

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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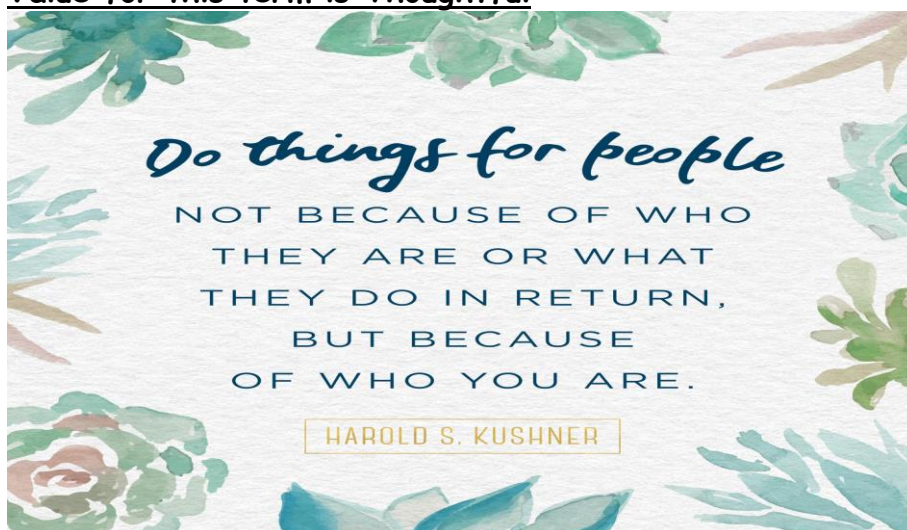
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Newsletter - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Value for this term is Thoughtful



Cylchlythyr - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Gwerth y tymor: Meddylgar

Important Dates for your diary

Remembrance Day Parade - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Children in Need - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Christmas Dinner in School - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Foundation Phase Christmas Party with party box food for lunch - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Key Stage 2 Christmas Party with party box food for lunch - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Inset Day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr



Christmas Jumpers

We will be wearing Christmas jumpers every Friday in December again this year. We would be very grateful if you are able to donate any jumpers that no longer fit your child, as we will be able to pass them on to children who do not have any to wear - thank you in anticipation.

Children in Need



We invite pupils to dress *SPOTacularly* on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need. We will be organising a variety of games and activities, hosted by our school council. Children will be able to participate in the fundraising activities for a small donation. There will be a bucket by the school gates at the end of the day for any extra donations. We look forward to seeing all the children in their *SPOTacular* outfits!

### School Uniform

The Welsh Government is currently consulting on changes to the statutory guidance on school uniform and appearance policies.

**The consultation period will run from 18<sup>th</sup> October until 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

Details of the consultation can be found in the following link:

<https://gov.wales/changes-statutory-guidance-school-uniform-and-appearance-policies>

### Pupil Absence

**In the event of your child being absent please telephone/email the school office before 9.30am and give a reason for your child's absence. All absences will be recorded as unauthorised unless a message is received via telephone/email or class dojo.**

### Registration

**The school doors are open for registration at 8.50am, registration is at 9am, pupils arriving after 9am will be marked as "Late".**

**Registration closes at 9.15 am after that time 'Late' becomes an unauthorised absence and could be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.**

**A recurrence of late marks throughout any week will also be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.**

**Please do not hesitate to contact school or the Education Welfare Officer if you have any concerns.**

### Breakfast Club

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



### Christmas Class events

**Nursery** - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents will be invited into school for their concert at the end of the Summer Term.

**Reception classes** - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents will be invited into school for their concert at the end of the Easter Term.

**Year 1 classes** - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents will be invited into school for their concert at the end of the Easter Term.

**Year 2 classes** -

**Class 5** - Christmas concert in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, parents are invited to join us for refreshments and Christmas items will be available to purchase after the concert.

**Class 4** - Christmas concert in school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1.30pm, parents are invited to join us for refreshments and Christmas items will be available to purchase after the concert.

**Year 3 classes** - Parents are invited to join us for refreshments on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45pm, Christmas items will be available to purchase, and parents will be invited into school for their concert at the end of the Easter Term.

**Year 4 classes** will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents will be invited into school for their concert at the end of the Summer Term.

**Year 5 classes** -

**Class 10** - Christmas concert in school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, parents are invited to join us for refreshments and Christmas items will be available to purchase after the concert.

**Class 11** - Christmas concert in school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, parents are invited to join us for refreshments and Christmas items will be available to purchase after the concert.

**Year 6 classes** - parents are welcome to join us for a Christmas Service at Noddfa Church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am. Parents will be invited into school for their concert at the end of the Summer Term.

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.

## **Fostering in Torfaen**



**Cydweithio i adeiladu gwell dyfodol I blant lleol.** **Working together to build better futures for local children.**

**01495 766669**  
**SS\_CHFP@torfaen.gov.uk**  
**fosterwales.torfaen.gov.uk**

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TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH | SWDDESTREF SIROL 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.

## **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>

**Qualifications Wales** is creating a brand-new set of Made-for-Wales GCSEs that will realise the ambition of the Curriculum for Wales and meet the needs of learners.

Message to parents/carers:

Message from Qualifications Wales: From 2025, GCSEs will change. All primary school learners will study these new GCSEs in high school. Click [here](#) to Have Your Say!

## **Free After School Club in partnership with Torfaen Play**

Torfaen Play will be running an after school club commencing on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November to book a session please contact Torfaen Play on the following email address - [torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH  
PRYDDESTEIR SIOEK TORFAEN  
Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service

**Garnteg Wellbeing Play Club**

Garnteg Primary School working in partnership with Torfaen Play Service.  
Free Fun Stimulating Team Building and Play Sessions.

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**From School until 4:15PM**  
**For children in years 5 & 6**  
**BOOKING REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

For more information and to book onto these sessions please contact:  
**torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk**

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## **Poppy Appeal 2022**

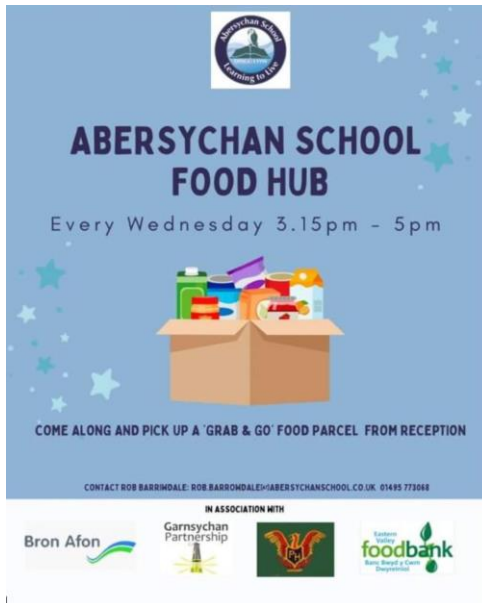


The Annual Remembrance Parade in Blaenavon will be held on Sunday 13th November this year and will commence at 10.45 from the car park

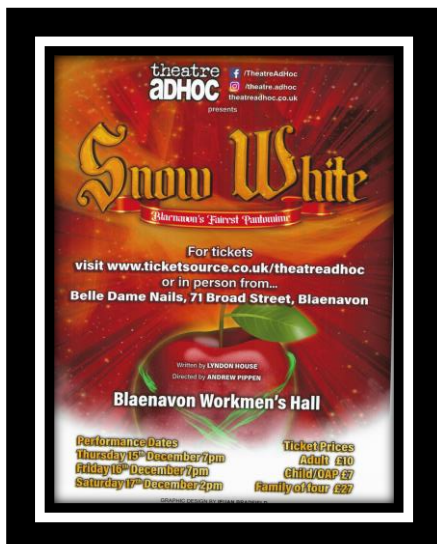
at the top of Broad St; could we meet at the car park for 10:40. After the parade our pupils will be laying a wreath at the cenotaph .

Thank you all for your support with this year's Poppy Appeal - we have sold all the merchandise that we were given to sell - amazing!

### Abersychan School Food Hub



### Christmas Pantomime at Workmen's Hall Blaenavon



## Services for families offered by Garnsychan Partnership

### Welcome Space



Putting your ideas into action  
GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP  
Charity Number 1174232

**With rising energy costs, we at Garnsychan Partnership have launched a new warm space for residents to come along relax, enjoy hot refreshments and keep warm this winter.**



FREE access to:

- Computers
- Employability Support
- Financial Advice
- Craft Corner & Library Section
- Childrens Corner
- Movies & Gaming
- Foodbank Support

**Monday - Friday  
9am-4.30pm**

Find us on  @GarnsychanPartnership  
www.garnsychan.co.uk  
55 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith NP47LH  
☎01495774453 ✉info@garnsychan.org.uk



### Period Power



Putting your ideas into action  
GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP  
Charity Number 1174232

**Period Power is a discreet drop-in service available for local residents to access feminine hygiene products and help tackle period poverty within our community.**



**Monday - Friday  
9am-4.30pm**

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### Community Foodbank



Putting your ideas into action  
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Charity Number 1174232

**Garnsychan Partnership can provide emergency food parcels for residents in crisis including covid self isolation.**



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## Name the recycling vehicle | Torfaen County Borough Council in Conjunction with Smyths Toys Superstores

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/News/2022/October/03-Name-the-recycling-vehicle.aspx>

Torfaen Council is taking delivery of 19 new recycling vehicles over the next few months, and we want school children to name them. The new fleet has been purchased to replace the old ageing fleet and are part of a range of initiatives to help the Council reach the 2024 recycling target of 70 percent.

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Primary Schools now have until 4pm on Friday 18 November to enter. Email entries to [pressoffice@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:pressoffice@torfaen.gov.uk)

Good Luck!





## Attendance Winners - 7<sup>th</sup> November - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022



**Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 who were Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 95.2% and to Dosbarth 10 who were Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 95.2%. Well done to these classes - reaching our target of 95%. Overall attendance for the week is 90.55%. We need to strive to reach our target of 95%!**

### Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Leo Afternoon - Harrison	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Evan
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Isabelle.C	Class 8 - Miss Jones	Cherneil
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	George	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Hayden
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Kainan	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Maya
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Isla	Class 11 - Mrs Messoré	Shayleigh
Class 5 - Mr Key	Maison	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Baeddán
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Kai	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Kaylum

**Nursery** - Welcome back Meithrin! What a lovely week we have had. We have been learning all about Remembrance Day and you have been busy making your own poppies. You used lots of different materials to make them independently! You have been ambitious, capable learners and took turns telling your friends all about how you made them using time connectives. Da Iawn! We have loved seeing the fantastic homework sent in and lots of Dojo points and certificates have been awarded. Please continue working on them and we are excited to see what else you get up to. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dobarth 1 & 2** - Gwaith Da Derbyn and Dosbarth un! We have had a fantastic week re telling our story's that we have chosen based on Fairy tales. We have really tried hard using our initial sounds and writing independently which has been fantastic to see! Children in Need is next Friday please see above for updates

and ClassDojo. New homework logs have been sent out ready for this term and we cannot wait to see what brilliant things you will do at home! Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 3** Da iawn Dosbarth tri! What a fantastic first week back you have had. You have been very busy with your learning! You have explored your likes in Welsh, time connectives in literacy and 2D shapes in mathematics. We would also like to thank you for your kind donations towards the poppy appeal and are very proud of how respectful the children were in our remembrance assembly. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Bendigedig Class 4+5, what a fantastic week back in school! You have been super busy learning about remembrance, collecting data, exploring play scripts and investigating light in our science lessons, wow! We have loved seeing the fantastic home learning tasks sent in this week, remember you can continue to earn dojo points for your excellent home learning log tasks and additional challenges and spellings are being sent home for you. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 6 & 7** - Another fantastic week in year, you have all shone and worked hard on your non-chronological reports and completing your science investigations. Please remember to login into bug club and my maths for work. Also, we love to see the learning log homework so please continue to do so - there are lots of dojo points on offer! Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 8 & 9** - Welcome back Blywddyn 4! We've had a lovely week and you've all shined like superstars in all our Areas of Learning this week. You never fail to amaze us with the amazing work you do at home as well, keep bringing it in for us to celebrate. Please remember to keep logging into bug club at home to practice your reading and comprehension skills. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you Monday.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Da iawn Dosbarth 10 and 11 for another fantastic week. You have all worked so hard on the tasks in class. It has also been lovely to see lovely pieces of homework coming in. Just a reminder to log on to Bug Club to practise reading and comprehension skills. Have a wonderful weekend. 😊 Diolch from all the staff in Year 5.

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - Another busy week in year 6, once again you have all worked your socks off! We have been doing independent experiments this week linked to our chosen animals. Please remember to use bug club or your own books to read at home in the evenings and weekends and keep those fabulous pieces of homework coming in! Have a lovely weekend 😊

**Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School**