GARNTEG PRIMARY



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<u>Lythys - Newsletter -9th October 2020</u> <u>This half term our value is "perseverance"</u>

Dear Parent/Carer, Annwyl Rhieni

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

<u>Parents Autumn term reports and Targets 19-20th October opportunities for a meeting via teams at request</u>

This term parent consultations will be taking place on Microsoft Teams at request. If a Teams meeting is requested after receiving your child's report, pupils will be allocated a time by invite on email. This invite will need to be accepted. Your child's target report will be sent to your child's Hwb email account on Friday 16^{th} of October. The home school agreement will also be sent for you to sign electronically.

Community Support Officers visit

Community Support Officers (CSOs) 332 Back & 340 Davis attended the school today with regards to concerns about dangerous parking during peak school times.

CSOs felt that today was successful. Many parents observed the parking requirements in the immediate area which had a positive impact on the safety of the children who attend the school. We ask that this positivity continues so that both children and residents remain safe.

Parents and children also actively engaged with us and provided a positive image of the school and wider community – we are looking forward to working with the school more when circumstances allow.

Please continue park safely and courteously – diolch yn fawr!

CSO 332 Back & CSO340 Davis

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.

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

Birthday Cakes

Children can now bring in a shop-bought, pre-packed birthday cake if they wish, to share with their class.

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/AboutThe Council/Homepage Stories/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	Rosie and Jordan-Jay	Class 7- Mrs Lewis	Isabella
Class 1	Ivy-Lee	Class 8- Miss Paske	Tillie-Mae
Class 2	Lewis	Class 9- Mrs Rogers	Layla
Class 3	Tilly	Class 10- Mrs Messore	Mali
Class 4	Evan	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Kaiden
Class 5	Lilly-Beth	Class 12- Miss Williams	Cole
Class 6	Jackson	Class 13- Mrs Parker-Evans	Liam
		Class 14- Mr Phillips	Alfie

Nursery- Thank you for a fantastic day today it was so lovely to see you all see you next week.

<u>Dosbarth 1 & 2</u> Da iawn Reception for another lovely week! Thank you for all of the lovely Autumn walk photos and videos, we have loved talking to you about your findings and we are so glad you had a lovely time searching! This week we are sending home our first home learning log. You can choose a challenge for this week and send in your work through Hwb, Twitter, Dojos or email! Our PE day is on a Wednesday. If the children need kit for PE we will let you know in advance so that the children can wear their kit into school for that day. Diolch!

Dosbarth 3 & 4

Da Iawn everyone for another fantastic week! You have surpassed our expectations this week and you have tried so hard with your story books! Just a reminder that PE days are on Thursday and you child can wear their pe kit to school. New spellings and big maths have been uploaded ready for next week's test for you to practice at home. Also, homework logs are on HWB for your children to complete. Can we just remind parents that they need to be inside of the cones before we can release your child on the top gate. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6

Thank you for another fantastic week! We have loved seeing your home learning! P.E will be every Thursday but it will currently be taking place outside, please can children dress appropriately. Just a gentle reminder, to please help your child learn their spellings for their test which will take place every Friday. You child's spellings can be found on Hwb emails, they are sent every Friday to be practised at home. Also, when collecting your child at the end of the day, can we just remind parents that they

need to be inside of the cones before we can release your child. Thanks once again. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 7 & 8

Another successful week of brilliant learning for Dosbarth 7 and Dosbarth 8. Just a reminder for children to wear their PE kits (including jackets and joggers) for our PE days on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please remember to help your child learn their spellings for their spelling test which takes place on a Friday. Also, when collecting your child at the end of the day, can we just remind parents that they need to be inside of the cones before we can release your child. Thanks once again. Have a wonderful weekend.

Dosbarth 9 & 10

Bendegedig on another fantastic week of learning in Dosbarth 9 and 10. It has been wonderful to see your amazing learning log tasks. Just a reminder that our P.E sessions are on a Wednesday and Friday, please can you ensure that they wear appropriate clothing due to the change in weather (joggers and a jumper). Also can you ensure the children are continuing to practise their spellings along with their reading and completing their My Maths challenges. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 11 & 12

Da iawn for another amazing week in Dosbarth 11 and 12. A big well done for all of the learning log homework being uploaded! A reminder for P.E kits to be worn to school on Monday and Thursday for Class 11 and Tuesday and Friday for Class 12. A reminder that all year six pupils planning to attend Abersychan in September 2021 have a video call through teams on Monday 12th October. You can access this through your child's hwb account using the link below.

Dosbarth 13 & 14

Another fantastic week for classes 13 and 14. Please remember all year six pupils planning to attend Abersychan in September 2021 have a video call through teams on Monday 12th October. You can access the call through your child's hwb account following this link...

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-

join/19%3ameeting_YTI4MzZiNzEtYzMxNC00YTQ1LTk5ZjUtY2Q0MGMyMWY2ZTQ5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224f3f0e52-b734-4164-9409-

1b601d147993%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b9192d30-cdcc-4368-bcda-098f4e2ca4c8%22%7d

Kind regards,

Mrs S E Roche & all the staff at Garnteg