

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 9th December 2022

Value for this term is Thoughtful



Cylchlythyr - 9th Rhagfyr 2022

Gwerth y tymor: Meddylgar

Important Dates for your diary

Christmas Bazaar at the Millennium Hall on Saturday 10th December from 11.00 - 2.00

Christmas Dinner in School - Wednesday 14th December - Remember to wear your christmas jumper!

Torfaen Play After School Club finishes for Christmas - Thursday 15th December

Christmas Raffle drawn - Monday 19th 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

Christmas jumper day every Friday in December has officially started! 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.



Good Luck!!

Christmas Raffle

You should now have received your raffle tickets for our annual Christmas raffle which will be drawn on Monday 19th December by the School Council. Once again, this year we have some fabulous prizes to be won. 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!

Well done!

Save The Children Christmas jumper day!

You all looked amazing in your Christmas jumpers today and yesterday. Thank you for all your amazing donations for save the children.

We raised £160.45.



Christmas Bazaar at the Millennium Hall

The Annual Christmas Bazaar at the Millennium Hall will be held on Saturday 10th December from 11.00 until 2.00. Santa will be arriving at 12.30 and there will be over 20 stalls selling Christmas goodies. Come along and have some festive fun.

Advice from Torfaen regarding the use of photographs taken in any School Performance

Parents please be advised that our school is committed to working within the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR Regulations and take our obligations to safeguard our children and promote good practice extremely seriously. Whilst we have no legal basis to prevent you taking photographs/videos of your children and do not wish to spoil the pleasure of you capturing these performances please be advised that in doing so you will often capture the images of others for whom it may be detrimental for their images to be made available via social media sites.

Therefore, we would remind you that any images you capture are for your personal use only. We would kindly request that you refrain from posting images of the concert that contain other children onto any public social media sites.

We feel it appropriate to advise you that the guidance we have received from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) would be by publishing on public social media and if used for any other purpose that you could be treated as a Data Controller in your own right and would be subject to data protection legislation and be accountable to ICO scrutiny.



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 - On Thursday 15th December, Christmas items created by the children will be available to purchase in class. 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.

Christmas Dinner for Pupils will be on Wednesday 14th December - remember to wear your Christmas Jumper!

Foundation Phase and Nursery Christmas Parties will be held on Tuesday 20th December and on Wednesday 21st December for Key Stage 2 pupils. Pupils who have ordered them will have a party box for lunch, don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers or party clothes and have lots of fun!

Nursery January Intake 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery intake for January 2023. We have scheduled an intake programme to provide as much information as possible to support a smooth transition for your child.

Your child will be invited into Nursery for a transition morning or afternoon on **Thursday 15th of December**. Mornings are 9:30-11:00 and afternoon 1:00-2:30.

*existing nursery pupils will attend normal times.

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 8.40am, 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 runs from 8.15 -8.45 doors will be closed at 8:50am.
Attendance Winners - 5th December - 9thDecember 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 Miss Brooks (again) who were Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 91.3% and to Dosbarth 10 Mrs Lewis who were Key Stage 2 winners for this week with 95.1%. Overall attendance for the week is 86%. We need to strive to reach our target of 95%!

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	74.4	0	74.4	3	87.2	6	85.7
Reception	83.5	1	77.5			7	88.8
		2	91.3	4	88.3	8	91.6
1	84.4	3	82.7			9	85.6
		2	85.17	4	84.6	5	92.3
5	85.7			11	89.3		
				6	84.7	12	79.3
						13	90

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Theo Afternoon - Elyza	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Ellie
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Isabelle B	Class 8 - Miss Jones/Mr Evans	Charlie
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Paisley	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Sienna J
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Mason	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Harley-Mae

Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Talia	Class 11 - Mrs Messore	Keryn
Class 5 - Mr Key	Rylie-Rose	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Harvey
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Lilly-Beth	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Nyree

Christmas Goodbyes Staffing news

We will be saying goodbye to 2 of our most loyal and excellent staff at the end of this Christmas term. Ms L Jones Reception and Ms Chapman Thrive, will be leaving us at Christmas for relocation and new careers. We all wish to thank them for all their excellent years of service in supporting our pupils and giving so much to our team at Garnteg we wish them all the very best of luck in the future.

Nursery -

Meithrin, you have blown us away with your Christmas concert practise! You are all superstars and remembered your lines and acted the part perfectly! Lots of Dojo awarded! We are excited to create the video and send it home for you all to see. This week, we have also been busy creating patterns on our Christmas bags ready to bring home all our Christmas crafts at the end of term! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dobarth 1 & 2 - This week classes one and two have been flexing their writing skills; designing, making, and writing their own versions of their chosen stories. We have been able to see all their hard work and determination pay off as the books start to take shape. We have also been working with numbers to recognise and count to 10 in different ways. The holidays have begun to transform our classrooms with pupils making decorations and cards to decorate and share with their friends. Another great week, keep up the good work blant!

Dosbarth 3 - *Gwaith da Dosbarth tri!* This week you have been working hard on completing your science investigations. You have all worked hard to use your cross-curricular skills and have wowed us with your independent work. You have also been working hard to up-level and recreate your story books. You also created lovely Christmas decorations for our Christmas tree and have started your other Christmas creations. Keep up your hard work and keep climbing to sparkle!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - *Da iawn Dosbarth 4+5* for another fantastic week! We have really enjoyed our planning activities for the Christmas Concerts this year, creating posters, scripts, practising our speaking and acting skills and even planning items to make for the concerts! We can't wait to continue our Lights, Christmas, Action mini project when you return next week! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - this week the children have been really busy learning about how different countries celebrate Christmas ready to make products for them to buy in class. We would like to say thank you for returning the reading books and handwriting each week we can see the improvement in their books. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 -

We can't believe that we have come to the end of another week and have only 2 weeks left before our Christmas break. We are all excited about recording our Christingle for you all and it will be online on Friday 16th December. Look out for the link next week. Enjoy your weekend and see you all back in the classroom on Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - A big DA IAWN to all the children in Year 5. You have all been working hard with learning your lines and the songs ready for your Christmas concerts. We are looking forward to seeing parents coming to watch their performances. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - A huge well done to the pupils for such a fabulous performance at Noddfa Church today, you all sang beautifully, and we are incredibly proud. We look forward to the continued Christmas celebrations next week. Remember to keep reading over the weekend and enjoy yourselves.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School