

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 2nd October 2020

This half term our value is "*perseverance*"

Dear Parent/Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni

A big thank you to all parents/carers and pupils for both supporting us and keeping safe and healthy during a difficult week at Garnteg, Many thanks for the very kind smiles and well wishes during the very wet weather this week this cheered us up no end. We have continued to put a few reminders on the newsletter for this week. For your convenience our newsletter will continue online via all previous communication channels, school website, twitter, class dojo.

Important Dates for your diary

Inset Days for this academic year 2020-2021

October 22nd & 23rd 2020

January 4th 2021

July 19th & 20th 2021

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - half term

Monday 2nd November - School restarts

Flu Immunisation

All children have the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine at Garnteg School on October 5th. Information has been sent out to pupils and signed letters have been returned to school Please ensure your letter is brought in on Monday if you are yet to return it.

Here is some Information from NHS Wales.

Vaccine preventable diseases can cause serious illness and complications. Vaccination is the best and safest way to protect the child and others from flu, which is extremely important this year to avoid a flu epidemic on top of the recent Covid 19 pandemic. The Chief Medical Officer in Wales has stressed the importance of ensuring children receive their immunisations during the Covid crisis period to avoid outbreaks of other diseases.

Nurses will follow compliance with government guidelines and schools' arrangements when giving the Vaccine on Monday and full PPE and risk assessments have been completed.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Please update the school office if you have changed your mobile number or if any of your child's emergency contact numbers have changed. This is **highly important** should we need to contact you in the event of an emergency or your child becomes ill in school.

Pupil Absence

If your child is absent from school, please would parents/carers ensure they telephone the **school office** on 01495 742934 by 9.30am to advise us of the reason for the absence. Please leave a message on the answerphone if you are unable to speak to a member of the office staff.

Thankyou

We would like to say a big '**Diolch Yn Fawr**' to Cllr Giles Davies and Melin Homes for generously donating £900 worth of school equipment-pens, calculators, rulers etc as part of the '**Back to School Scheme**'.

Photos on Social Media Data Protection

Would parents/carers please be aware when posting photographs of your children on Social Media that the photograph does not include images of other children and adults who you do not have permission to upload.

Internet Safety

As our home learning tasks will be shared with you online this year, we ask parents to be vigilant about how their children are using our online platforms such as Hwb Classes and Teams etc. Please ensure that work that is being uploaded to these platforms is checked to ensure it is appropriate. We ask that pupils and parents follow the terms of our acceptable use agreements which can be found on the school website

<http://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/garnteg-e-safety-documents/>

Free online safety courses for parents will be available soon from the following website

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training/search?search=&sort=new&cat=parent&type=course>

Useful links for parents in identifying symptoms of Covid

<https://www.facebook.com/educationwales/videos/394609874843267/>

Torfaen CBC information for parents

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/AboutTheCouncil/HomepageStories/Coronavirus/Education/Return-to-School-FAQs.aspx>

Collection at the gates at the end of day - no early arrivals please

- Can we remind parents that we cannot release children to parents waiting in cars as there is a lot of movement on the roundabout and children's safety is paramount.
- Also parents/carers need to ensure that when they can see their children with their teacher(s), they need to move forward into the coned square in front of the gates for staff to release the pupils. We cannot allow pupils to meet parents on the road/roundabout outside the school.

School Lunch menu

The school lunch menu can be downloaded from the following website. If you click on the daily meals you will see many responses stating why our School Council 2019-20 enjoyed those meals.

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/Schoolcatering/School-Menus.aspx>

Our School Council also feature in the LACA catering magazine pages 13-16, representing Torfaen, well done to our School Council!

<https://secure.viewer.zmags.com/publication/d049e5af#/d049e5af/14>

Pupil of the Week (in class)

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery	Jonah and Miyah	Class 7- Mrs Lewis	Timmy
Class 1	Ceinwen	Class 8- Miss Paske	Bowen
Class 2	Jacob C	Class 9- Mrs Rogers	Elle-Mae
Class 3	Travis	Class 10- Mrs Messore	Joe
Class 4	Aniyah	Class 11- Miss Grimas	Alexis
Class 5	Tyler-Luke	Class 12- Miss Williams	Luke
Class 6	Summer	Class 13- Mrs Parker-Evans	Lily Evans
		Class 14- Mr Phillips	Tilly

Nursery- Diolch Meithrin for your fantastic efforts with home learning this week. We have loved seeing you complete your home learning tasks with such creativity. It was great to catch up with you all on our first Teams meeting. Our next Teams meet will be Wednesday 7th October. Remember to tag us in your pictures on Twitter and upload your home learning pictures to J2E files. We look forward to seeing you on **Friday 9th October 2020**.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn for another fantastic week in Reception! We have really loved seeing your Autumn walk pictures and videos so far, thank you to everyone that has sent something in! There is still time this week to send in a picture or video and receive our home challenge dojo points, happy exploring! If you have not yet connected to our dojo class you will find the information on the letter sent home, or get in touch and we will send you a new link, as this will be an important form of communication.

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 3 and 4, another fantastic week in school. We have really enjoyed learning more about our topic 'On the move,' and reading our 'Magic Train Ride' story. We loved our first PE session and we were so lucky to have beautiful weather too! PE will be every Thursday. Can we also remind you to bring a spare pair of clothes into school clearly labelled. Please ensure to connect with us on Class Dojo as this will be an important form of communication. Our home learning tasks have been uploaded and we have loved seeing your children try so hard at their homework so far. Just a reminder that Oxford Owl allows you to read books at home that we can continue in school. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Another excellent week for classes 5 and 6! We are thoroughly enjoying our topic explorers of the outdoors and have been completing fun tasks. PE will be on a Thursday for both classes. Please can children wear kit to school. Spellings and homework logs are on Hwb and Dojo. Have a fantastic weekend.

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - WOW Blwydden 3! Another amazing week. All children have been enjoying another week, completing fun tasks based on our Autumn term topic 'Fly Me To The Moon.' Just a polite reminder for children to wear their PE kits on Mondays and Wednesdays (joggers and a jacket too) as we cannot change into kits in school. Spellings are being set on Hwb and Class Dojo every Friday for your child to learn for the following Friday. Also, remember to check My Maths, as we will setting tasks on there every Friday linked to skills that we have been covering in class. Reading online can be accessed using Oxford Owl. Please let us know if you need help with creating an account for your child. Bendegedig Dosbarth 7 & Dosbarth 8. Have a wonderful weekend! Diolch.

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - We are so proud of each and everyone of you for the fantastic effort that you have shown towards the activities for our topic 'Fly me to the Moon.' Just a reminder that our P.E sessions will be held on Wednesday and Friday-the children are invited to wear joggers/t-shirt/hoodie/jacket and trainers on these days. Please take a look at the new My Maths tasks set this week and continue to use www.oxfordowl.co.uk website to encourage the children to practise reading. We would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for the support that you have shown with the home learning tasks. We love looking at them and awarding the dojo points.

Dosbarth 11 & 12 -

Another excellent week for classes 11&12! We are thoroughly enjoying our topic Kaleidoscope and have been completing fun tasks. A reminder that PE for class 11 is Monday and Thursday; class 12 is Tuesday and Friday. Please can children wear kit to school. Check MyMaths for new tasks this week and continue to upload homework via hwb/dojo. Bendigegedig Dosbarth 11&12. Have a fabulous weekend. Stay safe.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 -

A lovely week for both classes. Pupils are enjoying the Kaleidoscope topic and have produced some fantastic work this week. Pupils are also enjoying the outdoor PE sessions and have been working on ball skills and fitness. PE will continue to be on Monday and Thursday next week. Thank you for the homework you are uploading. Keep going with that. Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg