

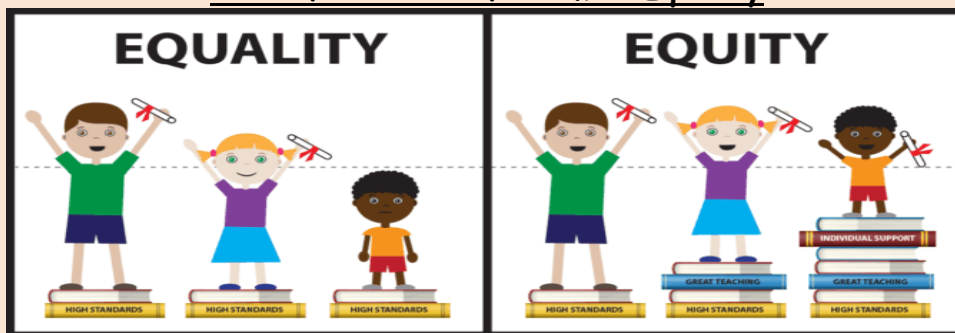


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Newsletter - 12th January 2024
Cylchlythyr - 12th Ionawr 2024

Value for this half term is Equality



Gwerth yr hanner tymor hwn yw Cydraddoldeb

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 24th May 2024
Friday 19th July 2024

January Diary



Parent Workshops

We have organised two workshops for parents/carers in January 2024.

A **well-being workshop** which will take place over four weeks and is open to parents of all-year groups. The workshop will be held on Thursdays from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm. This starts **Thursday 18th January 2024**.

A **reading workshop**, where this will help you assist your child with reading using the reading methods we use at Garnteg, to help your child improve their reading skills. This session will be 90 minutes for parents then 30 minutes with your child(ren) to put what you have learnt into practice. This workshop is open to parents/carers of Nursery to Year 3 students only and will take place over six weeks. It will run in the afternoons from 1:15 pm - to 3:15 pm. This starts **Monday 22nd January 2024**.



Sign up for Parent Wellbeing Workshop [Wellbeing Workshop](#) today!

Sign up for Help your child to read Workshop [Help your child to read](#) today!



Reading Cafes for Parents / Carers

Join us for a literary adventure at Garnteg Primary School! We're excited to announce our upcoming class Reading Cafés, where you can immerse yourselves in the joy of reading alongside your child/children. On the specified dates and times, we welcome you to the classroom to explore fun reading activities and strategies. There will be beverages, opportunities to engage in conversations, and even meet our beloved School Mascot! It's a fantastic opportunity to foster a love for reading both in School and at home. Please let us know if you can attend by responding via Class Dojos. Let the reading festivities begin!

- Monday 22nd January for **Class 3** at 2:15pm – 3:00pm
- Monday 29th January for **Class 4** 2:15pm – 3:00pm
- Monday 05th January for **Class 5** 2:15pm – 3:00pm
- Monday 19th February for **Class 6** 2:15pm – 3:00pm
- Monday 26th February for **Class 7** 2:15pm – 3:00pm

School Lottery



The school is still holding its weekly lottery, we have seen some lovely prizes being won and donations sent to the school. Proceeds from the tickets sold go back to the school to help us raise funds for consumables for the Garnteg children. So far, we have raised over an amazing £200, thanks to you!

If you wish to sign up please visit

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garnteg-primary-school?utm_campaign=getaway-jan23&utm_source=cause-admin&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

A yellow rectangular poster for Sebastopol AFC Under 11s. At the top left is the club's crest, a blue shield with a white diagonal stripe and a crown on top, with 'SEBASTOPOL AFC' above and 'S.A.F.C.' below. To the right of the crest, the text 'Sebastopol AFC Under 11s' is written in a large, white, stylized font. Below this, the text reads: 'We are currently looking to recruit some new players for our U11s team. If you know anyone that is currently in Year 6 looking to join a new team please contact one of the coaches below.' At the bottom, two soccer ball icons are placed on either side of the coaches' names and phone numbers: 'Leighton Dawkins 07815819132' and 'Mark Strange 07355 997878'.

Noddfa Church

Noddfa has received some funding to assist people in the local area to learn how to plant, grow and cook fresh meals (Poster attached).

It is free and every family that joins will finish the course with a full planting kit to continue to grow at home - whether in a garden or window box (also provided).



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.

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 Menu

Our Autumn/Winter Menu is below. Next week is Week 3

	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 Artic Roll 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 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 Mince 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

Why not try our Salad Bar?
Pick one: baguette, tortilla wrap or jacket potato
Pick two: ham, turkey, cheese, bun or egg
variety of salad and baked beans
As an alternative to the dessert - fresh fruit, yoghurt or cheese and crockers are available
Bring your own plate for home recycling as needed!

Catering for Medical Diets/ Food Allergies
For special diets requests please e-mail: specialdietsrequest@torfaen.gov.uk

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
28 29 30 31 1	18 19 20 21 22	22 23 24 25 26	28 29 30 31 1	18 19 20 21 22
27 28 29 30 1	27 28 29 30 1	26 27 28 29 1 2		

Vegetarian. All accompaniments to main choices above are suitable for vegetarians, jelly and Trifle are not suitable for vegetarians. Fruit and yoghurt are always available. Fish and Tuna. 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.

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.



Lateness

Class registers are taken at 9:00, please ensure your child is on time as the missed time impacts on their learning and wellbeing in school. If your child is late, please can parents & carers bring children to the main school office to be signed in and so they can be taken to classrooms by staff.

Appointments

If you need to take your child to an appointment in school hours, please bring an appointment card/letter to the school office or you can email the office garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk. We understand this is not always accessible in some circumstances.

Reporting illness

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please remember to contact the school as soon as possible to report the absence. Failure to do so will result in your child being marked as unauthorised, and if this occurs for 10 or more sessions (5 days), the Education Welfare team may take legal action against you.

Attendance Winners 18th -21st December 2023

Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mr Key who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 94.6% and congratulations to Dosbarth 9 Mr Phillips who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 94.7%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	93	0		3	94.3	6	96.2
Reception	95.7	1	95.8			7	92.6
		2	95.6	4	92.5	8	90
Year 1	94.9	3	93.2			9	95.2
		4	96.7	5	95.6	10	93.9
	93.2	5	92.1			11	97.2

Year 2				6	92.7	12	92.4
						13	93

Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 93.9%

Seren Yr Wythnos 2024

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Leo PM- Oliver-Lee and Ayda	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Lavanah
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Takotah	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Halle
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Leo	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Oscar
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Charlotte	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Evie
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Finnley	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore	Charlie W-C
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Jaydan	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Kyron
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Jacob	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Harley-Mae

Nursery - Croeso nol Meithrin! 😊 We have loved having you back and have loved getting to know our new Rising 3's! We have been enjoying our new topic 'Mynd Allan' by exploring the outdoors and looking at different types of transport. We have talked about how we travel to school and took part in an investigation to see which vehicle travels the furthest on a ramp. Da iawn plant!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 -

Cröse nol Derbyn! What a wonderful week we have had back in our classrooms. It has been lovely to hear about all the exciting things you have been getting up to over the Christmas holidays, you have begun writing your letters to tell your teachers all about your break. To start our new topic 'Dw I'n bwy', we have been asking people around the school 'ble wyt ti'n byw?' collecting data by making marks. You have worked super hard this week already so have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Bendedig Dosbarth Tri, what a fantastic first week back we have had. You have been busy deciding on what you would like to learn in your new topic 'Fy ardal i', collecting data in maths and exploring our new text in English. You have also had a visit from Elizabeth and Mr Rainbows and Laura, you have wowed us with your enthusiasm towards your learning. Please may we ask that you continue to read and return home reading books and support your children with their spellings. Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Da iawn Blwyddyn Dau for a wonderful first week back. We have been busy exploring our spring topic 'Catref, Melys, Catref'. To start our topic, we have been completing travel surveys to see how we all get from home to school, sharing our new topic ideas and finding out about the places we call home using 'Ble rwyd ti'n byw?'. The children have now received a new spring term learning log challenge. Please can the children record the tasks as they complete them in their home learning logs and please return these to school so we can celebrate and share the wonderful home learning! Have a lovely weekend and see you all Monday!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Blwyddyn Newydd Dda pawb. It has been lovely to see you back in class and talking about the wonderful things that you did over the Christmas period. The children have shone this week with thinking of amazing things to do with our new topic Taith y diferyn glaw. We have sent letters home this week for our school trip to Cilfynnyd as part of our topic so a reminder to bring in the permission slip by Monday 23rd January also the payment for the trip can be paid via the children's Civic pay account. If you need any support with this, please ring the school office.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Blwyddyn Newydd Dda pawb! What a wonderful start to the spring term you have all had - it has been wonderful to see how excited you have been about our new topic "Wales Rocks from Above". We can't wait to see this work continued at home with the work you will be completing for our new learning log for this term - these will be given out Monday pm dojo and physically. Just a reminder to bring reading books in at least 3 times a week as well please. For PE, the weather has been very cold so can we bring in full length bottoms for the days we are outside. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you in the classroom on Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Blwyddyn Newydd Dda pawb! We have had a wonderful first week back in school. The children have been so focussed in class and enjoyed their first Mindfulness session with Mrs Williams this week. In our topic this term we will be studying Myths and Legends and looking more closely at our local area, particularly the sculptures in Pontypool Park. Can all Homework Logs be returned asap so that new Learning Logs can be stuck in. Swimming lesson will start after February half term. The cost for transport, until the end of the summer term, is £24 and is payable on CIVICA pay. Please contact the office if you need details. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - What a fantastic start to the new term! Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on our new topic 'Dathliad o Gymru' 'a Celebration of Wales'. We cannot wait to see the fabulous work you produce in your learning logs. The next two Fridays we will be visited by Mr Shepherd from Abersychan comp for some transition sport activities. Please ensure the children are dressed in layers with appropriate shoes. Have a fabulous weekend.

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.1
4	94	95.4
5	94	92
6	93	92.6
7	95	90.6
8	95	93.1
9	95	94.0
10	93	90.4
11	93	93.0
12	95	92.1
13	95	94.4

Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School