

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 16th December 2022

Value for this term is Thoughtful



Cylchlythyr - 16th Rhagfyr 2022

Gwerth y tymor: Meddylgar

Important Dates for your diary

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

End of Term

School finishes for all pupils on Friday 23rd December. Class Attendance awards are given out at the end of every week, and it is important that pupils attend school until the end of term on Friday



Good Luck!!

Christmas Raffle

Good Luck 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. Good Luck everyone!

Community Event- Carols Under the Arch 2023

The annual community Carols under the Arch is being held this Sunday 18th December 7:00-8:00 pm at the Big Arch Abersychan. Pupils are welcome to attend with their parents/carers and join in the singing and celebrations. Remember to wrap up warm!

Information from NHS Wales

Understanding the symptoms of iGAS and Scarlet Fever



Treat at home

If your child has any of the following:

- Sore throat
- Headache

Cold and flu like symptoms are very common at this time of year, especially in children.



[Read more](#)

Most will have a common seasonal virus, which can be treated at home by keeping the child hydrated, and with paracetamol.



Contact NHS 111 Wales

If your child also develops any of the following:

- Fever
- Nausea or vomiting
- A fine red rash, which typically first appears on the chest and stomach. Older children may not have the rash.



Contact NHS 111 Wales or your GP for advice.



Contact GP straight away

If your child has any of the following:

- Fever (a high temperature above 38°C)
- Severe muscle aches
- Localised muscle tenderness
- Redness at the site of a wound

Contact your GP or get medical advice straight away.

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 for our last week of term

Year 2 classes -

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.

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.

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!

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.

Attendance Winners - 12th December - 16th December 2022



Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mr Key who were Foundation Phase attendance winners this week with 87.5% and to Dosbarth 10 Mrs Lewis who were again Key Stage 2

winners for this week with 93.1%. Overall attendance for the week is 82.6%. We need to strive to reach our target of 95%!

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	68.8	0	68.8	3	82.9	6	76.4
Reception	78.6	1	75.7			7	89.6
		2	86.6	4	84.5	8	82.5
1	80.6	3	76.2			9	87.2
		2	82.5	4	78	5	93
5	87.5			11	92.6		
6	79.6					12	78.6
				13	80.6		

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	Morning - Mila Afternoon - Logan	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Castiel
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Koby	Class 8 - Miss Jones/Mr Evans	Amelia
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Hallie	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Willow
Class 3 - Miss Brown	David	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Lola and Sam
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Lewis	Class 11 - Mrs Messori	The whole class
Class 5 - Mr Key	Nael	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Riley
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Sawyer	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Tulisa

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 are all superstars! We are so proud of how amazing you were for your Christmas video, I'm sure your parents, grandparents and whoever else looks after you will love watching the video just as much as your teachers and you did. We are all in the festive spirit in nursery and have been having a fantastic time decorating our Christmas items and celebrating the special time of year. Gwaith da pawb, have a lovely weekend!

Dobarth 1 & 2 - We have had such fun in classes one and two this week. Looking back at all the amazing work we have done in our topics and working hard at making our Christmas crafts. The learners really sparkled at their Christmas concerts which we have been practising all week and are so glad to share with you all. Have a fantastic weekend. Bendigedig blant for another wonderful week of learning!

Dosbarth 3 - Blwyddyn 1 have worked hard learning their Christmas carols and put together a beautiful Christmas video. We hope you all enjoyed watching our video as much as we did when making it! The video link is available to watch through class dojo page. We can't wait for all the celebrations that are going on next week. A kind reminder that Tuesday 20th is our party day. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 -

This week we have been working hard on designing and making our own Christmas gifts! We used our maths skills to collect votes for the most popular and then chose our materials for the final design. We have also been practising for our Christmas concerts - we are looking forward to Class 5's concert on Monday 19th at 1.30pm and Class 4 concert Thursday 22nd 1.30pm. Parents/carers welcome to come and support the children, there will be gifts the children have made available for purchase after the show! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendigedig Pawb for being enterprising, and creative contributors with the fantastic products that you designed and made. The tables in our sale looked amazing. Both staff and children would like to say a big thank you for parents and carers support as we raised £95.70. just a reminder to return your handwriting and reading books on Friday so new ones can be given out. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - It has been a exciting week in Year 4. We have loved recording our Christingle concerts and we hope you enjoy watching them online. The link should be available on your class dojo page. We are looking forward to next week where we will be making our Christmas Cards and crafts and having our Christmas party on Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend and see you back in the classroom on Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Da iawn Dosbarth 10 and 11 for a brilliant week full of fantastic performances. We are all so proud of you and it has been so lovely hearing members of staff saying that your performances were 'stunning' and 'outstanding.' Remember to continue with your Bug Club reading at home, so we can award you with dojos. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch from Year 5 staff.

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Bendigedig Blwyddyn 6 for another fantastic week of learning. We have really enjoyed planning our own stories and learning about Christmas around the world. Continue to access Bug Club at home and keep an eye on Dojo and Twitter for updates. We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to welcoming you back for our final week before the Christmas break.

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School