

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 10th November 2023

Cylchlythyr - 27th Tachwedd 2023

Value for this half term is Perseverance



Gwerth yr hanner tymor hwn yw Dyfalbarhad

INSET DAYS

Friday 22nd December 2023

Important Dates

November and December Diary

NOVEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| | | | 1 Wellbeing camp | 2 Wellbeing camp | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Bonfire Night | 6 | 7 | 8 Year 4 concerts | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Remembrance Sunday | 13 | 14 count me in parent workshop | 15 | 16 | 17 CHILDREN IN NEED | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Playmaker Awards Year 5 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

NOTES

HALF TERM STARTS
30.10.23 TO 03.11.23

RETURN TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2023

YEAR 4 REMEMBRANCE
CONCERTS
10:00 AM
CLASS 8 MISS CHANNING
1:30 PM
CLASS 9 MR PHILLIPS

PARENT WORKSHOP
COUNT ME IN PROJECT FROM
OCTOBER. 14.11.23
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

DECEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 31 New Years Eve | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Elf Day | 7 | 8 Year 2 concerts | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Christmas Dinner | 14 | 15 Year 6 concerts | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Reception concerts | 19 Christmas Raffle | 20 Christmas Disco | 21 | Inset Day | |
| 24 Christmas Eve | 25 Christmas Day | 26 Boxing Day | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

HALF TERM
22.12.23 TO 08.01.24

ELF DAY 6/12/23
DRESS AS AN ELF - DONATIONS £1

EVERY FRIDAY IN DECEMBER IS
CHRISTMAS JUMPER, COSTUMES OR
SPARKLES DAY.

RECEPTION CONCERTS
10AM - CLASS 1 MR TULLY
1:30PM - CLASS 2 MISS DALTON

YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
10AM CLASS 4 MISS BROOKS
1:30PM CLASS 5 MR KEY

YEAR 6 CONCERT
10:30AM AT NODDFA CHURCH

Nursery January Intake 2024

Croeso I Meithrin am Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg!

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery intake for January 2024. If your child has been allocated a place at Garnteg Nursery you will receive an email with key information from School on **Friday 10th of November** - please check your emails and the school website for updates.

We look forward to meeting parents / carers and the children at our settling in and information sharing event on **Wednesday 06th December at 3:30pm**. You will have the opportunity to meet the Nursery team, spend time in the setting and access information as well as enjoying refreshments.

Poppy Appeal 2023



The Annual Remembrance Parade in Blaenavon will be held on Sunday 12th November this year and will commence at 10.45 from the car park at the top of Broad St; after the parade our pupils will be laying a wreath at the Memorial Garden.

Thank you all for your donations made to raise funds for this year's Poppy Appeal.

Christmas Donations

As Christmas is fast approaching, our school is gearing up for our annual raffle. We are reaching out to our community for any donations that could be offered to support Garnteg families during this holiday season. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. Your assistance would go a long way in bringing joy and comfort to the families in need within our community. Thank you in advance for your support. Raffle tickets will be arriving home with your child shortly!



School Lottery

We have had some lucky winners on our 3 lottery draws so far! Congratulations to all. The next draw will take place this Saturday and will continue every Saturday from now on. We would like to remind everyone to purchase their tickets as it is not only a chance to win great prizes, but also to support our school.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garnteg-primary-school>



A big thank you to one of our winners who generously donated their winnings back to the school, we really do appreciate your generosity and thank you for supporting our school.

Christmas Card Project

A big thank you to all families who purchased from the school's Christmas card project! All orders were distributed to classes and you should now have received your orders. We are thrilled to announce that we raised an amazing £122.67 for the school. Diolch for your continued support!





Children in Need

Just a reminder that next Friday, November 17th, is Children In Need day. We encourage children to wear Pudsey-themed clothing, yellow, or pyjamas to school. All we are asking for is a donation of £1 to support the cause. Any activities that take place throughout the day will be free for all pupils to participate in. We are excited to share this day with our students and hope to raise awareness and funds for this great cause!

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Next week, from Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November is anti-bullying week. In school, the children will be taking part in a variety of lessons linked to the theme for this year, of 'Make Some Noise.'

On Monday 13th November, to kick off the week, pupils and staff are asked to wear odd socks to school to celebrate each other's uniqueness and individuality.

Also, on Monday 13th November, the school will be celebrating World Kindness Day.

After-School Clubs

Just a reminder to all parents to not park in the school while waiting to pick up your children at the end of their after-school clubs. Cars will need to remain outside of the school grounds for safety reasons. Thank you for your support in this

A fun winter challenge for families... To inspire children to connect with nature, SongBird Survival have launched a FREE Ruby Robin Award. This Winter, children aged 5 to 11 can take part in fun challenges to gain a special certificate and Ruby Robin badge. It's so simple and fun to earn the award: Parents can sign up here: <https://www.songbird-survival.org.uk/what-we-do/campaigns/rra/sign-up>. Simply choose and complete one activity from each of our four

Ruby Robin Award

A FREE winter challenge for children age 5-11 to help songbirds

1 **CRAFT**
Crafty DIY projects to give songbirds a boost!

2 **LEARN**
Discover fascinating facts about your favourite birds

3 **BIRD SPOT**
Step outside and start jotting down the feathered friends you spot

4 **FUN**
Spread the bird-loving vibes

Win a Ruby certificate and pin badge

Sign up

SONGBIRD SURVIVAL
Saving songbirds with science
Charity No: 1085281

www.songbird-survival.org.uk

challenges. There are lots of resources to help on our website and different ideas depending upon how old you are. Get going and have fun.

October is 'School Food - Count Me In' month Monday 2 October - Friday 27 October

Thank you to all those who participated and joined in the school food - count me in the campaign. If your child switched to school dinners from sandwiches Nesta would love to hear from you! If you want to know more, please contact the school office!

Are you interested in receiving a **£10 Love2Shop voucher**.

If so...We are looking for you!
Nesta (School Food-Count me in) is looking for families available for a drop in session details to be provided

*Tea & Coffee
Provided*

October 2023: "School Food - Count Me In" Month at Garnteg Share your thoughts and WIN! We need YOUR voice! Help shape the future of school meals in Wales. Please join our parent feedback workshop on November 14th! If you are interested, please see Mrs James. Each participant on the 14th gets a £10 love2shop voucher!.

Your involvement can change the game for all children in our region. Let's make a difference together! Thank you for your support! Questions? Email patricia.beloe@nesta.org.uk

Our new Autumn/Winter Menu is below - Get ready to indulge in some mouth-watering dishes that are sure to satisfy your cravings!

Autumn/Winter Menu 2023

This menu is compliant with the Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations 2013

Why not try our Salad Bar?

Pick one: baguette, tortilla wrap or jacket potato

Pick two: ham, turkey cheese, tuna or egg
variety of salad and baked beans

As an alternative to the dessert - fresh fruit, yoghurt or cheese and crackers are available

Keep your eye out for the new menus coming to school!

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|--|---|---|--|---|
| Week 1 | Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Mashed Potato, Baked Beans, Bread and Spread Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with Custard | Homemade Beef Spaghetti Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese (V) served with Assorted Vegetables and Garlic Bread Chocolate Brownie and a Milk Drink | Chicken Breast Fillet or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Artichoke and Fruit Cocktail | Salmon Fishfingers or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) served with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard | Ham and Pineapple Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) served with Chips and a Side Salad Ice-Cream and Mandarins |
| Week 2 | Beef Meatballs or Veggie Plant Based Balls (Ve) served with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy Pear and Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce | Cottage Pie served with Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy or Cheese and Potato Pie (V) served with Baked Beans or Peas Three Fruit Crumble and Cream | Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Welsh Cake and a Milk Drink | Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Peas Sticky Toffee Sponge and Custard | Jumbo Fish Finger Sub or Vegetable Sausage Sub (Ve) served with Chips and a Side Salad Raspberry Flavour Ice Cream and Fruit |
| Week 3 | Savoury Minced Beef or Quorn Savoury Mince (V) served with Mashed Potato and Seasonal Vegetables Spicy Peach Cake and Custard | Salmon Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) served with Herby Diced Potatoes, Baked Beans or Peas Carrot Cake topped with Cream | Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Fruit Jelly | Chicken Curry or Vegetarian Curry (V) served with Savoury Rice, Naan Bread and Vegetables Chocolate and Coconut Flapjack (Ve) | Chicken Burger in a Bun or Southern Quorn in a Bun (V) served with Chips and Salad Ice-Cream and Mandarins |

(V) Vegetarian. All accompaniments to main choices above are suitable for Vegetarians. Jelly and Trifle are not suitable for vegetarians. Fruit and yogurt are always available.
(Ve) Vegan. All accompaniments to main choices above are suitable for vegans with the exception of Yorkshire Pudding. Fruit is available daily as a dessert option, and Flapjack where it appears above. A fully vegan menu is available on request.

Menus may vary in faith schools, please check with your individual school for details

| November 2023 | | | | | December 2023 | | | | | January 2024 | | | | | February 2024 | | | | | March 2024 | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|--------------|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|------------|----|----|----|----|
| M | T | W | T | F | M | T | W | T | F | M | T | W | T | F | M | T | W | T | F | M | T | W | T | F |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 1 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | | | | | | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |

Every effort is made to provide the correct balance of choices to our customers but we cannot guarantee that all choices will be available right to the end of service.

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PERFORMANCE DATES 2023

Thursday 14th December 7pm

Friday 15th December 7pm

Saturday 16th December 11am / 4pm

TICKET PRICES

Adult £11

Concessions £7.50

Family of four £30



CHRISTMAS FAIR

MILLENNIUM HALL GARNDIFFAITH

SAT 9TH DEC • 11AM - 2PM

VARIETY OF STALLS, REFRESHMENTS
& FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITING FROM
12 MIDDAY



Attendance Winners 23rd - 27th October 2023

Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 Miss Dalton who were foundation phase attendance winners with 97.5% and Dosbarth 11 Mrs Messorre and Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker Evans who were joint Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 95.6%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!



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This week's attendance figures are

| Year | % Overall | Class | Percentage | Year | % Overall | Class | Percentage |
|-----------|-----------|-------|------------|------|-----------|-------|------------|
| Nursery | 83.9 | 0 | 83.9 | 3 | 88.3 | 6 | 90.7 |
| Reception | 86.2 | 1 | 88.4 | | | 7 | 86.1 |
| | | 2 | 84 | 4 | 94.4 | 8 | 95.7 |
| Year 1 | 92.6 | 3 | 90.7 | | | 9 | 93.1 |
| Year1/2 | | 4 | 99.2 | 5 | 87.1 | 10 | 85.6 |
| Year 2 | 95 | 5 | 92.1 | | | 11 | 88.4 |
| | | | | 6 | 90.2 | 12 | 91.7 |
| | | | | | | 13 | 88.5 |

Seren Yr Wythnos 2023

| Foundation Phase | | Key Stage 2 | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Class | Seren Yr Wythnos | Class | Seren Yr Wythnos |

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|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Nursery - Mrs Attewell | AM - Esm e-Joy PM- Elias | Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers | Emma |
| Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully | Brody | Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing | Marleigh-Ann |
| Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton | Ava-Rose | Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips | Jack |
| Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown | Archie | Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya | Toby |
| Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks | Lewis | Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messor  | Sonny |
| Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key | William | Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee | Jac |
| Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams | Nylah | Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans | Jayden |

Nursery - What a wonderful week we have had learning and celebrating Diwali! 😊 It has been a lovely experience and we had so much fun at our Diwali party eating Chocolate Barfi, dancing to traditional music and making Diwali crafts. Da Dawn Meithrin!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - What a lovely week we have had back in reception this week. This week we voted for which desert we wanted to make to celebrate Diwali, the highest vote was to make Barfi. The children were very excited to try something new. We have also been super busy with our number work this week, we have been reading and writing numbers

Dosbarth 3 - Gwaith wow Dosbarth Tri! What a fantastic first week back we have had. The children have been working hard learning about Diwali and starting to write their own stories. We have also talked about Remembrance Day and have learnt about the word peace. Just a friendly to return reading books and use bug club online too.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Ffantasteg week Dosbarth 4/5. This week we have celebrated the festival of light and looked at their traditions at this time. We enjoyed using our measuring skills to create traditional sweets and drinks and tried them in class to see what they were like. PE is still a Tuesday; can all children bring in their pe kits to be left in school. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendedig pawb-you have completed super work measuring accurately using a ruler as well as being literacy detectives looking for missing capital letters and full stops. A polite reminder to continue returning your reading books and learning log activities as we love showing them in class. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - We are so proud of the children this week with their wonderful Remembrance Assemblies held in school. Thank you to everyone who attended the assemblies, I'm sure you are all so proud of them too. Keep working on your tables, spellings and reading at home and we can't wait to see your next completed learning log tasks. Da iawn. Pawb!

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Arddechog Blywddyn 5, what a fantastic first week back! You have all worked hard sharing your knowledge about the Titanic as part of our mini topic for this half term. We have also talked about Remembrance Day and many of you have enjoyed completing independent work based on this - bendedig! A polite reminder to return any reading books that you have at home, diolch. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - we have been blown away by your writing and knowledge this week. We have been learning all about the organs in the body and their importance too. Keep up the great work on your homework logs and reading books, please ensure you return these regularly. Have a wonderful weekend!

| Class | Target by end of year | Current percentage to date |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 | 95 | 90.3 |
| 4 | 94 | 96.1 |
| 5 | 94 | 91.4 |
| 6 | 93 | 92.9 |

| | | |
|-----------|----|------|
| 7 | 95 | 89.7 |
| 8 | 95 | 93.9 |
| 9 | 95 | 93.4 |
| 10 | 93 | 90.7 |
| 11 | 93 | 92.4 |
| 12 | 95 | 90.9 |
| 13 | 95 | 94.1 |

Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School