



Welcome to Nursery
Information Booklet
2022 - 2023

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Welcome to Meithrin

We hope you find the following information booklet useful. Included are details about your child's curriculum, the topics we intend to cover throughout the year and how their learning will develop throughout their journey in Meithrin.

Be sure to check our school website www.garntegprimary.co.uk and our Twitter pages for regular updates and information @garntegprimary.

Nursery Team



Mrs Attewell
Class Teacher



Mrs Safdar
Teaching Assistant



Miss Dalton
Teaching Assistant



Miss Channing
Teaching Assistant

Daily routines

Pupils enter and leave school through either the top or bottom gate and will be met by a member of staff.

Morning Nursery session starts at 9.00am with registers closing at 9.15am. The morning session finishes at 11.30am.

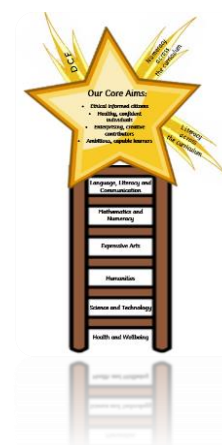
Afternoon Nursery session begins at 12.45pm with registers closing at 1.10pm. The school day finishes at 3.15pm.

When the children arrive in the classroom, they begin an activity which will support or reinforce learning. This will allow the class teacher to complete the register. Pupils begin activities immediately upon arrival.

All children sit together at the start of a session for circle time so that we can all say good morning/ afternoon to our friends. This will usually be done in Welsh and the use of incidental Welsh is encouraged throughout the day. This is followed by fun Squiggle While You Wiggle activities to help develop gross motor skills. We have snack daily with small groups of children at a time.

At the end of the school day, the children are brought back to the school gate that they were dropped off at to be collected.

Children who return to school following a period of absence are expected to produce an explanatory note/letter from their parents, unless the school has been previously informed by telephone. Persistent, unexplained absences are reported to the Headteacher who will bring the matter to the attention of the Education Welfare Officer.



School Uniform

Children are expected to adhere to the recognised school uniform. If there are any problems with uniform please inform the class teacher in person or through sending in a note. The school has a uniform which consists of:

- Grey/black trousers /skirts/ pinafore dress
- White polo shirts
- Red cardigan/ jumper/ sweatshirt
- Shoes or suitable trainers
- Girl's pink/ red and white checked summer dress

All items of clothing must include your child's name.



Spare Clothes and P.E Kits

Please can your child be provided with spare clothes and a bag for dirty clothes which can be kept on their peg. If you have wellies at home, please bring them in for outdoor learning activities. These can be stored underneath your child's peg in the Nursery lobby or in the welly rack in our sheltered area.

P.E will be held on a weekly basis and children will need to bring suitable kit for indoor and outdoor physical activity. This should be clearly named and stored in a named bag on the children's pegs.

Please remember to write your child's name on all belongings and items of clothing.



CLIMB TO SPARKLE CURRICULUM

At Garnteg we are proud to be part of creating a new learning curriculum in Wales. The aim across Wales is to see schools as learning organisations. From September 2022 we will be adhering to the new Curriculum for Wales. This means we are providing our learners with authentic, holistic opportunities within their learning. We aim to provide learners with a range of 'real life' opportunities that will be enjoyed thoroughly. Through pupil voice, pupils engage in the planning and evaluation of their learning across all Areas of learning Experiences (AoLEs).

These include:

- **LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND COMMUNICATION** - which includes Literacy, Welsh language as well as engagement with Modern Foreign Languages further on in the school.
- **MATHEMATICS AND NUMERACY.**
- **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** - developing Science, Design Technology, ICT and STEM opportunities.
- **EXPRESSIVE ARTS** - Music, Drama and Art
- **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**
- **HUMANITIES** - Geography, History and RE

Alongside these Areas of Learning and Experiences (AoLEs), we aim to develop the Core Purposes within learning. Within the new curriculum there are four Purposes aimed at developing the pupils for their future ventures and opportunities.

The aim is for our children to become:

- Healthy, Confident Individuals
- Enterprising, Creative Contributors
- Ambitious, Capable Learners
- Ethical Informed Citizens

These purposes will be shared with the pupils regularly and available around the school for reference.

In September 2021 the new ALN system from Welsh Government came into place. We are excited to welcome these new changes. All children will be given access to universal provision, where we aim to meet the needs of all learners through high quality teaching and learning.

For more information on the ALN bill please see this informative video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00gHqzWowPg>

Classroom Rules

In our classes we ensure that we have a happy learning environment where everyone feels valued and enjoys their time together. In order for us to achieve this we have a number of rules that we abide by that are linked in with the school rules.

School Rules

The school rules across both Foundation Phase and Key stage 2 are:

- Walk quietly around the school at all times.
- Keep hands, feet, objects and unkind words to ourselves.
- Follow instructions first time.
- Listen to the chosen speaker.
- Respect everyone on our school community.

These rules are reinforced throughout the school and children are expected to adhere to them at all times.

As we strive to help children become life-long learners we promote independence and responsibility throughout the school day.

Healthy Snack

Children are encouraged to bring one item of healthy snack to school and their own drinks bottle. No sugary drinks should be brought to school. If unhealthy snacks are brought to school children will not be allowed to eat them. If your child has any specific dietary requirements please let us know.

Medical information

If your child suffers from a medical condition that is likely to affect his/her education, we would be grateful if you would inform us. Should your child require regular medication, and you wish to undertake its administration, we must ask that you inform us in writing. Information should contain the time of day it is to be taken and the dosage. Please complete a medical form at the office when bringing in your child first thing in the morning.

Class dojo



At Garnteg we reward great behaviour with dojo points. Each child will have their own monster avatar and will build up their points and rewards through the year. Parents and carers are invited to view the children's dojo point progress where they can too download the app and receive notifications of the points changing, pictures and a live feed throughout the day.

King and Queen of Nursery

Every Friday a child will be crowned King or Queen of Nursery as a reward for their efforts in class. A certificate will be sent home of their achievements.

Attendance

We pride ourselves on the great attendance records we have kept over previous years. We look forward to keeping this great attendance record over the coming year. Remember your child needs to be in school every day to learn and cannot achieve attendance targets if they have any absences that total 10 days or more. Please send your child to school every day.

Parental Concerns

If you should ever feel it is necessary to make a complaint about the school curriculum or indeed any other aspect of the school, your first point of contact would be the class teacher, senior leader, deputy head teacher and then the head teacher. If after speaking with the class teacher you are still concerned you can contact the school and arrange to discuss any matter with the head teacher in the hope that it can be resolved quickly and to everyone's satisfaction.

Home Learning

Information about our topic will be updated on our class webpage and twitter sites. In Nursery we encourage the following home learning activities to support learning.

Reading

We recommend 10 minutes reading 5 times a week as a part of homework. Children can practice reading sounds as part of our schools R.W.I scheme. Learners are encouraged to retell their favourite stories and talk about the pictures.

Homework

Children will be given a homework log containing activities to complete at home over the course of each half term. These can be shared with the class teacher via Class Dojo, Twitter or Email. Dojo points will be awarded for completed homework and it will be celebrated in class. Parents are encouraged to partake in these activities and the children are encouraged to use lots of imagination.

Home - School Links

You are offered the opportunity of meeting with teachers via Microsoft Teams throughout the year.

In the Autumn and Spring term there are formal Parent - Teacher Consultations which take place using Microsoft Teams or over the phone. The consultations provide opportunity for parents to discuss with teachers children's progress, targets and voice any concerns they may have.

A written report is issued at the end of the Summer term.

Each week a newsletter is published and updated on the schools website.

Home-School Post

We recognise the importance of children, parents, and teachers working in partnership to enhance the quality of education for each individual.

Blended Learning

Blended learning is an approach that combines learning in school with distance learning, including online learning.

At Garnteg Primary School, we have blended learning in place so we can provide learning activities and learning opportunities through remote teaching should any of our pupils be required to learn from home due to COVID 19. We use a range of online tools to support pupils learning including but not limited to Microsoft Teams, Office 365, Hwb Classes and J2e

How You Can Help

- Homework is intended to be a shared process between child and grown up.
- You can do as much as you wish
- You can help your child learn their sounds/spellings by using the following activities:
 - Hunt sounds and words around your house
 - Play snap and memory games with your high frequency words
 - Look, Copy, Cover, check!

- Play matching games with sounds and pictures
- Make letter fans
- Play 'splat' games, who can find the sound/word first?
- Create a poster
- Create a card game with certain spelling on

There are also lots of online resources which can help your child's spellings.
The BBC website is a great place to start!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/>

<https://www.j2e.com/launch>

https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/source/britannica_school/browse?level=ebi

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

www.primaryresources.co.uk










<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>










<https://login.mymaths.co.uk/login>









Enjoy supporting your child's learning.

Read Write Inc Sounds

At Garnteg Primary School we use the Read Write Inc programme to teach the children sounds (phonics) and to develop early reading skills such as blending sounds together to read words. Below are some of the sounds that your child will learn along with rhymes to support letter formation. We encourage you to practice these at home.

								
Maisey mountain mountain	Around the apple, down the leaf	Slither down the snake	Round his bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet	Down the tower, across the tower	Down the body, dot for the head	Down Nobby and over his net	Down the plait and over the pirate's face	Round her face, down her hair and give her a curl

								
All around the orange	Curl around the caterpillar	Down the kangaroos body, tail and leg	Down and under, up to the top and draw a puddle	Down the laces, to heel, round the toe	Down the stem and draw the leaves	Lift off the top and scoop out the egg	Down the long leg	Down the head, to the hooves and over his back

								My RWI Sound Mat
Down his back, then curl over his arm	Down the body, curl and dot	Down a wing, up a wing	Down a horn, up a horn and under his head	Down up, down up	Zig-zag-zig	Round her head, up past her earrings and down her hair	Down the arm and leg, repeat the other side	