

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 21st October 2022

This half term our value is: Co-operation



Cylchlythyr - 21st October 2022

Gwerth y Hanner Tymor: Cydweithrediad

Important Dates for your diary

Fluenz intranasal Flu vaccine – Reception to Year 6 – Thursday 27th October
Spooky Costumes Day – Thursday 27th October
Inset day – 28th October 2022
Half term starts Friday 28th October 2022
School starts back on Monday 6th November

Dear Parents/Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr


E-Consent Intranasal Flu Vaccine session

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/school-nursing/help-keep-your-child-well-this-winter-make-sure-they-have-their-flu-vaccine/>

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



We appreciate you accessing the class dojo app for updates and to deliver school messages or homework and celebrate you Child's achievements. However, please be mindful of the appropriate use of this system and the school times to use it as all are monitored by the school. Class Dojo messaging is NOT a forum to share excessive requests, personal opinions or outside incidents with our Garnteg staff outside of schools hours, it is not a social media forum and therefore we ask all users to be respectful and mindful and all correspondence remain at a professional polite manner. Teaching staff will only be available at times stated as the day time is teaching time for our pupils.

For more formal enquiries, absences and appointments please contact the school office

It is always our aim to both respect and protect our whole school community

Thankyou for supporting us in this matter in advance.

Spooky Disco

We had an amazing Spooky day yesterday where you all looked fabulous in your Spooky costumes. Everyone had a wonderful time at our Spooky Discos. If you would like to wear your spooky costumes again, you can wear them next Thursday 27 October when we all look forward to looking Spooky once again!

Fostering in Torfaen

A purple banner for fostering in Torfaen. On the left is a close-up photo of a young girl with blonde hair, smiling broadly with her eyes closed. To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'Cydwethio i adeiladu gwell dyfodol I blant lleol.' followed by 'Working together to build better futures for local children.' Below this, the phone number '01495 766669' is listed, along with two email addresses: 'SS_CHFP@torfaen.gov.uk' and 'fosterwales.torfaen.gov.uk'. At the bottom left, the logos for 'maethu cymru' and 'foster wales' are shown. At the bottom right, the logos for 'TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH' and 'SWRDEISTREF SIRO TORFAEN' are displayed.

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TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH SWRDEISTREF SIRO TORFAEN

Torfaen need to recruit many more foster families in order to meet the demand within the borough and to be able to match foster families to the needs of the child or young person. Torfaen are encouraging local people to think about fostering and get in touch to find out more.

Half Term Play and Wellbeing Camp

The Play Service are delivering Play and Wellbeing Camps during October Half Term. The dates the camp is running are on Monday 31st October, Tuesday 1st November, Wednesday 2nd November and Thursday 3rd November, the times are 10:00am-3:00pm.

Please note, this is not a childcare service but is free play and wellbeing opportunities for children aged 5-11 years.

This half term Torfaen Play are working with Torfaen Catering to offer a packed lunch for all the children attending, if requested via the link, or children have the option to bring in a packed lunch from home.

Parents/carers click on the link below to register an interest in the camp. We only have 50 spaces available including the 10 priority pupils.

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Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

Half Term Play & Wellbeing Camps
October 2022

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS
10:00AM TO 3:00PM

Monday 31st October
Tuesday 1st November
Wednesday 2nd November
Thursday 3rd November

Blenheim Road Community Primary School
Blenheim Road, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

Garnteg Primary School
Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

George Street Primary School
Wainfein Road, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Llantarnam Community Primary School
Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 3XB

Nant Celyn Primary School
Henllys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

Penygarn Community Primary School
Penygarn Road, Pontypool, NP4 8JR

Torfaen Play are providing an optional packed lunch, FREE OF CHARGE!
These must be pre booked during the application process.
A refillable drink must be provided.

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
To complete an expression of interest form please contact: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk.
Please note application for your child must be completed prior to attending.

For more information contact:
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

SPECIALIST PLAY & RESPITE SESSIONS
(Specialist provision for children and young people with complex needs. These sessions are through referral process.)

Glenside Community Hall
Glenside, Cwmbran, NP44 1BN

Greenmeadow & St Dials Community Hall
(The Cockerel), Off Pandy, Greenmeadow, Cwmbran, NP44 4LA

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Curriculum for Wales 2022

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

Poppy Appeal 2022



The Annual Remembrance Parade in Blaenavon will be held on Sunday 13th November this year and will commence at 10.45 from the car park at the top of Broad St; after the parade our pupils will be laying a wreath at the Memorial Garden.

There will be a range of merchandise on sale in school after half term to raise funds for this year's Poppy Appeal. We thank you all in advance for your donations.

Breakfast Club

Reminder - Breakfast club doors will be closed at 8:50am.

Civica Pay - payment for school meals etc

On the morning of Friday 21st October, Civica Pay Education will undergo a security upgrade and improvement to its payment gateway.

From 10am to 1pm on Friday; Civica Pay Education will be unavailable for all payment related activities. Please do not attempt to log-in during this time.

If you make ad hoc payments, you will not be affected by this change other than to expect to go through additional security if you choose to save your card or subscribe to auto-top ups.

For those of you who have * saved a card to your account or * subscribed to auto-top ups, you will be required to perform a one-off security check before using your card in this way. The additional security features are all to do with the way Civica Pay hold your card holder details (i.e. credentials). Banks require this mandatory security check called 3DS2 before your card details are saved.

Saved Cards

You will not be able to use your saved card(s) at the check-out without undertaking this one-time security check. Before making any further payments using a saved card, you are advised to delete all your saved cards and re-add them following the on-screen instructions, which will probably include entering your home address for the card being saved.

Auto-Top Up Subscriptions

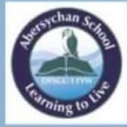
As part of the upgrade all subscriptions have been deleted so you will be required to re-subscribe to the service. This is because the card you used to set up the auto-top up will need to be deleted and re-added as explained above. You will need to follow the steps below:

1. Delete-your saved card
2. Re-save your card undertaking the additional security checks
3. Re-subscribe to the auto-top up service

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



ABERSYCHAN SCHOOL FOOD HUB

Every Wednesday 3.15pm - 5pm



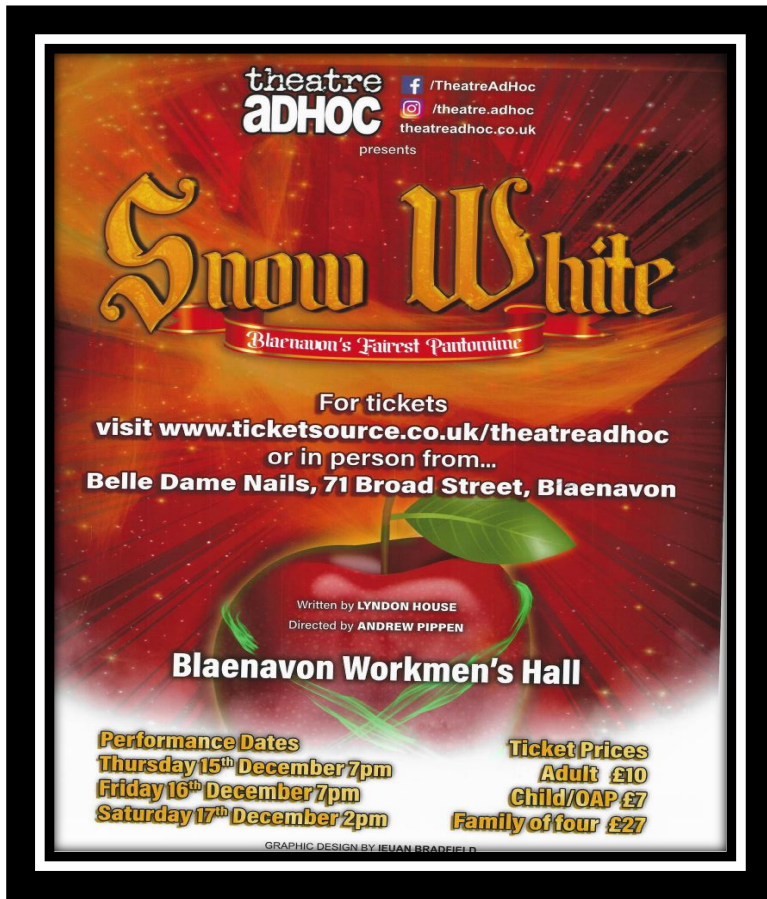
COME ALONG AND PICK UP A 'GRAB & GO' FOOD PARCEL FROM RECEPTION

CONTACT ROB BARRINDALE: ROB.BARRINDALE@ABERSYCHAN.SCHOOL.CO.UK 01495 773068

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



Christmas Pantomime at Workmen's Hall Blaenavon



Attendance Winners - 17th October - 21st October 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 who were Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 94.67% and to Dosbarth 8 who were Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 95.83%. Well done to these classes - hitting our target! Overall attendance for the week is 91.34% %. Getting nearer to our target of 95%!

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
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Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Reggie Afternoon - Gracie	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Lowri
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Poppi	Class 8 - Miss Jones	Arwen
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Alexis	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Cai
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Mya-Louise	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Zac
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Mali-Kate	Class 11 - Mrs Messori	Timmy
Class 5 - Mr Key	William S	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Charlie
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Matvii	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Jamie-Leigh

Nursery - Wow Meithrin! You have all participated in lots of fun learning this week. We have been talking about our journey to school. You were able to tell us what things you saw on our way and you created your own map. You were superstars at walking your familiar routine and talking about the things you see. You showed fantastic listening skills when controlling the beebots. We ended our week with lots of fun games and our spooky disco. You all looked fantastic! Have a lovely weekend. Gwaith Da.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da Iawn Dosbarth Un and Dosbarth Dau. This week we have begun our story retell and you have been telling us all about your favourite parts of our fairy-tale stories we have chosen in our classes. We have worked on our counting skills in maths and showed how any different ways we can make 10. A big thank you for how wonderful your children looked for our spooky disco. They had a fabulous time. It was also lovely to speak and meet parents this week to discuss how your children have settled in. Have a lovely weekend 😊.

Dosbarth 3 - Bendedig Dosbarth Tri, another amazing week of climbing to sparkle! This week we have been focusing on completing our story retell of our chosen story books. You have all worked hard to be able to recall the main parts of the story and we are very proud of your efforts. We would also like to say a big thank you as the children were also dressed beautifully for the spooky disco yesterday. It was also lovely to meet all parents and carers to share how amazingly the children have all settled into Dosbarth Tri. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week! 😊

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Gwaith da Dosbarth 4 and 5, another busy week in Year 2! Thanks to all the parents and families who came along to our parent's meetings this week. It was lovely to speak with you all. We look forward to another fantastic week next week!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendedig pawb for s a super week of learning you have impressed with your number skills and your knowledge of what skills you need to be an inventor. Also it was lovely to speak to families during parents' consultations. Thank you for sending the children in some fantastic spooky costumes.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Gwaith da Dosbarth 8 and 9, another busy week in Year 4. Thanks to all the parents and families who came along to our parent's meetings this week. It was lovely to speak with you all. Enjoy your weekend, keep sparkling and we look forward to seeing you all back in the classroom next week.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Ardderchog pawb! We have loved seeing you shine through all your tasks this week. It was also lovely seeing so many parents for parent consultations. Just a reminder to complete the nasal immunisation forms and to ask your child's teacher if you need a paper copy to complete. Ensure to keep-up-to date with posts on Twitter and Class Dojo. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from the Year 5 staff. 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Bendigedig Year 6, another fantastic week this week! You have all sparkled when completing your work! Year 6 really enjoyed their spooky disco and looked amazing in their fancy dress. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School