

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 4th March 2022

This half term our value is: Respect

"Respect yourselves and others will respect you"

Cylchlythyr - 4th March 2022

Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw: Parch

"Bydd parchu eich hunain ac eraill yn eich parchu"

Important Dates for your diary

Nursery April Starters Parent / Carer Intake Meeting - 08th March 2022

Nursery April Taster Session for children - 22nd March 2022

Additional Jubilee Day - 29th April 2022

Inset day - 27th May 2022

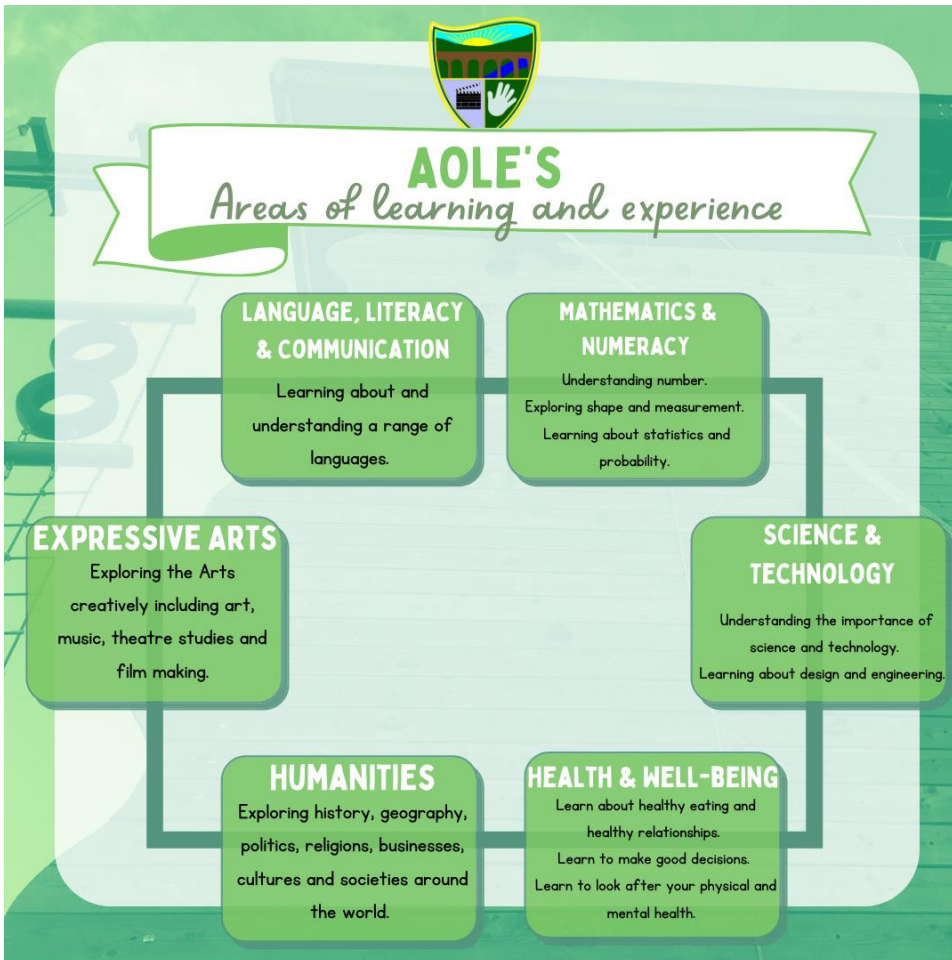
Inset days - 21st and 22nd July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni/Sy'n ofalwyr

New Curriculum for Wales 2022

As part of the new curriculum we will be working within 'Areas of Learning and Experience.' These can be broken down in the image below.



Welsh Government changes to Additional Learning Needs

Thank you for your responses regarding the new ALN bill, the link to the questionnaire is still available if anyone else would like to respond. A few responses said that they would like more information about certain aspects of the changes but, unfortunately these were anonymous. If you would like me to contact you regarding this information could you please let your child's class teacher know through class dojo's and I will be able to do so.

School Eisteddfod

Bendigedig children and staff for super eisteddfods in year groups this year. It was fantastic to listen to pupils' singing and watching dancing in the hall for the first time in 2 years. As always the entries for all the competitions were outstanding and were challenging to judge. Thank you for supporting your children with costumes and craft entries which were completed during half term.

Charity donations

Thank you for all the donations this week for Marie Curie and for the Noddfa Church collection for [Biserica Creștină Emanuel a church in Galați](#), who are providing accomodation, food and safety for Ukranian refugees. We are still counting money and will let you know final totals next week.

World Book Day 2022

It was wonderful to see the children dressed as their favourite book characters to celebrate 25 Years of World Book Day on Thursday. The children enjoyed activities throughout the day to promote reading and were each given a book voucher so they can continue their enjoyment of reading at home. Many thanks for your ongoing support.



The MORE that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The MORE that you
LEARN, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Healthy Lunch Boxes

Please try to ensure your child brings in a lunch box filled with healthy items; if you go onto the BBC GoodFood website you will find some lovely healthy lunch box ideas.

Cashless Catering and Education Payment Portal

In June last year Torfaen LA & Catering set up a new system for payment of school meals, school activities and trips etc.

Currently only 58% of parents have registered onto the current payment system.

Even if your child does not have a school meal or has free school meals, schools are now taking part in some activities and trips and so we are asking all parents/carers to register onto the portal.

Benefits of the new system:

- You will be able to pay securely using any mobile device, laptop or PC for all activities your child undertakes in school

- You will be able to see a dashboard for your child which shows information such as their school meal catering balance, lists of booked trips and more.
- You will be able to see your child's school meal account which includes information such as balances, payments and meals purchased history
- You will be able to set up an auto top-up for school meals, so your catering balance always stays in credit
- You will be able to give online consent for your child to go on trips and undertake activities
- You will be able to view your child's meal choices

Please contact the school office or email garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk to receive your email/letter inviting you to register onto the portal.

If you have any other questions, please email educationpayments@torfaen.gov.uk

Nursery Intake Schedule for April Starters

We are looking forward to meeting parents / carers of pupils who are due to start in Nursery in April 2022 on **Tuesday 8th March on Teams at 3:30pm**. Please check your emails for the invite.

Children are invited to come into Nursery for a taster session on **Tuesday 22nd March from 1:00am - 2:30pm** where they will have the opportunity of meeting staff, peers and visit their new classroom. Please await a staff member at the bottom gate entrance to the school. We cannot wait to meet the children!

Nursery Intake Information

You are capable of Amazing Things

Friday 4th February 2022 - Please check your email for welcome message, class handbook and early years questionnaire.

Monday 28th February - Please check your email for video of nursery classroom, session time and key information.

Tuesday 8th March at 3.30pm - Nursery Intake Meeting for parents on Microsoft Teams.

Tuesday 22nd March 1.00pm-2.30pm - Children are invited to come into Nursery for a settling in session. They will have the opportunity to meet their teacher and visit their new classroom. Please use bottom gate entrance to the school.

Monday 4th April - April Nursery Intake start date.

DJ 4 a day

Dosbarth 11 will be continuing their 'DJ for a Day' project weekly. The children will be producing a 30minute slot on SW20RADIO for 5 weeks and then on the 6th week it will be a 2hour show. If you would like to listen to the sessions live you will need to download the SW20RADIO app and tune in from 2.30pm-3.00pm then on week 6 from 1.00pm until 3.00pm. If you are unable to tune-in for the live sessions, then a link to listen to the recording will be posted on class dojo and the newsletter.

School Uniform

Garnteg School Uniform is now available from Balan Sports in Pontypool details below. A price list is available; please contact Balan Sports for details using the email address or telephone number listed below. We also have a copy in school we could email to you.

BALAN SPORTS

Uplands Farm, Off Oaklands Road, Sebastopol, Pontypool, Gwent. NP4 5DQ

Opening Hours: 9:00 am to 5:30 pm - Monday to Friday

Phone: 01495 763122 Fax: 01495 762425

Email: sales@balan-sports.co.uk

Web: www.balansports.com

LFT Tests for pupils

Here is a link to order LFT tests online for pupils if you are unable to access any through the local pharmacy. <https://gov.wales> Get our App: edsp.co/app. If you are still unable to receive an LFT test for your child, Primary schools now have a supply of test available to be picked up from school.

Request from Track and Trace, Torfaen Borough Council

We're asking all residents to record your Lateral Flow Test Results, especially when positive: online <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or by calling 119
#keepwalessafe

Risk Assessment Covid 19

A copy of our current Covid 19 Risk Assessment is available on our website under the information zone tab.

Change of Contact Details

Please advise the school office of any changes to contact telephone numbers or details as soon as they occur take place.

Also please telephone the school office on 01495 742934 or email garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk by 9.30am to inform us of any pupil absence.

Attendance

We are currently having weekly meetings to monitor attendance throughout the school. If your child is absent, please can you contact the school office or class teachers with details of pupil absence so we can record on our system.

Attendance Winners -28th February - 4th March 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 who were our Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 97.4% and to Dosbarth 14 who were our Key Stage 2 winners for the second week running with 96%. Our overall attendance for the week was 91.4% - we are getting closer to the magic 95% Well done everyone!

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Noah and Harper Afternoon - Kade and Charlotte	Class 7 - Miss Williams	Zac
Class 1 - Mrs Ngwenya	Amelia	Class 8 - Miss Bones	Cai
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Caleb	Class 9 - Mrs Lewis	Finley
Class 3 - Mr Key	Theo	Class 10 - Miss Paske	Sophie
Class 4 - Miss Brown	Ceinwen	Class 11 - Mrs Rogers	Tilley
Class 5 - Mrs Lee	Harrison	Class 12 - Mrs Messorre	Tabitha
Class 6 - Miss Carroll	Marleigh	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Katheryn
		Class 14 - Mr Phillips	Ethan S

Nursery - Da iawn Meithrin! You have been busy bees all week. We started our week with pancake day celebrations, you were fantastic at using icing to write your initial on the pancake and then enjoyed eating them at snack time. We have loved seeing your crafts and paintings for your Eisteddfod entries. We had a fantastic time celebrating in the hall with beautiful singing. You all looked fabulous in your World Book Day costumes! Diolch yn fawr for your superstar efforts all week, keep climbing to sparkle. Enjoy your weekend and we will see you on Monday. 😊

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da Iawn Derbyn! You've had another fun filled week with your beautiful creations for the Eisteddfod and World Book Day!. A big thank you to parents/guardians for the wonderful costumes the children looked great. This week we have written about recycling from our own recycling plant we've made in class and looked at subtraction in maths! Have a lovely weekend 😊.

Dosbarth 3 & 4 - Wow Dosbarth 3+4! What a busy week! We have had so much to celebrate! We are very proud of your wonderful work for our school Eisteddfod including the beautiful arts and crafts, writing, singing and dancing! We also loved your fabulous world book day costumes and had a magical day celebrating our reading and favourite stories. Spellings are being shared today ready for next Friday. Diolch yn fawr for such a wonderful week, we hope you have a restful weekend and we will see you all Monday!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Bendigedig Dosbarth pump and cwech! What a fun filled week we have had! We have been very busy celebrating St. David's Day, Pancake Day, World Book Day and possibly our favourite moment this week, celebrating Eisteddfod in the hall with foundation phase! Keep climbing to sparkle and have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 7 & 8 - What a fabulous first week back we have had in Year 3! We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone in their World Book Day and St David's day costumes to celebrate our Eisteddfod. A big well done to you all for the super work you have created this week. Keep climbing to sparkle everyone and we look forward to seeing you all next week, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Da iawn Dosbarth 9 and 10. What a brilliant week we have had celebrating St David's Day and World Book Day. Diolch yn fawr for all your hard work you have demonstrated when completing your tasks. We have loved watching you all climb to sparkle in everything that you are doing. Have a lovely weekend. Keep safe. Diolch from the Year 4 staff. 😊

Dosbarth 11 & 12 - Bendigedig pawb for a super week. We have enjoyed celebrating St.David's Day and the Eisteddfod. We would like to say a big thank you for everybody who brought in a piece of craft. In dosbarth 11 the children enjoyed being Dj's for the afternoon. They can't wait for next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 13 & 14 - Wow, what a busy week for year 6! Your behaviour was amazing during swimming and crucial crew trips this week, you were all role model pupils and made the school proud. A huge well done to our Eisteddfod winners, and indeed to all the pupils for their fantastic entries! Have a fantastic weekend and a well deserved break.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School

