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## Lythys - Newsletter - 29th January 2021

This half term our value is: Hope

### Important Dates for your diary - new dates

February Half-term - Monday 15th Feb - Friday 19th Feb

Easter Holidays - Friday 26th March - Monday 12th April

Spring Half-term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Inset Days - Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July

Dear Parent/Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni

Thankyou once again for all the super work which pupils have completed on Class dojos, Hwb and during daily live lessons and check in sessions on Teams this week. We are so proud of you all. Parents/carers you are all doing a great job among some of the most challenging times thank you!

### Online Learning

Just a reminder that every class is having 2 check in sessions on Teams, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and having live lessons each day. All classes daily timetables can be accessed on Twitter, Class Dojo and Hwb before 9:00.

Pupils can access online learning using all digital devices including mobile phones, x boxes, laptops, ipads and tablets.

It is important for all learners to engage in daily learning, and we are grateful for your continued support with ensuring your children are attending lessons/sessions on Teams. We are keeping a register of pupils who are engaging with online learning, so if parents/pupils are experiencing problems accessing Hwb or Class Dojos or are having difficulties in accessing digital equipment/wifi please can you contact the school so we can support you with this.

### Welsh Government Announcements

Welsh Government have announced that schools in Wales will continue to remain closed for the next 3 weeks. Daily online learning with staff will continue until this date. More information can be accessed through the following link:

[Kirsty Williams on Twitter: "An important update on education ahead of @Fmwales' press conference today. Please watch and share to keep others informed. Diolch yn fawr. https://t.co/II26QAO7zu" / Twitter](https://t.co/II26QAO7zu)

### Links to community based foodbanks:

- Garnsychan Partnership - 01495 774453
- Noddfa Church Abersychan - to receive a food parcel, please call Pastor John Funnel on 01495 448902 or contact Facebook page
- Panteg House Employees' Club are distributing food packages across Torfaen, please call 01495 763605.
- [Eastern Valley Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

### Useful links TCBC:

Coronavirus information is also provided on Torfaen website using the following link:

[Coronavirus Updates - Education and Learning | Torfaen County Borough Council](#)

If your child has been asked to self-isolate and you have been financially impacted as a result of having to look after them, you may also be entitled to financial support.

[Self Isolation Payment \(for Parents/Carers\)](#)

### Wearing of face coverings (primary)

To reduce the risk of transmission amongst parents and relatives, please wear masks when visiting school, and at drop-off and collection areas. Maintaining clear social distance at the school gates will also reduce risk and set a good example to pupils.

Along with regular hand washing/sanitising and social distancing, this will reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 at school as far as possible.

They have been made stronger to keep you and your families as safe as possible. They are based on new advice from Welsh Government's Technical Advisory Group, as we learn more about the way COVID-19 is transmitted.

Thank you for your help in doing all we can - together - to keep ourselves and others safe.

### Useful links for parents in identifying symptoms of Covid and isolation

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

[Self-isolation: stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus | GOV.WALES](#)

### Nationwide survey of children and young people

Following the success of the first survey of its kind in the UK last year, the Children's Commissioner for Wales is today launching another listening exercise, asking Wales' children and young people for their current views and opinions of the effect of the pandemic on various aspects of their lives.

Working with the Welsh Government, Children in Wales and Welsh Youth Parliament, nearly 24,000 responses were received to the first survey, which launched in May last year, the results of which have shaped decision-making by local governments and the Welsh Government. As restrictions continue, the Commissioner and partners are keen to hear children and young people's first-hand views on key themes and issues including their health and wellbeing, education, the impact on social aspects of their lives and the needs of specific groups.

The results of the 'Coronavirus and Me' consultation will be made available to Welsh Government ahead of the 3-week review in mid-February, which is likely to be considering next steps on restrictions on schools, colleges, sport and leisure facilities and rules for social gatherings - all of which have enormous impacts on children and young people's lives.

The survey has been developed and tested with children and young people.

We need your help to ensure that as many children as possible have a chance to have their say.

Please note that the survey makes clear where children can seek help if they are affected by any of the topics in the survey.

The survey is [Coronavirus and Me - Nation-wide survey for children and young people in Wales - January 2021 - Children's Commissioner for Wales \(childcomwales.org.uk\)](https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirusandme/). We'd expect it to take children 15 minutes to complete and they can do it on any device by following the link. Closing date is Friday, 29 January 2021.

Are you a young person in Wales? How is lockdown affecting you? Are there any issues that are making you worry or concerned? Or perhaps you've had a positive experience of lockdown? Whatever it is, please share your views through this survey, #CoronavirusAndMe:

[www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirusandme/](https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirusandme/)

### **Barnados See Hear and Respond Partnership**

The See Hear and Respond partnership is a new service funded by the Department for Education. The partnership will help and support children, young people and families who are struggling to cope with the impacts of the Covid-19 crisis.

You will find more information on the website -

<https://www.barnados.org.uk/see-hear-respond>

Hwb

**Hwb**



For any pupils using hwb but struggling to access office 365, please log in to hwb, on menu select office 365. On the right hand corner there is a button to 'instal office' onto your device.

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.meiccyrmru.org](http://www.meiccyrmru.org)

### Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Kenadee	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Leigha & Leo
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	William S	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Cody & Sophie
Class 2 - Mr Key	Nylah	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Harry
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Sienna	Class 10 - Mrs Messore	Jacob
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Oscar	Class 11 - Miss Grimas	Libbie
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Oscar	Class 12 - Miss Williams	William
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Theo	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Zachary
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Kayleigh

**Nursery-** Amazing work uploaded this week Meithrin! The teachers are all very proud. We love celebrating your efforts and achievements so please continue to send us daily pictures of your home learning. Diolch yn fawr to all those who have joined us for our live lessons on Teams. It's lovely to see so many of you and I know the learners love seeing their friends too. Have a wonderful weekend!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Wow Dosbarth Un & Dau, well done for another brilliant week of home learning! We love seeing you at our live sessions at 9.30, 11.30 and 3pm every day and we are very proud of the work you are sending in too. We are here to help throughout the day if you need us so please get in touch!! Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - A huge bendigedig for your amazing home learning this week Dosbarth 3 & 4. We are so pleased with the level of work that is being completed and sent in. Continue to send in work daily and join our Teams sessions at 10:30am and 1:00pm for literacy and maths and at 2:15 for a check in and a story to end the day. Remember, if you need any support then we are available to answer questions and queries throughout the day. We hope you have a restful weekend, keep climbing to sparkle.

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - Another big da iawn to the children in Dosbarth 5&6. They are working so hard with our blended learning and we are all very proud of them. Just a reminder that there is a new RWI session at 9.30 everyday and a live check in and lesson every morning. There is also a topic live lesson following our afternoon check in each day. Please keep your eye on the daily timetable uploaded to twitter and class dojo each day.

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** -

Ardderchog Blwydden 3! We have been receiving lots of brilliant work from the tasks uploaded onto HWB and Class Dojo. We love to see you all engaged when working with the tasks set. It has also been lovely to see so many of our class members joining in on Class Teams. It is important to try and make the Class Teams calls, as we will be teaching new ideas and concepts throughout the week. Thank you once again and if you have any questions about logging onto HWB or Class Teams then you can contact us. Have a wonderful weekend. Keep safe. Keep climbing to sparkle. 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10 -** Ffantasteg lwydden 4! You have all shone lkie superstars with your work this week and it has been lovely to hear your ideas on your dragon adventures for your comic strips on our TEAMS meetings. It is important that you join us on our live meetings whether it is taking an active part or with your cameras turned off as we learn new skills even the teacher with our art lessons as well as talking to our friends that always makes everybody involved smile. We are looking forward to seeing you next week for another week of super learning. If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact us on HWB or class dojo. Have a wonderful weekend and keep safe.

**Dosbarth 11 & 12 -**

Wow, another week of fantastic, blended learning. A very big well done to all those participating in our live sessions, uploading wonderful work and engaging in online learning. We have seen so much creativity this week and we are all extremely proud. Keep it up year 5/6! A polite reminder about re-writing research into the pupils' own words. If you have any questions about using online platforms, please get in touch; we are more than happy to help. Have a safe and relaxing weekend and remember, keep climbing to sparkle!

**Dosbarth 13 & 14**

You have continued to work so hard this week year 5/6 and it has been such a joy seeing your fantastic work rolling in. You have continued to climb to sparkle with your amazing work this week and we cannot wait to see what next week has in stall. If you have any issues with online learning please contact Mrs Parker-Evans or Mr Phillips and we can support you through, you can contact us through dojo and hwb email. Have a fabulous weekend and enjoy some well earnt rest 😊

**Kind regards,**

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