#### GARNTEG PRIMARY



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# <u>Newsletter - 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022</u> <u>This half term our value is: Co-operation</u>



<u>Cylchlythyr – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022</u> <u>Yr hanner tymor hwn ein gwerth yw:Cydweithrediad</u> <u>Important Dates for your diary</u> Closing date for 2023 Applications for Nursery - 7<sup>th</sup> October Individual Pupil Photographs - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October Parent Consultation Meetings - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October Spooky Disco - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October Dress up for Down's Syndrome Day - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October Fluenz intranasal Flu vaccine - Reception - Year 6 - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October Inset day - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers, Annwyl Rhieni/Sy'n ofalwyr

Harvest celebrations



#### Harvest Festival

A great big thank you to Pastor Funnell and his team for coming into school today to lead our Harvest Festival service. It was so lovely for the children to celebrate in the hall in their phases, their behaviour and participation was exemplary.

A huge thank you to everyone who so generously donated items for the foodbank at Noddfa Church, it was good to hear how the food is going to be distributed and how much the foodbank has supported the community over the past few years.

#### Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent consultation meetings will be held this year either in person at school or online via teams.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October you will be able to come into school to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher or if you prefer on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October you will be

able to meet your child's class teacher via teams. The meetings on both days will be held from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. All sessions will be 10mins.

Please reply via class dojo to let your child's class teacher know whether you wish to come into school or meet via teams and your time preference by <u>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</u>.

## Pupil Photographs

Individual pupil photographs for all pupils will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. If there is time sibling photographs will be taken but we cannot guarantee this, unfortunately siblings who do not attend Garnteg cannot be included.

### Applications for Nursery September 2023

Parents are reminded that the closing date for nursery admissions for September 2023 is  $7^{th}$  October 2022.

If parents have not received an application form one can be obtained by contacting the Education Department on 01495 766915

# Curriculum for Wales 2022

We are excited to say the curriculum for Wales is now statutory across Wales. Find out more here. <u>https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales</u>

#### E-Consent Intranasal Flu Vaccine session

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please see the attached electronic link from the School Nursing Service for consenting to this year's intranasal flu vaccination for your child planned for 27/10/2022

Please click on the link to see the information and submit your form by 12 midday on the last working day prior to the session. Thank you.

https://abuhb.nhs.wales/healthcare-services/childrens-healthcare-services/schoolnursing/help-keep-your-child-well-this-winter-make-sure-they-have-their-fluvaccine/

Should you require a paper consent form, please contact your child's school or your school nurse.

#### New Digi Hub in Garndiffaith

We would like to update your about support available in the North of Torfaen (Garndiffaith). This is free for anyone to attend. This week we have a Financial Inclusion Officer on hand with handy hint & tips for the cost-of-living rise, warm spaces that are opening up around Torfaen, guidance on how to access grants as well as grant information. We feel that this could potentially be of benefit to families in these trying times.

#### Abersychan School Food Hub



#### Wales winter fuel support scheme 2022-23

Welsh Government support for households to help with the pressures of living costs. Eligible households can claim a one-off £200 cash payment from their local authority. The money is to provide support towards paying winter fuel bills. This is in addition to the winter fuel payment offered by the UK Government.

The payment will be available to all eligible energy customers regardless of how they pay for fuel. This includes payments made on a pre-payment meter, by direct debit, paid quarterly or for those who use off-grid fuel.

The aim of the Welsh Government fuel support scheme is to reduce the impact of the rising cost of energy and the cost-of-living crisis.

The scheme will be open to households where an applicant is in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance

- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credits
- Child Tax Credits
- Pension Credit
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Attendance Allowance
- Carers Allowance
- Contributory Benefits
- Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS)

Applicants must also be responsible for paying the energy bills for the property. Applications can be made to local authorities via their website when the scheme opens on 26 September 2022.

# Attendance Winners - 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 who were Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 98.6% and to Dosbarth 11 who were Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 95.7%. Well done to these classes – hitting our target and more! Overall attendance for the week is 89.78%. Let's try to get back to our target of 95% next week!

#### Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren	Class	Seren
	Yr Wythnos		Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	<b>Morning</b> - Jaxon <b>Afternoon</b> - Frankie	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Harvey
Class 1 – Mr Tully	Ryleigh	Class 8 - Miss Jones	Emilia
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Bobbi-Rae	Class 9 – Mr Phillips	Izabella
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Scarlett	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Seren
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Ruby	Class 11 - Mrs Messore	Ollie

Class 5 - Mr Key	Harrison	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Joe
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Ethan	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Alysha

<u>Nursery</u> – Meithrin have been busy bees this week. We have talked about our favourite colours and participated in a vote. The children were super creative and experimented with choosing and mixing our favourite colours. The children became scientists and used food dyes to mix more colours, we had so much fun! In nursery, we are ambitious, capable learners. Gwaith da, have a lovely weekend.

**Dobarth 1 & 2** - Bendegeddig Dosbarth Un and Dau! Another fantastic week of learning and commitment from you all this week. This week we have been looking at colour mixing and how to create our own colours using primary colours only. The paintings have been fantastic to see. Just a reminder that next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> is School Photographs Day. A big thank you for your donations for Nodffa Church they were blown away! Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 3** Wow Dosbarth 3! Your outfits were amazing for our topic immersion day today! You also put in such a big effort with your junk model creations for homework, we are amazed. The children enjoyed our themed day for our Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo topic, and it was a great success! A big thank you for your continued support in your children's learning and donations for the Harvest. Have a lovely weekend 😊

<u>Dosbarth 4 & 5</u> - Dosbarth 4 and 5 have had an amazing week! The children really enjoyed our 'lights, camera... ACTION!' drama workshop with a famous TV and West End star. Justin taught the children about stage presence, characterisation and stage directions and then they put on a fantastic display at the end of the session. A massive thanks to Louby Lou storytelling for providing an amazing experience for our children!

**Dosbarth 6 & 7** - Bendegedig pawb for another fantastic week of learning. The children are really enjoying our topic and are impressing us with their knowledge and research skills. In class 7 the children have set up a stage area in our outdoor area and we would be very grateful for any spare dress up clothes, wigs, props etc that you may have. Just a reminder to put names on your child's clothes and send in appropriate clothing for the change in the weather. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 8 & 9** - Da iawn pawb! Gwaith dda! You have all sparkled this week completing some wonderful tasks in class. You really are enjoying our topics and have a wonderful knowledge of the work we are completing. Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in the classroom on Monday.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Da iawn pawb! You have been working so hard on all your climb to sparkle tasks in all areas of the curriculum. It has been lovely seeing pieces of homework being brought in. Children have been rewarded with dojo points and these pieces of work have been displayed around the classroom. Just a reminder that children should be wearing coats to school due to the change in weather. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from the Year 5 staff.  $\bigcirc$ 

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - Dosbarth 12 and 13 have had another fantastic week, you have all worked so hard! We have been creative with our topic for 'Herstory in History.' We are all improving with swimming lessons every week and really enjoying them! Da Iawn for the homework we have received, We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School