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Lythys - Newsletter - 17th 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 14th. Well done everyone!



For more information on our re-opening in September please see the letter to parents/carers below:

<http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/media/1522/return-to-school-september-2020-letter.pdf>

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>

A letter from the Chief Education Officer Education and lead director for children and young people:

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/Related-Documents/Coronavirus/Letter-to-parents-10-July-2020.pdf>

Return to School w/c 1/09/20

Please note that the LA and all LAs regionally have set aside the Tuesday and Wednesday 1st and 2nd September as planning days in order for risk assessments and other operational services to be signed off so, pupils will return on a phased basis from Thursday 3rd September 2020. Priority will be given on these days to our new intake of pupils in Nursery and Reception where parents/carers and pupils will have the opportunity to meet and spend time in the class meeting the full staff.

Please note an individual letter with the start date for your child/ren will be sent next week. Family siblings will be attending on the same start dates unless Nursery or Reception intake, which will be slightly earlier.

Week 1 (Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th September)

Nursery Intake (new starters to Garnteg) - 2 groups of 6 pupils 1hr am (9:15-10:15 and 10:45-11:45) and 1hr each pm (12:30 -1:30 and 2:00 -3:00) for induction with parents.

Parents will be sent an individual letter with the times for each group

Reception Intake new starters to Garnteg not previously in our nursery- am and pm sessions will be allocated to you to all for a parent/carer/pupil induction.

Y1-Y6 pupils - Groups of up to 15 pupils and new starters to the school

Week 2 w/c 7th September 20

Nursery - half intake session build up

Reception - half intake session build up

Y1-Y6 - Build up to full capacity in class by Monday 14th September.

Week 3 - w/c 14th September 20

All pupils in school

Staggered arrival collection times:

8:40am - 3:00pm

8:50am - 3:10pm

9:00am - 3:20pm

9:10pm - 3:30pm

Bottom gate

Nursery, Reception and Y1 pupils (without siblings in other year groups) to use bottom gate as entrance and exit. With Siblings use top gate and drop off bays.

What a super three weeks we have had returning to school! Thank you to parents and carers for supporting our policies of social distancing and using drop off/collection zones and specified times. We greatly look forward to our leavers day 20th July when all of our year 6 leavers will return for a final time for some rather special activities.

Year 7 Transition

Abersychan Year 7 You will be receiving your packs with your form details over the weekend.

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

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- Thank you Nursery for a wonderful year together! We have made lots of fun memories and it has been lovely to see so many new friendships formed in your first year of school. Thank you for hard work and efforts completing home learning challenges. The Nursery team have really enjoyed seeing your pictures and speaking to you on Teams video chat. We hope you have a brilliant summer! Stay safe, have lots of fun and we wish you all the best as you move to reception.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Thank you to all Reception for an amazing year together! You have really climbed to sparkle both in school and through your home learning challenges! It has been fantastic to see so many of you in the last few weeks through our class groups and also our Teams calls! We had an amazing summer party this week through Teams, thank you all for joining us! We hope that you have a wonderful summer break and we are looking forward to seeing you in September! Stay safe and enjoy the sun!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - A massive thank you to all of Dosbarth 3 & 4 for a fantastic year together, it may not have been the same as previous years, but we are so proud of you all. You have shone bright both in school and through your online learning and we would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support and dedication. We have really enjoyed having some of you back in school these last few weeks and love seeing all of your smiling faces on Teams. Our end of year parties and sports days have been very successful this week and we hope the children have enjoyed taking part. We wish you all the best of luck in your new classes and look forward to welcoming you all back in September, enjoy your summer and stay safe. Keep climbing to sparkle.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Wow! This year has flown by! We have just had our final week in Year 2 and what a fun-filled week we have had! You have all completed amazing home learning over the last 5 months and we could not be any prouder of you all! We have enjoyed having some of you back in school in your bubbles over the past 3 weeks! Our Teams meetings have been so happy and positive and we have loved hearing all about your adventures at home. Our end of year parties have been fantastic and a wonderful treat to end the year! A big well done to everyone for a successful year! We hope you have a wonderful summer holidays and we wish you all the best of luck in KS2 in September! 😊 Remember to stay safe, have fun and enjoy the sun! Diolch! Keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - What a fantastic final week in school Year 3!! You have completed amazing home learning and we've had lovely, fun-filled days for each bubble's last day! Thanks everyone for a brilliant successful year, we are so proud of all of you and it has been a pleasure to teach you this year. We hope you have an amazing 6 weeks off and we will give you all in September in your new Year 4 classes. Diolch yn fawr for the continued support from all parents and carers through the past few months! Have a fantastic break, keep safe and enjoy the sun. Diolch. 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - We would like to take this opportunity to say how proud that you all have made us with the home learning that you have completed over the last few weeks. It has been fantastic to see the children in the bubbles over the past 3 weeks as well as the children on the TEAMS so we can catch up with each other. Every day of the past few months have been filled with laughter, sharing of wonderful ideas and adventures. All the year 4 staff hope that you have a fun filled Summer break and we will see you all in September in your new classes. Also we would like to say a big thank you for all the parents support that we have received too through these strange times. Diolch yn fawr!

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Wow, how quickly has this year gone by! Year 5, the staff are so amazingly proud of you all and how you have worked this year in school, online and back in our bubbles. We have thoroughly enjoyed keeping in contact with you on our Teams meetings and seeing how you have all kept smiling, laughing, telling us your Covid stories and truly climbing to sparkle! Have a wonderful summer Year 5, you deserve it and we will see you all in September in your new classes. A huge diolch yn fawr to all of the Year 5 parents and carers who have definitely climbed to sparkle themselves over the last few months and also for your continued support over the last year, we truly are very grateful. Remember to stay safe, have fun and enjoy the sunshine! 😊

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Well year 6, where do we start? You have been such a pleasure this year both in class and online. Through all of the confusion we've found ourselves in, you have

remained upbeat and positive at all times and for that we cannot thank you enough. We cannot wait to celebrate with you on Monday and treat you to the fantastic day you all deserve! We wish you every success in the future and we know you have the brightest of times ahead of you. Have a wonderful weekend.

Information for Leavers Day

We are really looking forward to our special Leaver's Day on Monday 20th 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.

Year 6 parents, we would love you to join the celebrations virtually through our live stream graduation. This is available on Monday between 1.15 and 2pm on our private Instagram account. You can find us at GPYear6leavers.

Future term Dates

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 01.09.20	Monday 26.10.20	Friday 30.10.20	Friday 18.12.20
Spring	Monday 04.01.21	Monday 15.02.21	Friday 19.02.21	Friday 26.03.21
Summer	Monday 12.04.21	Monday 31.05.21	Friday 04.06.21	Tuesday 20.07.21

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.21	Monday 25.10.21	Friday 29.10.21	Friday 17.12.21
Spring	Monday 04.01.22	Monday 21.02.22	Friday 25.02.22	Friday 08.04.22
Summer	Monday 25.04.22	Monday 30.05.22	Friday 03.06.22	Friday 22.07.22

Term	Start	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Fri 2 nd Sept 2022	Mon 31 th Oct 2022	Fri 4 th Nov 2022	Fri 23 rd Dec 2022
Spring	Mon 9 th Jan 2023	Mon 20 th Feb 2023	Fri 24 th Feb 2023	Fri 31 st Mar 2023
Summer	Mon 17 th Apr 2023	Mon 29 th May 2023	Fri 2 nd Jun 2023	Fri 21 st Jul 2023

Hope you all have a very safe and restful summer please stay safe, we will be delighted to see you all in September

Kindest regards,

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg