone!**

For more information please follow the link to the Torfaen page below.

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/News/2020/July/09-Schools-to-reopen-to-all-pupils-from-September.aspx>

More details of our return will be available when the WG guidance is published next week. Details of the Education Minister's speech are published below on the link.

<https://twitter.com/WelshGovernment/status/1281188080880250881?s=20>

What a fantastic two weeks we have had returning to school! This week all groups have settled really well into their class bubbles and home learning. Team meetings to meet and greet the next years teachers was again, really successful. It was also fabulous to see the excellent blended learning taking place in the bubbles and online 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 last week of term. We greatly look forward to our leavers day

20<sup>th</sup> July when all of our year 6 leavers will return for a final time for some rather special activities.

### **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.

### **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 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-** We hope you have enjoyed meeting your new teachers on teams this week! If you were unable to attend please check your child's HWB email account for a message from their new teachers! Remember next Friday we have our graduation tea party on Teams with Nursery staff and Socky. It will be at 11am for morning nursery and 2pm for afternoon nursery. We hope to see you all there to celebrate! Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - We hope you enjoyed meeting you new teachers on teams this week! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be having an end of

year party on teams on Wednesday at 2pm! More party information to come on twitter, hwb and dojo. We hope to see lots of you there 😊

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - WOW! We are so impressed with your work at home and in school! You have been so resilient, and we are all so proud of your work ethic! Next week is our last week in school together and I'm sure we will have lots of lasting memories together to takeaway with us all. 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. We would like to invite you to an end of year party on teams at 2pm on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> July. You can wear your best clothes and we can all have one last dance together! We will also post more information near the time on Hwb, Twitter and Class Dojo.

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - Another successful week of school and home learning in year 2! A big well done to everyone! We are all so proud of you and love awarding you well deserved dojos! We hope you enjoyed meeting your new teachers on Teams this week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Next week is our last week of home learning and school. We are excited to spend this last week with you all before the summer! We will be having two party days to celebrate the end of term. We will all celebrate together on Teams on Tuesday and Friday at 12.30. Children can wear party cloths to school and at home and bring party food. 😊 We are super excited and hope you will join us! Also, a little reminder for children who are in school, can you let your teacher know by the end of today, if your child will be coming in for the extra day. 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** - Just to say a massive well done to all year 3 children. We are so proud of the work you are completing at home and in school. Next week our class teams chats will be on Friday at 11:30am. Also, for each bubbles' last day in school (Tuesday- Bubble A, Thursday-Bubble B, Friday- Bubble C) please could you bring in an extra snack to eat for our film afternoon and you can dress up if you wish as any character you like. 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 another fantastic week in school it has been. You have shown that you are all so resilient and all the staff in Year 4 are extremely proud of each of you. It has been so much fun seeing you all on Teams for the quiz on a Friday and any other catch

up's in the week. Please look out for the messages we post on Class Dojos and Hwb. We will be letting you know about different activities we would like to do next week, as it is the children's last week in their year 4 classes. 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** - It has been such a lovely week in school in our class bubbles and also online having our meetings and quizzes. You have produced some lovely work so well done to you all! Have a lovely weekend with your families. Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you next week in class and online. Keep Climbing to Sparkle!

Information for Leaver's Day

We are really looking forward to our special Leaver's Day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. ***You will need to be in school at 8.50am and the day will finish at 3.30pm. We have lots of activities planned for the day which we are sure you will all enjoy.***

**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