

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

This half term our value is: Co-operation

### Important Dates for your diary

#### Change of Notice - Important Dates

School closes for pupils Wednesday 16.12.20

Blended learning 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

INSET DAY 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

School starts back 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,  
Anwyl Rhieni

What a busy and festive few days we've had with lots of Christmas crafts being completed in classes. We will continue to keep parents and carers informed of any relevant information via class dojo, Twitter and Hwb, so please check these accounts. Links to class Christmas Videos will also be sent out on class dojo. A huge thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us through this very difficult term.

Elf Day for Alzheimer's raised £232.80 and our Christmas Raffle raised £496. Well done and a big thank you to everyone who contributed to these worthwhile causes.

### Carols Under the Arch (online)

Children received a Christmas pack from Noddfa Church and Victory Church last week ready to open for the carol service online on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00**. Parents can access the service via Facebook Noddfa page. The service will be led by Noddfa church and Victory Church Blaenavon and will also include contributions from pupils at Garnteg with pupils playing instruments and solo singing. It will also be uploaded to You Tube for those who are unable to watch it live. There will be a competition to spot the elf throughout the service. Children can write the time they see him and submit it for a chance to win a £20 book voucher which is in packs sent home.

### Admission to Reception Class - September 2021

For parents/carers not applying online - Paper copies must be returned to school with birth certificated and Council Tax Statement to verify date of birth and home address

If parents/pupils are experiencing problems accessing Hwb or Class Dojos can you please contact the school so we can support you with this.

### Blended Learning Announcement - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

#### Statement from Cllr Richard Clark, Torfaen Council's Executive Member for Education

Following Welsh Government's announcement and based on the latest advice from the Chief Medical Officer, secondary schools in Torfaen will move to blended learning for the final week of term as part of a national effort to reduce coronavirus transmissions.

Primary schools will continue teaching in school until Wednesday with blended learning taking place only on Thursday and Friday, the last two days of term.

This is not an early Christmas holiday and we would encourage all parents and pupils to reduce contact with anyone outside their home. Act now, so you don't invite Coronavirus into your home this Christmas.

### Communities for Work

The Communities for Work and Communities for Work Plus projects are here to support you back into employment through access to and support with job opportunities, training, interview and CV support and breaking down barriers such as transport or childcare.

For more information, like our page on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @cfwplustorfaen or contact 01495 742131 or 01633 648312. Visit our website: [www.cfwplustorfaen.co.uk](http://www.cfwplustorfaen.co.uk)

Please Support the Welsh Blood Service



Please help the Welsh Blood Service by donating blood if you can

The link to the Torfaen page on our website is <https://wbs.wales/YCCwmbran> No walk-in slots are available, all donors will need to book an appointment. Only 3% of the population in Wales donate blood, so new donors are always needed.

We so appreciate your help!

### Meic Helpline



### Home - Meic

Welcome to Meic. Meic is the helpline service for children and young people up to the age of 25 in Wales. From finding out what's going on in your local area to help dealing with a tricky situation, Meic will listen even when no-one else will.

[www.meiccymru.org](http://www.meiccymru.org)

My Name is Dean Flowers I am the Engagement Support Officer at ProMo- Cymru.

This is a Project funded by Welsh Government for Children and Young People in Wales.

At ProMo-Cymru we run the Meic Helpline, Meic is the National Information, advice and advocacy helpline for Children and Young People aged 0-Up to and including the Age of 25,

<https://www.meiccymru.org/f>

Nursery- The Nursery Team would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. We are super impressed with the children's hard work and effort this first term. Please keep up to date by following us on twitter and staying in touch on Class Dojo. We love seeing and celebrating your home learning activities. A link to our class Christmas video will be sent out today on Dojo as well as home learning logs to be completed as we move to blended learning tomorrow and Friday. Nadolig Llawen!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - All of the staff and pupils in Dosbarth 1 & 2 would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! What a wonderful and busy term we have had. We are so proud of all your work in class as well as your amazing home learning. You have worked your socks off! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for online learning tomorrow and Friday. We are so excited to start our new topic 'Chomp, Stomp, Roar!' in January. Have a lovely Christmas and well-deserved break with your families. Stay safe!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - Thank you all for a fantastic first term! We are so proud of you all. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year. Our new topic for spring is un, dau, tri land and sea. We are online learning Thursday and Friday so keep an eye on Dojo's for your tasks and times for Teams sessions. We will also be sending out our Christmas videos this afternoon, we hope you enjoy it. Nadolig Llawen!

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to seeing so many of you on Teams for blended learning on Thursday and Friday, keep an eye on our class dojo and class twitter accounts. When we return in January our new topic will be Time Travellers, we can't wait to continue your fantastic learning with our new topic in the New Year! A big thank you for all of your support this term, Nadolig Llawen and Blwyddyn Newydd da!

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - All of the staff in Dosbarth 7 & 8 would like to say thank you to all the pupils for a very successful term! We have been blown away by your amazing work, both in school and at home. Please take a look on our Hwb class and Class Dojo for our blended learning activities for the next two days. We are looking forward to seeing you all on Teams on Friday for our Christmas activities! We have been busy creating an end of term treat for families - the link for this will be posted on Class Dojo! We can't wait to see you after Christmas!! Nagolig Llawen! 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - we would like to wish you all a very safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to our blended learning sessions on Thursday and Friday on TEAMS an email will be sent to invite you as well as the activities for these days will be posted on to class dojo and HWB. When we return to school in January our new topic is Cymru a Fi and we can't wait to start teaching all of the wonderful ideas that the children have thought of. Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** -

The Year 5/6 teams would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support this term and wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas! A link to our class Christmas video will be sent out today on Class Dojo! We are so proud of the fantastic effort all children have made this term and are looking forward to seeing you on Teams for our blended learning on Thursday and Friday. A timetable for the day will be uploaded each morning and will include a Teams meeting. We are very much looking forward to our new topic 'Astonishing Attenborough' when we return to school in January and cannot wait to start! Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Da!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14**

We would like to thank everyone for all their hard work over the term. He have had lots of laughs together, produced some excellent work and have become real experts at blending learning online! Enjoy the Christmas break with your families, keep safe and we look forward to seeing you back in our classrooms in the New Year when we will be working on our new topic, 'Astonishing Attenborough.' Enjoy the festivities. Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

**We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, please stay safe and enjoy your time together we will see you all in the New Year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!**

**Kind regards,**

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