

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 16th April 2021

This half term our value is: Peace

Lythys - -Cylchlythyr - 16th April 2021

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Heddwch

Important Dates for your diary

Reports to parents / carers - Friday 16th April

Online Parent Consultations - Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th April

Inset Day - Friday 28th May

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

Last day of Summer Term for Pupils - Friday 16th July

Inset days - Monday 19th & 20th July

Dear Parents/Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni

Well done for a super return to school this week spring is in the air.

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 hello
spring!

Key Events 26th April School Hot Dinners and Breakfast Club

From Monday 26th April we will be resuming with hot meals for our pupils. A menu will be posted shortly. Also, on the 26th April our Breakfast club will resume at the times currently given for your child to come into school. Your child will access the breakfast club at this time only and not as previously flexible drop off.

Teachers will be contacting all parents/carers on HWB /dojo to finalise the arrangements for existing breakfast club children on roll.

Foundation Phase Parents collection (Reception - Y2) pupils without siblings to be collected from the bottom gate only:

8.40 - 2:40 - Class 6 Ms Carroll
8.45 - 2:45 - Class 5 Mrs Lee
8.50 - 2:50 - Class 4 Ms Brooks
8.55 - 2:55 - Class 3 Ms Bones
9.00 - 3:00 - Class 2 Mr Key
9.05 - 3:05 - Class 1 Mrs Ngwenya

Foundation Phase pupils with siblings and all KS2 pupils will be collected from top main gates at following times:

Surnames	A-G	8.45 COLLECTION	2.45
	H-M	8.50 COLLECTION	2.50
	N-S	9.00 COLLECTION	3:00
	T-Z	9.05 COLLECTION	3.05

Important - changes to arrangements for Wednesday Afternoons

Until further notice on Wednesday afternoons classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 & 12 will be collected as follows:

Surnames A-M at 12.00
Surnames N-Z at 12.15

School resumes to online learning with the exception of all bus pupils who will remain in school along with exceptional circumstances for Critical Care Workers, who have pre-arranged prior to 8th March.

Starting week commencing 19th April 2021 Classes 1, 2, 9, 10, 13 and 14 will remain in school on Wednesday afternoons so are not affected.

Millenium Hall Car Park

Also, from Monday 26th April the Millennium Hall car park will be open to parents for us to apply the correct walking routes and control of social mixing. Teachers will also be asking for names of pupils whose parents will be using this carpark as school staff will need to be deployed to meet the children by opening the second bottom gate entrance. **Therefore, the school will need to give parents a separate time for those wishing to use it and to be included on our track and trace** (if needed if you do not plan to walk children up to the main entrance). Existing Nursery and Foundation Phase users with siblings will continue to use this. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to swap between the entrances on different days.

Reports to Parents

Your child's report has been emailed to their outlook email account. We encourage all parents and carers to request an **online consultation on either the evening of Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th April to discuss your child's progress**. Please reply to the email or message on Class Dojo. Once your request has been received you will be sent a time and invitation via Teams. We look forward to hearing from you.



Important - Covid 19 Testing

If your child is tested for Covid 19, we will need proof of the negative result before your child is able to return to school. Please email the result to garnteg.school.office@torfaen.gov.uk.

Please Maintain a clear social distance at the school gates and remember **to wear a mask** when dropping off or collecting children. 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](#)

Roofing Work at Severn View

Roofing work at Severn View Garndiffaith will take place from next week until 6th May. Alternative parking arrangements will be available at the carpark next to the bowling green whilst the work is ongoing.

Site traffic will be managed in the mornings and afternoons during drop off and pick up times.

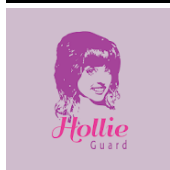
Important - Applications for Reception September 2021

If you have not sent in an application for admission to Reception in September 2021, please contact school immediately. Closing date for applications was 13th January 2021.

Permission for pupils to walk home from school

If you wish to give permission for your child to walk home from school, we will need written confirmation from parent/carer. This can be sent via class dojo or by email to garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk

Hollie Guard Phone App



The Hollie Guard app turns your phone into a personal safety device. If you feel at risk you can shake your phone or tap your screen to generate an alert. The app will send your location and begin to record audio and video evidence which is sent to emergency contacts that you have previously set. Thank you to one of our governors for recommending this app which could be beneficial to both parents and pupils.

Birthday Cakes

Children are welcome to bring in a 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.

Pupil of the week in classes

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
Nursery - Miss Hudspeth	Paisley, Scarlett & Antoni	Class 7 - Mrs Lewis	Dylan
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Amelia	Class 8 - Miss Paske	Finnley
Class 2 - Mr Key	Jake	Class 9 - Mrs Rogers	Jonah
Class 3 - Miss Bones	Lily-Ann	Class 10 - Mrs Messori	Bethany
Class 4 - Miss Brooks	Savannah	Class 11 - Miss Grimmas	Jayden
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Logan	Class 12 - Miss Williams	Grace
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Izabella	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Charley
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Chloe

Nursery - Da iawn Meithrin for a brilliant first week back! We have started our new topic 'Lights, Camera, Action' and welcomed new friends to nursery. Next week morning nursery will be in class on Monday and Tuesday. Afternoon nursery will be in class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please can you let me know if you have any updated emergency contact numbers. Enjoy your weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Arddechog Dosbarth Un a Dau for a fantastic first week back! You have all worked so hard this week and have thoroughly enjoyed sharing your ideas for our new topic 'When You Wish Upon a Star'. We have been discussing our favourite Disney films and how we can use them to support our learning through our new topic. We can't wait to plan exciting activities for you using your fantastic ideas! Bendigedig!

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - What a great first week back! We have loved starting our new topic called 'Express yourself' and we cannot wait to use our ideas for our future learning. PE is on Wednesdays and children can wear their PE Kits to school on this day. A reminder that virtual parents evening on Monday and Tuesday next week. Have a lovely safe weekend.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - What a fantastic first week back Dosbarth 5 & 6 😊 it's been lovely to see all your smiley faces again and we can't wait to explore our new topic 'What a wonderful world!' Just a reminder, PE will now take place on Wednesday's so children can wear their PE kit to school on this day. We are so excited to see what the rest of the term will bring! Keep an eye on ClassDojo and Twitter for any other updates. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday 😊

Dosbarth 7 & 8 -

We would like to say a BIG Da iawn to Blwydden Tri. You have all worked so hard this week with the tasks set. We have started our new topic 'Step into the Painting' and it has been lovely to see what all of you would like to learn about when working with this topic. We are so excited for the rest of this term to explore the topic further. Ardderchog! Have a lovely weekend. Diolch. Year 3 staff.

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Bendedig Pawb for a fantastic first week back you have all worked really hard on our new topic 'Step into a Painting.' Just a reminder that we would like the children to access 'My Maths' as well as the bug club via the active learn website. We can't wait to see the lovely the things that you will be doing

next week. Just a reminder our P.E day is on Tuesdays so the children will need to wear their P.E kit e.g. jogging bottoms and trainers. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

Dosbarth 11 & 12 -

Da iawn everyone for the fantastic effort this week. We are so excited to start our new topic and explore everything theatre and drama! Well done on all your brilliant efforts for our WW2 projects, you have worked super hard, and we are proud of your entries. Please remember to contact Miss Grimas or Miss Williams if you would like a parent consultation next week on either Monday or Tuesday. Please check MyMaths regularly for new tasks. Have a lovely, safe weekened!

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - We are so impressed with the fantastic can-do attitudes you have returned to school with this week boys and girls, Ardderchog! You have been working really hard this week for our local history World War 2 competition and we are so proud of your entries. Please remember to make full use of both bug club and mymaths at home over the weekend. If you wish for a virtual parents evening on Monday or Tuesday please contact Mrs Parker-Evans or Mr Phillips. Have a fantastic weekend!

Kind regards,

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