

GARNTEG PRIMARY



GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hillcrest Garndiffaith Pontypool Torfaen NP4 7SJ

01495 742934

Garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk

www.garntegprimary.co.uk



Newsletter - 25th November 2022

Value for this term is Thoughtful



Cylchlythyr - 25th November 2022

Gwerth y tymor: Meddylgar

Important Dates for your diary

Elf Day - Friday 2nd December

Christmas Dinner in School - Wednesday 14th December

Foundation Phase Christmas Party with party box food for lunch - Tuesday 20th December

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

Inset Day Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr



Christmas Jumpers

One more week to get your Christmas jumpers ready to wear every Friday in December! 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.



Elf Day

We will be celebrating elf day again this year on Friday 2nd December. No money will be required.

Christmas Raffle

You should now have received your raffle tickets for our annual Christmas raffle which will be drawn on Monday 19th December. We would appreciate any kind donations from local businesses and members of the community. If you can donate or are able to ask companies for donations, please would you bring them into the school office.

Last year the response was tremendous, and we were able to use money raised to donate to local charities and buy many new inside and outside games for pupils to use in their classes.

Good Luck everyone!

Poppy Appeal

A massive well done in raising £409.80 for The Royal British Legion.

Children in Need



You all looked Spotacular last week and had a fabulous time raising money for Children in Need while enjoying all the games and activities, hosted by our school council. Thank you for all your kind donations. We collected a huge £609.23!

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 18th October until 28th 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 between 9.00am and 9.30am will be marked as "Late".

Pupils who arrive after 9.30am will be marked as unauthorised 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 Christmas class event to be held on Friday 16th December. Parents will be invited into school for a Nursery concert at the end of the Summer Term.

Reception classes - Classes 1 & 2 - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online Christmas class event to be held on Friday 16th December. Parents will be invited into school for a reception concert at the end of the Easter Term.

Year 1 - Class 3 - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online Christmas class event to be held on Friday 16th December. Parents will be invited into school for a Year 1 concert at the end of the Easter Term.

Year 2 classes -

Class 5 - Christmas concert to be held in school on Monday 19th 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 to be held in school on Thursday 22nd 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 - Classes 6 & 7 - Parents are invited to join us for refreshments on Thursday 15th December 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 - Classes 8 & 9 - will be sending parents a link via dojo for an online Christmas event to be held on Friday 16th December. Parents will be invited into school for their Year 4 concert at the end of the Summer Term.

Year 5 classes -

Class 10 - Christmas concert in school on Tuesday 13th 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 14th 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 - Classes 12 & 13 - Parents are welcome to join us for a Christmas Service at Noddfa Church on Friday 9th December at 10.00am. Parents will be invited into school for their Year 6 Leavers concert at the end of the Summer Term.

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 24th November to book a session please contact Torfaen Play on the following email address - torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH **PWYBENYDD SIROE TORFAEN** **Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service**

FREE OF CHARGE

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




CHWARAE TORFAEN AND SHORT BREAKS SERVICE

Welbydd yn Gyntaf Families First

 @chwaraetorfaentorfaenplay  Chwarae Torfaen Torfaen Play
 @torfaenplayservice  torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk



Services for families offered by Garnsychan Partnership

Welcome Space

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

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

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




Community Foodbank

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

Monday - Friday
9am-4.30pm

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




Attendance Winners - 21st November - 25th November 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Brown who were Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 90.95% and to Dosbarth 11 Mrs Messore who were Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 92.32%. Overall attendance for the week is 88.46%. We need to strive to reach our target of 95%!

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	76.35	0	76.35	3	89.62	6	89.05
Reception	86.11	1	83.9			7	90.21
		2	89.07	4	90.54	8	89.98
1	89.83	3	90.95			9	91.38
2	88.38	4	88.53	5	91.98	10	91.41
		5	88.23			11	92.32
				6	88.87	12	85.38
						13	88.94

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Maisie-Leigh Afternoon - Taylyn	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Ruby
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Cowen	Class 8 - Miss Jones	Ebony
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Harper	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Noah
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Jaydan	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Jac
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Dayton	Class 11 - Mrs Messore	Emily
Class 5 - Mr Key	Gracie-May	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Mali
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Travis	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	FFion

Nursery - This week Meithrin have been learning all about patterns. We looked for patterns in nursery and made our own patterns in lots of different ways. Bendigedig!! Remember to keep an eye out on twitter to see what we get up to. Thank you for sending in white t-shirts' and socks ready to decorate with patterns next week 😊 Nursery Christmas concert video will be sent out on Friday 16th December. Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Classes 1 and 2 have dived into their investigations headfirst choosing materials and objects that they want to make, and design based on their three stories. This week we have seen what different materials do and how we can use them in our final products. Another amazing week of learning Gwaith da !

Dosbarth 3 - Class 3 have had a busy week of learning this. We have explored our likes and dislikes and have up levelled our story retells in language, literacy and communication. In mathematics and numeracy we have recapped our understanding of counting in 2s. We were excited to start our science investigation this week where we started to make designs ready to explore our materials. We also had a special visit from 'Animals Interactive'. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Bendigedig Class 4 and 5, what a fantastic week we have had! You have been super busy collecting data, exploring play scripts and investigating light in our science lessons, wow! We loved our animal interactive session this week in class 4 where we met some new animal friends. 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 - Bedegedig pawb for a fantastic week of learning. You have been really busy researching the history of musical instruments as well as creating some amazing songs. I am really pleased with the children who have shown enthusiasm towards their home reading, and we can see the improvement in school with their confidence-they are now starting to read a class book to their peers! Please continue to practise this at for those extra dojo points. Also new My maths homework has been set all about 3D shapes. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 -

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Ardderchog Dosbarth 10 and 11 for another week of brilliant learning. Both classes are thoroughly enjoying their Christmas play practice and are working hard with their tasks in class. Please can we remind children to log on to Bug Club to help practise reading skills. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from Year 5 staff 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Bendigedig Year 6 for another amazing week of climbing to sparkle! We have loved exploring our new topic further and reading our new story 'The Proudest Blue.' Please continue to use Bug Club to practise reading skills and our new learning log tasks were sent out at the start of the half term. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School