

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Lythys - Newsletter - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

This half term our value is: Thoughtfulness.

Important Dates for your diary

**KS2 Return to school - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Easter Holidays - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Reports to parents / carers - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Online Parent Consultations - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

**Inset Day - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Spring Half-term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Annwyl Rhieni

Well done for another great week of excellent class and online learning. A huge well done to our parents and carers who make the drop off and pick up so easy at the beginning and the end of the day.

Return to school for Key Stage 2 Juniors from March 15<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to welcome back our Key stage 2 pupils from March 15<sup>th</sup>. School Uniform is to be worn including comfortable trousers/joggers and trainers for outdoor activities.

**Please be reminded that a Packed lunch will be needed.** Teachers and staff will be at the gate to greet you on Monday morning with banners for the route for Years 3 and 4 to walk as well as Years 5 and 6.

Please Maintain a clear social distance at the school gates will also reduce risk and set a good example to pupils. Nursery pupils and only their siblings in Foundation Phase please to use the bottom gate.

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

Rules 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.

**More information can be found on Torfaen website link below:**

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

**4 drop off times will be in operation from 15.03.21**

Family and Pupils with surnames	A-G	8.45	COLLECTION 2.45
	H-M	8.50	COLLECTION 2.50
	N- S	8.55	COLLECTION 2.55
	T-Z	9.05	COLLECTION 3.05

**Please note these exceptions**

Nursery collection will be at 2pm from the bottom gate.

**Important**

From 17<sup>h</sup> March, as previously mentioned in school newsletter, on WEDNESDAY afternoons in all classes Pupils with SURNAMES A-M will be collected at 12pm and Pupils with SURNAMES N-Z at 12.15. The school then resumes to online learning with the exception all bus pupils who will remain in school. All children being collected at these times will eat their packed lunch before they leave. Please note that FSM payment will be stopped at the end of this week 12.03.21 as canteen service resumes, packed lunches only will be provided by our canteen and will be served in classrooms.

**Classes 1 and 2 and 13 and 14 will remain in school on Wednesday afternoons so are not affected.**

**Reason:**

To comply with the WG guidance for staff maintaining bubbles, in order for staff to comply with their terms and conditions for PPA planning, preparation and Assessment the same as most schools in the LA

### **Birthday Cakes**

Children are welcome to bring in Shop brought birthday cake in a bag to school if they wish. Food hygiene and hand washing practises will be followed before and after serving.

### **Lessons from Gwent Police**

The following online lessons with PC Juliet Murphy of Gwent Police will take place for the following Year groups over the next two weeks.

Year 2 - Who? What? Where? - Medicines Lesson

Year 3 - SMART - Internet Safety Lesson

Year 4 - sinister substances - Tobacco, alcohol and solvents Lesson

### **Vacancy for Parent Governor**

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If so, why not consider becoming a school governor. All schools have places for Parent Governors, and we currently have a vacancies for two (2) of these positions at Garnteg Primary, if you are interested, please contact the school office for a nomination form. Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. This role is essential to the education of children in the Borough of Torfaen so please consider standing. In case you feel a little apprehensive about the responsibilities of the role, EAS (Education Achievement Service for SE Wales) Governor Support offer training to assist you.

### **WG Parental Behaviour Campaign**

A potential change in parental behaviours has been a cause for concern with 3 - 7 years olds returning for face-to-face lessons at the start of this week. We are keen to ensure that there are clear and consistent messages to parents highlighting behaviours that need to be followed to keep schools and childcare open for their children.

Lessons learnt from focus groups with parents have informed development of a series of messages and assets to help communicate with parents/carers.

We have set up a new Keep Wales Safe Education asset back page (which include assets from PHW)

<https://wales.assetbank-server.com/assetbank-wales/images/assetbox/ac9d6e27-281f-4600-8ffc-474766ddc005/assetbox.html>

### Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Hallie & Lexie	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Ryan
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Bailey	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Logan
Class 2 - Mr Key	Theo	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Gracie
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Leo	Class 10 - Mrs Messore	Mali
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Castiel	Class 11 - Miss Grimmas	Eva
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Ava	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Emilia
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Riley	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Cori-Jay
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Jacob G

**Nursery** - It has been lovely to welcome our new rising 3 pupils to Meithrin this week. Already new friendships are forming and it has been wonderful to see existing nursery pupils helping and supporting our new friends. Da iawn Meithrin! A reminder to please label all clothing and personal belongings with your child's full name. A spare set of clothes must be left on the children's pegs in case of accidents. A reminder that only one parent/guardian to pick up and drop off children at the gates please. We will continue to post reminders of Nursery days each week on class dojo. You can also find a copy of the timetable on our Class Dojo story and on previous letters. Diolch yn fawr! Have a fantastic weekend!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Well done for another fantastic week Dosbarth 1 & 2! This week you have been using your measuring skills to measure dinosaurs and exploring letter writing as part of our 'Chomp, Stomp, Roar!' topic. A reminder that children need to bring in something healthy for their snack each day. Please keep an eye on Twitter and Class Dojo for any updates. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 3 & 4** - Wow! What a super week we've had! We have learnt all about Fairtrade and the importance of helping others in other countries by buying these foods. We are so impressed by how the children have handled having partner teachers in school and we have had fantastic feedback about how wonderful they have been. **Next week we will be starting PE lessons again as part of our wellbeing Wednesdays. This will be on a WEDNESDAY am.** Please send in your children wearing their PE kit on this day. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all Monday :)

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** - What another fantastic week we have had in school Dosbarth 5 & 6! We have had so much fun this week making our role play puppet show areas and are looking forward to more adventures during our topic 'Time Travellers.' **Next week we will be starting PE which will take place every Thursday, please send your child to school in their PE kit on this day.** Please continue to keep an eye on Twitter and ClassDojo for information and any updates. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday 😊

**Dosbarth 7 & 8** - Well Blwydden 3! We have to say a HUGE DIOLCH for all your hard work since this lockdown began. We have loved seeing all the tasks you have completed at home and have also loved seeing your faces

on our team calls. We hope you have enjoyed the tasks we have set over the past few months. Have a lovely weekend and we shall see you on Monday. 😊 Keep safe and remember to keep climbing to sparkle. 😊

**Dosbarth 9 & 10** - Bendegedig Blwydden 4 we would like say a big well done and thank you to each of you including your parents/carers for the fantastic work you have produced over the past term. You have all made a super effort with attending the Teams meetings daily. We cannot wait to see you all next week when we return to the classroom. We hope you have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

**Dosbarth 11 & 12** - Da iawn Dosbarth 11 & 12 for another fantastic week! We can't wait to see you all on Monday and hear about your lockdown stories. Thank you to parents and carers for all of your support during blended learning, it really is appreciated! Enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

**Dosbarth 13 & 14** -

Bendigedig Dosbarth 13 and 14, we have done it! It is our final day of online learning before we return to school on Monday morning. Thank you for all your efforts during our live lessons and an especially big thank you to your parents and carers for supporting you while working at home. Enjoy the weekend, we can't wait to see your smiling faces on Monday morning. Keep safe and always climb to sparkle!

**Kind regards,**

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