

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 24th November 2023

Cylchlythyr - 24th Tachwedd 2023

Value for this half term is Perseverance

Promise me you'll always remember:
you're braver than you believe,
and stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think.



Christopher Robin

Gwerth yr hanner tymor hwn yw Dyfalbarhad

INSET DAYS

Friday 22nd December 2023

Important Dates

December Diary

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 New Years Eve					1 Christmas jumper	2
3	4	5	6 Elf Day Nursery intake meeting	7 Garnteg Coach Christmas	8 Year 2 concerts	9
10 Christmas videos sent to parents	11	12	13 Christmas Dinner	14 Nursery Christmas workshop 10:30am & 2pm	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

Every Friday in December is Christmas jumper, costumes or sparkles Day.

ELF DAY 6/12/23
DRESS AS AN ELF - DONATIONS £1
6.12.23

NURSERY INTAKE FOR JANUARY 2024 -
3:30PM 6/12/2023

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

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

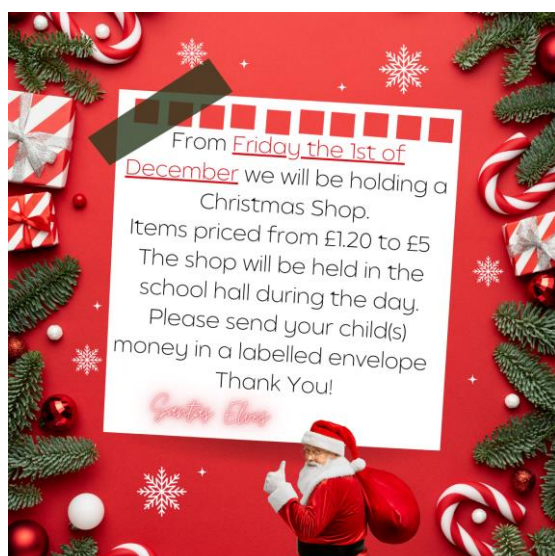
YEAR 6 CONCERT
10:30AM AT NODDFA CHURCH

NURSERY WORKSHOP
SANTA WILL BE VISITING TO GIVE THE CHILDREN A PRESENT AS WELL AS SINGING CAROLS AND A CHRISTMAS SHOP.

Every Friday in December is Christmas attire at Garnteg.

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumper, costumes or something sparkly.

Christmas Shop



We are thrilled to announce that our first-ever Christmas shop will take place from Friday, 1st December, and last for one week only. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in the Christmas spirit and purchase thoughtful gifts for their loved ones. Each day, the children can visit the shop during the designated time slot and browse a wide range of items, including chocolates, socks, cups, ornaments, and many more. We have ensured that there is something for everyone, and you can rest assured that all the items are of high quality and reasonably priced between £1.20 to £5. We kindly request that you send your child's money in a labelled envelope to ensure a smooth and efficient shopping experience. The

shop is designed to promote independence and decision-making skills in children and to encourage them to think about others during this festive season.

We are excited to see the joy and excitement on each child's face as they select the perfect gift for their loved ones. Thank you for supporting us in this venture, and we can't wait to make this a memorable event for everyone involved!

Nursery January Intake 2024

Croeso I Meithrin am Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg!

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery intake for January 2024.

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.

Swimming Lessons

Year 5 pupils will start their swimming lessons after February half-term. Please remember to pay your one-off charge of £24 for swimming. This should be paid through your Civica Pay Account.

School Reading Books & Learning Logs

Please can children bring in all home reading books into school at least 3 times a week and learning logs weekly. We would also be grateful if you can return any additional school reading books too.

School Lottery



Enter our **Super Draw**
WIN A PLAYSTATION 5 VR2 BUNDLE

- Win a Limited Edition Spider-Man 2 Playstation 5
- AND the brand-new Playstation VR2 Headset!
- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Play now and support our school!

We have had some lucky and generous winners from our 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>



BUY TICKETS:
Go to: [YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](https://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk)
And search for: Garnteg

Draw date Saturday 27th November. See website for terms and conditions.

Rugby Roundup

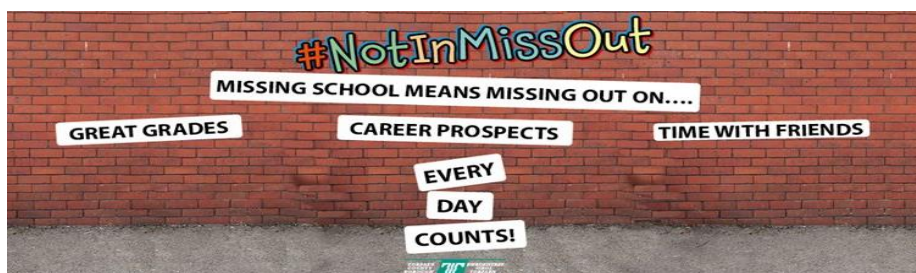
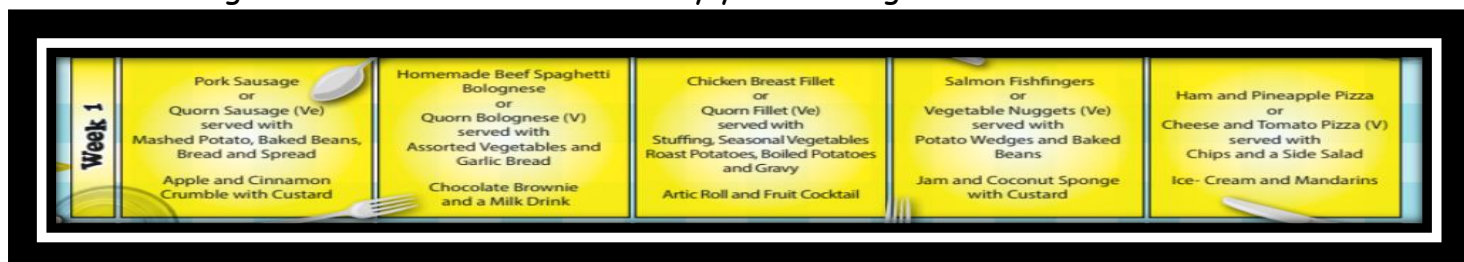
Congratulations to year 5 and 6 pupils who attended the rugby tournament at Pontypool Park today. They managed to get to the semi-finals after winning 4 matches against schools from across South Wales.

We are all so very proud of this achievement - Da Iawn Blant!

We can't wait to hear the report from the tournament!

School Menu

Our new Autumn/Winter Menu is below Next week is Week 1 - Get ready to indulge in some mouth-watering dishes that are sure to satisfy your cravings!



Attendance Winners 13th - 17th November 2023

Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mr Key who were foundation phase attendance winners with 97.5% and Dosbarth 8 Miss Channing who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for the second week running with 99.3%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	87.4	3	95.2	6	95.2
Reception	80.8	1	88			7	95.2
		2	73.6	4	90.6	8	88.6
Year 1	94.5	3	92.5			9	92.7
Year 1/2		4	97.7	5	87.9	10	87.4
Year 2	95.2	5	94.6			11	88.4
				6	96.3	12	95.5
						13	97

Seren Yr Wythnos 2023

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

Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Myla PM- Harri	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Tomas
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Jacob	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Euan
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Lily	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Phoebe
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Cowen	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Willow
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Ryleigh	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messoré	Ellie
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Leia	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Lola-Kate
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Aliya	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Lexie

Nursery - This week nursery have been learning all about patterns. We have been on pattern hunts around the school and making our own patterns in the areas. A big Da iawn Meithrin!! Can you help your child find patterns in your home/garden? Please send them to us on class dojo to share with the class 😊 Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Gwaith da Dosbarth Un and Dau on another fantastic week of learning. This week we have been flexing our writing skills and making incredible stories based on our topic tales and our own ideas too! We are thinking about all the ways that we can help others and be kind. What fantastic ideas and thoughts you have all shared. This week all children will come home with new reading books and journals for home learning. Keep an eye on class dojo for learning challenges. We would love to see the children's learning continue to sparkle out of school too and we can't wait to see how they can be creative at home too 😊. Enjoy the weekend, Diolch for all your hard work reading at home!

Dosbarth 3 - In Dosbarth Tri this week we have been assessing our stories and have begun to explore sentence structure including, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. This is a kind reminder that you continue to read and return home reading books as this helps the children with their reading progression. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - This week Dosbarth 4+5 have been busy preparing for our Christmas performance on December 8th. We have been excited to learn all about play scripts and write our own play settings and have been making choices about the designs and materials we will need to make Christmas gifts for the concert. Please can the children continue to practise their lines ready for the performance in 2 weeks. Please can reading records and learning logs continue to be returned to school each week so that we can celebrate the children's work and their progress with them. Thank you, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - It has been lovely to see the wonderful learning logs that have been returned this week the children have enjoyed sharing them with their friends. You have all been very creative Bendedegidig pawb! Please continue to send them in as we love giving dojo points out. Also, we would still love kind donations of pinecones any material etc that the children can use for their Christmas craft. Have a love weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - What a busy but wonderful week we have had in Blywddyn pedwar, da iawn blant! We have really enjoyed watching your enthusiasm whilst completing your science investigations, you've all done brilliantly! Just a reminder that reading books need to be returned throughout the week even if your child hasn't finished reading the book yet. It has been wonderful to see learning logs being brought in, keep this up! Have a wonderful weekend, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in the classroom again Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - We have had another wonderful week in Dosbarth 10 and 11 this week! You have all been working hard finding out about the Titanic as part of our topic and literacy work. We are incredibly proud of your non-chronological reports this week, you have all worked brilliantly! A reminder to please return any school reading books if you have them at home. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Dosbarth 12 a 13 have had another great week, we have had detailed conversations around our new book 'Escape; one day I had to run' and how it feels to seek refuge. A huge well done to the pupils for the incredible pieces of learning log work brought into school, keep this up. Have a lovely weekend!

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.6
4	94	96
5	94	92.3

6	93	93.1
7	95	90.3
8	95	93.9
9	95	93.6
10	93	90.9
11	93	92.3
12	95	91.7
13	95	94.5

Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School