

GARNTEG PRIMARY



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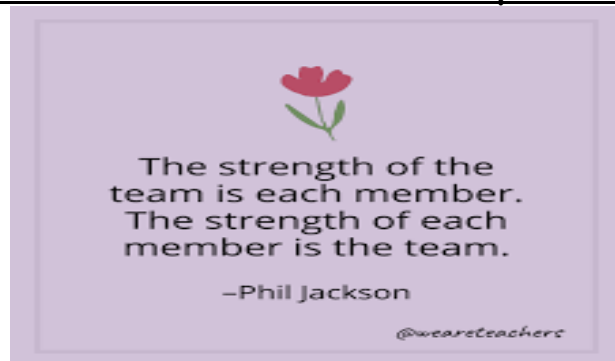
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Newsletter - 22nd September 2023

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Value for this half term is Co-operation



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Important Dates

After school clubs commence - Monday 25th September

Canteen taster for parents - Thursday 28th September (Afterschool)

Flu vaccination for Reception to Year 6 pupils - Friday 29th September

Individual Pupil photos - Friday 13th October

Parent Consultations - Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th October

Spooky Disco - 26th October

INSET DAYS

Friday 22nd December 2023



Swimming Lessons - Autumn Term - Year 6 pupils

Please remember to pay your one-off charge of £24 for swimming. This should be paid through your Civica Pay Account. Year 6 started their lessons on September 13th. Year 5 will start their lessons in the Summer Term 2024.

Important - Pupil Data

Please can all parents/carers inform school immediately of any changes/additions to address or contact details, it is important that we are able to make contact quickly should we need to.

We also need to have all relevant Medical Details concerning your child including any Medical Conditions, allergies etc.

It is also important that we receive parental consent forms regarding the use of images, videos and photographs being used on our website and in other printed publications. Along with permission to take your child on any school visit.

Pupil Absence

Please remember to contact the school office via our answerphone or email by 9.30am if your child is going to be absent, if we do not receive a message and your child is absent, they will be marked as unauthorised, and this could lead to intervention from the Education Welfare Officer.

Please make any dental or medical appointments after school where possible.

Holidays within the School Term

Leave of absence requests during the school term are only considered where there are exceptional circumstances. Please request a holiday form from the school office, should you wish to apply to take your child away within the school term, the holiday form will then be emailed to you along with the headteacher's decision regarding the leave of absence. Any holidays taken without a leave of absence request being received will be classed as unauthorised and could leave to intervention from the Education Welfare Officer.

Registration

May we please remind parents/carers that morning registration is 9.00am, staff are at the gates between 8.40 and 9.00 to receive children, in order that we can start registration promptly at 9.00am.

Lateness

Registration starts at 9.00am and closes at 9.10am, any pupil arriving after 9.10 will be marked late and if they arrive after 9.30am will be marked unauthorised, this could lead to intervention from the Education Welfare Officer

Collection

Just a polite reminder to kindly refrain from gathering around the school gates after retrieving your child. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

October Half-Term Play and Wellbeing Camp

After a brilliant and successful summer of play provision at Garnteg, we are looking forward to October Half Term Play and Wellbeing Camps for children and young people.

The camps will run from Monday 30th October - Thursday 2nd November 2023 from 10am until 3pm

Celebrations



Congratulations to Jack, our year 4 student, on signing a year-long contract with Newport Academy and being selected to play for Newport Schools. He battled against some amazing teams in achieving this amazing achievement in football. Da Iawn a Pob Lwc from all of us.

Join Our Exciting Rugby Club

Calling age groups under 7s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 13s

Are you ready to embark on an adventure of strength, teamwork, and fun?

Discover the Magic of Rugby

- ✔ Learn the Basics
- ✔ Build Lifelong Friendships
- ✔ Stay Active and Healthy
- ✔ Join a Family

Training Every Wednesday at Garndiffaith Rugby Club

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Contact us 07583111322 or Email at garnminijunior@gmail.com to register your interest and secure your spot today!

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CHARITY BAKE OFF

In memory of adam millett

TALYWAIN RFC
24TH SEPT 12:00PM - 4:00PM

BAKE OFF JUDGING 12:15

1ST PRIZE - £50
2ND PRIZE - £25
3RD PRIZE - £10

ENTRIES BY 20TH SEPT

PLEASE ENTER BY SENDING A MESSAGE TO CHLOE MILLETT OR KATH MILLETT WITH NAME AND WHAT CAKE YOUR BAKING.. THANK YOU 07812017505

CAKES TEA COFFEE TOMBOLA BOUNCY CASTLE

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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 torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

Places fill fast so please register your interest as soon as possible. This is starting Thursday 21st September

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October 2023

SCHOOL FOOD - COUNT ME IN!

Try school meals every day for the month of October: eat with friends, discover new flavours, and save time & money

- Starting October 2nd, all pupils are automatically signed up for free school meals for the month.
- Get in touch if you have any questions or if your child has special dietary requirements.
- We really encourage your child to try, but if you would like to opt out contact us on the email or phone number below.
- Find out more about school lunch menus and nutritional information on the Torfaen County website!

Get in touch:
 01633 647715
CateringEnquiries@torfaen.gov.uk
www.torfaen.gov.uk

Let's eat together this October!

October is 'school food - count me in' month Monday 2 October - Friday 27 October

We are thrilled to share some exciting news. October 2023 is 'school food - count me in' month at Garnteg Primary School!

What is 'school food - count me in' month and why is it being run?

Wales leads the UK in rolling out free school lunches to all primary school children, and this now includes every student at Garnteg Primary School. From Monday 2 October to Friday 27 October, we are partnering with Torfaen County Borough Council and Nesta, a charity which supports new ideas that improve people's lives, to

encourage all our pupils to enjoy their free school meals every day. We believe this initiative could make a positive impact on our children's well-being and education, as well as saving families time and money.

We are part of a group of schools in Torfaen taking part in 'school food - count me in' month. There are plans to expand this month to other parts of Wales in the new year, so your participation in this research will help benefit all children in Wales.

What do I need to do?

Unless you inform us otherwise, we will assume that your child is participating in this initiative and eating a school meal every day from Monday 2 to Friday 27 October.

As school meals are free for all children at Garnteg Primary School there will be no cost and your child will be automatically registered.

While we understand that some children may have concerns about trying new foods or prefer packed lunches, research suggests that when we collectively embrace new experiences, it can make a positive difference. Each day there are three menu choices and your child will be able to choose their preferred meal.

For children with allergies or special dietary requirements, our council's expert dietitian ensures that their needs are met. If your child has unique dietary needs we are not aware of yet, please inform TCBC Special Diet Request by 22nd September by emailing specialdietrequest@torfaen.gov.uk or calling the catering office at 01633 647715 (please do not contact Garnteg Primary School).

We will explain the initiative to the children during a special assembly. Your support in discussing this with your children and reassuring them that it's only for one month and that everyone is taking part would be greatly appreciated. If you wish for your child not to take part, please email TCBC Catering Enquiries by emailing CateringEnquiries@torfaen.gov.uk or call the catering office at 01633 647715 (please do not contact Garnteg Primary).

Since this is a research project, Nesta will collect feedback from families at the end through a parent survey and small group interviews. Keep an eye out for further information on this, as your feedback will be invaluable.

Thank you for your support and participation in this exciting initiative.



On Tuesday 26th September, Torfaen Catering will be providing a taster pot for children to try our school menu ready for the Opt-Out campaign starting on the 2nd of October.

Then on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 3:15p.m Torfaen Catering would like to invite parents to attend a taster session for anyone who would like to come trial our menu and see what choices your children have for lunch then please pop along to our main hall via the gates.

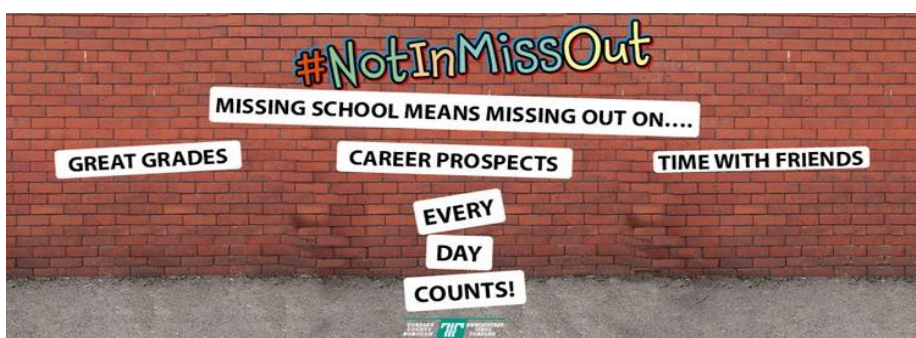


Online Safety

Please follow this link where you will find a vast amount of information from the Welsh Government about app safety and the purposes of each app.

All parents (and pupils) will find great value in this information

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>



Attendance Winners 11th - 15th September 2023

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 97.7% and Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker-Evans who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 98.5%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	75.7	3	88.3	6	93.8
Reception	84.5	1	90.4			7	83.2
		2	78.3	4	91.9	8	90.7
Year 1	82.3	3	79.7			9	93.1
Year1/2		4	86.9	5	91.3	10	90.4
Year 2	85.9	5	86.4			11	92
				6	93.6	12	93.1
						13	94.1

Seren Yr Wythnos 2023

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Theo PM - Oliver	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Jasmine
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Jac	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Lily-Ann
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Taylyn	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Faye
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Maggie-Coco	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Cori
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Elliot	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messoro	Kori
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Ella	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Ryan
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Kyla	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Shayleigh

Nursery - We have had a Bendigedig week Meithrin! We started off with our first PE session in the hall and had so much fun playing parachute games. Our hearts were beating fast and slow. You are healthy, confident individuals! 😊 We have also been experimenting with different materials to make sparkle profiles and expressing things we like. A big Da iawn! Remember to bring in a picture of you and your family for our nursery family display. Have a lovely weekend! 😊

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Gwaith da pawb for a lovely week of learning in reception. You have been so creative this week using a range of recourses to create self-portraits and mini figures. We have begun to explore colours and how we can make new colours, we had so much fun! A kind reminder that on Wednesdays both reception classes take part in PE in the hall, so children are to come to school wearing their PE kits on this day please. Home learning packs have been sent out with lots of fun activities to explore, please delve deep to get lots of dojo points and stickers! More information can be found on dojo story regarding home learning packs. Have a lovely weekend, we will see you on Monday 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Bendigedig dosbarth tri! What another fantastic week of climbing to sparkle. You have been exploring your primary colours this week and have been mixing them to make your secondary colours. You have created such fantastic artwork for our topic 'Commotion in the ocean' using your learnt colour mixing skills. A kind reminder that PE days are on a Tuesday. Additionally, your home learning packs have now been sent home so please continue to use them to help your children with their learning. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Gwaith Da Pawb! Another fantastic week of learning! This week we have looked at using our 2's 5's and 10's and how we can start from different points to count. We have learnt what an introduction is and how we can write one ourselves. The homework we are seeing has been fantastic and we cannot wait to see more. Please can the high frequency words be practiced at home that have been sent with your children as this will really help their reading to progress. Have a lovely weekend

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendigedig pawb for another fantastic week of learning. You have all been superstars with the amazing work that you have been produced especially the artwork linked to different religions. A polite reminder to put names on your child's clothing as we have a lot of jumpers and cardigans left in school. Also, we will be changing reading books as and when they are returned to encourage the children to read more. If you require your child's login details, then drop a dojo message and we can send them home. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 -

Gwaith da, Blwydden 4. What a lovely week it has been in year 4! We are really becoming mindful as we explore our topic Healthy Minds, Happy Lives! Well done for all the lovely learning log pieces that have been brought into school this week. What a great start! Remember to bring in your learning logs on a Wednesday and also your reading books on a Friday to change each week. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Bendigedig for another amazing week of learning! We have dived further into our topic of Gorwelion Newydd - New Horizons this week and have really enjoyed learning about the Empire Windrush. Remember to return reading books throughout the week so Dojos can be awarded. We have also had some amazing homework already completed, so please continue to work through your home learning log. Diolch for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 – Another wonderful week for Blwydden 6. You have worked so hard and continued to sparkle. Please remember to bring your reading books in throughout the week to receive lots of awards.

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	87.4
4	94	93.5
5	94	87
6	93	94.8
7	95	90.2
8	95	95.3
9	95	95.9
10	93	94.6
11	93	94.3
12	95	92.5
13	95%	96

Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School