

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Cylchlythyr - 19<sup>th</sup> Mai 2023

Value for this term is Unity



Gwerth y tymor hwn: Undod

Important Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Residential Trip to London

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 Trip to Big Pit

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Trip to Cardiff Castle

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Class Photographs will be taken

Remaining INSET DAYS

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	NOTES
M A Y  2 0 2 3	1 Bank Holiday	2	3	4 Rugby Tournament Bedwas RFC Mixed and girls tag	5 Dress as a King or Queen for the day!	6 <i>The King's</i> CORONATION	7	Half Term 29.05.23 to Friday 2nd June Return to school 05.06.23
	8 Bank Holiday	9 ★ Class 2 Miss Brooks Class Performance	10 ★ Class 3 Miss Brown Performance	11 ★ Class 1 Mr Tully Performance	12	13	14	
	15	16 Class 8 Bird box Workshop	17	18 Class 4 trip to big pit	19	20	21	Mental Health Week 15/05/23 - 19/05/23
	22	23	24	25	26 INSET DAY	27	28	
	29 Half Term Starts	30	31					

### Holiday Dates

Half Term - 29<sup>th</sup> May - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Transition events with Abersychan School - further details to follow

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Taster Day at Abersychan for Year 4

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Mini Olympics at Abersychan for Year 5

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> or Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Taster days at Abersychan (dates to be confirmed)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Moving Up day followed by Parents Evening at Abersychan

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Annwyl Rhieni a gofalwyr

Get Help with School Costs



# Cymorth Gyda Chostau Ysgol

Gwiriwch a ydych yn gymwys i gael Prydau Ysgol Am Ddim.

## Help with School Costs

Check your eligibility for Free School Meals.



Dysgwch am gyflwyno Prydau Ysgol am Ddim i bob plentyn ysgol gynradd erbyn 2024. Hawliwch yr hyn rydych yn gymwys iddo trwy Hanfodion Ysgol (PDG - Mynediad).

Find out about the rollout of Free School Meals to all primary school children by 2024. Claim what's yours through School Essentials (PDG Access).



#### Prydau Ysgol Am Ddim

Os yw eich amgylchiadau wedi newid yn ddiweddar, neu os ydych yn derbyn budd-daliadau penodol, efallai y byddwch yn gymwys i gael Prydau Ysgol am Ddim a chymorth gyda hanfodion ysgol eraill.

#### Hanfodion Ysgol (PDG Mynediad)

Mae'r pecyn hwn yn helpu gyda chostau hanfodion ysgol fel gwisg ysgol ac offer i wneud yn siŵr bod dysgwyr yn barod ar gyfer y diwrnod ysgol.

#### Mae mwy I ddod

Erbyn 2024 bydd gan bob plentyn yn yr ysgol gynradd hawl i brydau ysgol am ddim, gan ddechrau gyda'r rhai yn y Dosbarth Derbyn o fis Medi 2022.

#### Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed recently, or if you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals and help with other school essentials.

#### School Essentials (PDG Access)

This package assists with the costs of school essentials like uniforms and equipment to make sure learners are ready for the school day.

#### There's more to come

By 2024 all children in primary school will be entitled to a free school meal, starting with those in Reception from September 2022.



Darllenwch fwy a gwiriwch a ydych chi'n gymwys: [llyw.cymru/hawliwch-help-gyda-chostau-ysgol](http://llyw.cymru/hawliwch-help-gyda-chostau-ysgol) Neu siaradwch â staff yr ysgol neu cysylltwch â'ch Awdurdad Lleol am ragor o wybodaeth.



Read more and check if you're eligible: [gov.wales/get-help-school-costs](http://gov.wales/get-help-school-costs) Or talk to school staff or contact your Local Authority for more information.



Read more and check if you are eligible at:

[Gov.wales/get-help-school-costs](http://gov.wales/get-help-school-costs)



### Welsh Schools Heritage Initiative

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Explore our 'Cynefin' Museum

School Hall 1.30pm to 3.00pm

The school recently entered the Welsh Schools Heritage Competition where they created a museum in school all about the local community and its history.

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we would like to invite parents to into school to see the museum created for the project and talk to some of our pupils and staff about the project.

We will also be broadcasting the radio show produced by the pupils and DJ Suzie about the project.

Parents are invited into school between 1.30pm and 3.00pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May to look around the project. We hope to see you there to celebrate the wonderful work of the pupils at Garnteg Primary School

### Attendance Prizes

As the end of this school year approaches, we are asking any businesses, big or small who may be able to offer prizes for our 100% attendees at the end of July. These prizes will be distributed between our nursery children up to our year 6 children.

We appreciate any donations on this matter.

If you or someone you know can help, please contact the school office or Mrs James.



## Torfaen Play Whitsun Wellbeing Camp

**TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH** **YMERODUR SIDE TORFAEN** **Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service**  
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

**Whitsun Play & Wellbeing Camps**  
May 2023

**FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS**  
**10:00AM TO 3:00PM**  
**Tuesday 30th May to Thursday 1st June**

**Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School**  
Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

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

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

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

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

**For more information contact:**  
[torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)

**FREE OF CHARGE**

**A refillable drink and packed lunch is required**

**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

**Victory Church**  
Greenforge Way, Cwmbran, NP44 3BA

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The Play Service are delivering 7 Play and Wellbeing Camps during Whitsun Half Term. The dates the camp is running are on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 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.

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

**Please note that limited spaces are available and pre-booking is essential**

[https://iweb.itouchvision.com/portal/itouchvision/r/customer/category\\_link?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=EN&P\\_LANG=en](https://iweb.itouchvision.com/portal/itouchvision/r/customer/category_link?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=EN&P_LANG=en)

### Mental Health Awareness Week

This Mental Health Awareness Week, we want local residents to know what support is available to them when they're struggling with their mental health.

Now available in Gwent 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the 111 (Press Option 2) service offers urgent mental health help - all from the same 111 number. With locally-based, specially-trained well-being practitioners on the other end of the phone, the Option 2 service offers direct access to local mental health services for callers with a wide range of needs. Available to children and adults of any age, the service offers bespoke, one-to-one advice, support and care to meet the needs of each individual.

This service is easily accessed by calling 111 and pressing option 2. It's also free to call from mobiles and landlines, even when the caller has no credit left.

**Am gyngor  
iechyd meddwl  
ar frys 24/7**

**Ffoniwch 111 &  
gwasgwch Opsiwn 2**

**For 24/7 urgent  
mental health  
support**

**Call 111 &  
press Option 2**

GIG 111 Cymru  
NHS 111 Wales

GIG NHS WALES  
Sawdd Iechyd Prifysgol  
Aneurin Bevan  
University Health Board

**Attendance Winners - 9<sup>th</sup> May - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mr Key who were Foundation Phase attendance winners for last week with 92.2% and to Dosbarth 8 Miss Channing who were Key Stage 2 winners for last week with 94.1%. WELL DONE!**





**Attendance Figures 15<sup>th</sup> May - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Overall attendance for this week is 87.93%

Overall, for the school year to date is 91.40%

Well done to all the classes who reached 90% and above!

We still all really need to strive to reach our target of 95%!

This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	72.2	0	72.2	3	90.0	6	87.5
Reception	83.49	1	84.3			7	92.5
		2	85.8	4	86.60	8	82.8
1	88.48	3	88			9	90
2	86.78	4	84.6	5	89.17	10	87.5
		5	88.9			11	90.3
				6	90.70	12	87.4
						13	93.6

**Seren Yr Wythnos 2023**

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM: Darcie-leigh & Maisie-leigh PM: Charlie C	Class 7 - Mrs Rogers	Jacob
Class 1 - Mr Tully	Harley	Class 8 - Miss Channing	Oscar
Class 2 - Miss Brooks	Paisley	Class 9 - Mr Phillips	Georgina
Class 3 - Miss Brown	Amalee	Class 10 - Mrs Lewis	Joshua
Class 4 - Mrs Lee	Lewis	Class 11 - Mrs Messoro	Bowayn
Class 5 - Mr Key	Amelia	Class 12 - Miss Bones	Dylan
Class 6 - Miss Williams	Harrison	Class 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Harley

**Nursery** – What a bugtastic week we have had meithrin! You looked amazing in your bug costumes at the mini beast ball. You investigated, explored and observed on our mini beast hunt at the pond, and I was super proud of how brave you were. You have been busy drawing, labelling and recording your observations. A Big da iawn to you all! Have a lovely weekend everyone 😊

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** – Bendigedig both classes, this week we have been exploring the outdoors and learning about animals in our new topics. Dosbarth Un have been looking at texture and pattern in our art lessons and started to describe our chosen animals using adjectives. Dosbarth Dau have been looking at life cycles of animals in our local area. This week with the start of our summer weather we have been seizing the season and enjoying our P.E and forest school sessions in the sun. Gwaith da to both classes for fantastic work this week. Enjoy your weekend everybody!

**Dosbarth 3** – Bendegedig Dosbarth 3! What another great week of learning. This week we in English we have started work for our diary entries and in maths we have been working hard to complete multiplication. We have also started our conservation project based on bees and started to do some research on why they are important. As the weather is starting to get warmer can we please ask that the children bring in water every day, hats in bags and that sun lotion is applied. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** – Da iawn plant for another fantastic week. A particularly big diolch yn fawr from Year 2 to all of our families for supporting our class trips to Big Pit. The children were fantastic. They had a brilliant time and were very interested to find out about their local history and industry. We learned lots of new facts and have been creating our own timelines of Big Pit in class this week. A reminder that spelling tests will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May due to the INSET day. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 6 & 7** – we would like to say a big thank you for your support with sending in the children's reading books. The children have all shone like stars with their work on different habitats and the animal and plant life that are in them. Just a reminder to send in any learning log homework in to school to share with the rest of class. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 8 & 9** – Another busy week in year 4 this week. We have carrying on our work exploring Welsh Castles. Thank you for those parents who have already sent in the reply slips for our trip to Cardiff Castle. Payments need only to be paid before we go on the visit on the 14<sup>th</sup> June. Next week, we will be completing our F1 work ready for the F1 in Schools competition in June. Can learning logs come back in on Wednesday next week to be marked and sent home before the half term break. Enjoy your weekend!

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** – Da iawn for another busy week in Year 5! The children are really enjoying swimming on a Wednesday morning. Just a reminder about goggles, hair tied back and no jewellery please. Homework logs have been handed out for the term and spellings are uploaded on class dojos weekly. Have a lovely weekend, hopefully with some sunshine!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** – Another fantastic week in Blywddyn 6. We have really enjoyed rehearsals ready for the Dance Festival at the Congress Theatre next week. We have also had a busy week of learning, exploring our future career choices linked with our topic 'Tyfu a Targediau.' Thank you for your continued support, make sure to keep an eye on Dojo and Twitter for more updates. Have a lovely weekend.

As a school we are working to achieve an end of year percentage target. Please see target per class along with the current year to date figures.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Target by end of year</b>	<b>Current percentage to date</b>
<b>3</b>	93.2%	92.7%
<b>4</b>	92%	90.7%
<b>5</b>	93%	91.8%
<b>6</b>	92%	90.7%
<b>7</b>	95%	93.5%
<b>8</b>	93%	91.1%
<b>9</b>	93%	91.6%
<b>10</b>	95%	94.1%
<b>11</b>	95%	94.1%
<b>12</b>	90%	87.9%
<b>13</b>	94%	92.1%

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School