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Newsletter - 2nd February 2024
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Value for this half term is Equality



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Diary dates

INSET DAYS
Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 19th July 2024

February Diary



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 05th February 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

Parent Workshops

Our next **reading workshop** session is **Monday 5th February 2024**, and spaces are still available. It is aimed to help you assist your child with reading using the reading methods we use at Garnteg, and help your child improve their reading skills. Please make sure to book your space.

Family Learning **Garnteg Primary School**

Helping your Child Learn to Read
Monday 22nd January 2024
 1.15pm - 3.15pm
 For 6 Weeks
 At Garnteg Primary School

Share ideas and discover new ways to work with your child in a friendly and relaxed environment to support their learning.

- ✓ Discover ways to help your child with their reading.
- ✓ Experience and enjoy the value of sharing books.
- ✓ Make your own games and activities to use with your child to support reading.

Tel: 01633 647734
 Torfaen Adult Community Learning





Valentines Disco - Friday 9th February

Our Valentines Discos will take place in school on Friday 9th February, Pupils can wear something red to school to celebrate.

School Menu

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



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 places being 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 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 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
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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.



VALENTINE'S DAY

Shop

ITEMS FROM £1 - £4

**STARTS MONDAY 5TH
FEBRUARY 2024**

A graphic for a Valentine's Day shop. The background is a solid reddish-pink color with several white heart outlines scattered across it. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts.

MOTHER'S DAY!

This year we are selling Primroses thanks to our friends at The Secret Garden.

Limit to 3 pots per child at £1 per pot.

Letters will be out soon to order yours!

SPECIAL PERSONS DAY!

Secret Garden

February Half Term Play and Wellbeing Camp

Please use the link below to book your child's place as soon as possible

Link:

https://iweb.itouchvision.com/portal/itouchvision/r/customer/category_link?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=EN&P_LANG=en

Chwarae Torfaen a Gwasanaethau Seibionau Byr
 Children's Recreation and Short Breaks Service

Gwersylloedd Chwarae A Lles Hanner Tymor
Chwefror 2024

Halfterm Play & Wellbeing Camps
February 2024

Ysgol Gymraed Dre Fawrth, Wrecidd a Broch Blaenafon
 Rhed Gerd Can Lloed, Blaenafon, NP4 1BB

Ysgol Gymraed Gymunedol Bledwyr Basal
 Rhed Bledwyr, St David, Cwmbran, NP4 4DZ

Ysgol Gymraed Caringeb
 Wladod, Llanfyllter, Fawr y goll, NP4 7U

Ysgol Gymraed George Street
 Rhed Wladod, Fawr y goll, NP4 4BZ

Ysgol Gymraed Llantarnam
 Rhed Llantarnam, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP4 2LH

Ysgol Gymraed Nant Celys
 Rhed Nant Celys, Cwmbran, NP4 2JH

Ysgol Gymraed Penygarn
 Rhed Penygarn, Penygarn, Fawr y goll, NP4 6LH

SEFYDIAU SEIBIART, SEMIADAU BYR A RHAI ARALL
 (Specialist provision for children and young people with complex needs)
 Cymharu y sefydliadau hysbysu'r rhwyddwch i'w cerbydau.

Rheolaer Gymunedol Gwernowodwr & St David
 11 Gwernodwr, 11th a Trwydd, Gwernowodwr, Cwmbran, NP41 6JL

Thornhill Community Centre
 Llanidloes Court, Cwmbran, NP4 3TQ

Ysglwyd Victory
 Greenbridge Way, Cwmbran, NP4 3BA

Rhaid darparu cynhyrgwr ffôn y gellir ei ail-gennu a chinio pecyn

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS
10:00AM TO 3:00PM
Tuesday 13th February to Thursday 15th February

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
 To complete an expression of interest form please contact halfterm@torfaen.gov.uk. Please note applications for your child must be completed prior to attending.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
halftermplay@torfaen.gov.uk

Schools:
 Blaenafon Heritage WC Primary School
 Blaenafon Court Can Lloed, Blaenafon, NP4 1BB
 Bledwyr Basal Community Primary School
 Wladod Basal, St David, Cwmbran, NP4 4DZ
 Caringeb Primary School
 Wladod, Llanfyllter, Fawr y goll, NP4 7U
 George Street Primary School
 Wladod Basal, Fawr y goll, NP4 4BZ
 Llantarnam Primary School
 Llanidloes Court, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP4 2LH
 Nant Celys Primary School
 Wladod Way, Cwmbran, NP4 2JH
 Penygarn Primary School
 Penygarn Road, Penygarn, Fawr y goll, NP4 6LH

SPECIALIST PLAY & RESPIRE SESSIONS
 (Specialist provision for children and young people with complex needs. These sessions are through school premises.)
 Gwernowodwr & St David Community Hall
 11th Gwernodwr, 11th a Trwydd, Gwernowodwr, Cwmbran, NP41 6JL
 Thornhill Community Centre
 Llanidloes Court, Cwmbran, NP4 3TQ
 Victory Church
 Greenbridge Way, Cwmbran, NP4 3BA

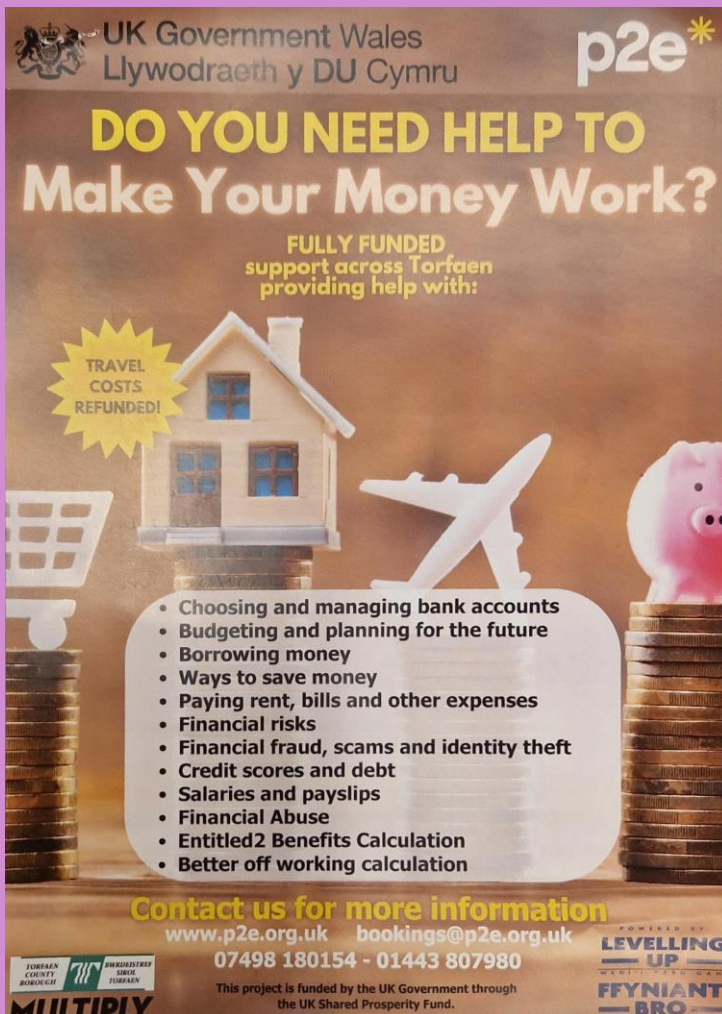
A refillable drink and packed lunch is required

WELSH CONTACTS:
 @chwaraetorfaen
 Chwarae Torfaen
 halftermplay@torfaen.gov.uk

ENGLISH CONTACTS:
 @halftermplaytorfaen
 Children's Recreation and Short Breaks Service
 halftermplay@torfaen.gov.uk

The dates the camp will be running are on Tuesday 13th February, Wednesday 14th February and Thursday 15th February, the times are 10:00am-3:00pm.

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



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DO YOU NEED HELP TO Make Your Money Work?

FULLY FUNDED
support across Torfaen
providing help with:

TRAVEL COSTS
REFUNDED!

- Choosing and managing bank accounts
- Budgeting and planning for the future
- Borrowing money
- Ways to save money
- Paying rent, bills and other expenses
- Financial risks
- Financial fraud, scams and identity theft
- Credit scores and debt
- Salaries and payslips
- Financial Abuse
- Entitled2 Benefits Calculation
- Better off working calculation

Contact us for more information
www.p2e.org.uk bookings@p2e.org.uk
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PUPIL ZONE

Congratulations to our year 4 Pupil Riley and the rest of Garndiffaith under 9's. They played Cwmbran last weekend at rugby and won by an amazing score of 12 tries to 8. Good luck with Rhymney this weekend!



ATTENDANCE



Attendance Winners 22nd - 26th January 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 98.2 % and congratulations to Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker Evans who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for the second week running with 97.8%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are


Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	87.5	0		3	91.2	6	95.5
Reception	92.9	1	96.2			4	90
		2	89.6	5	87.5		
Year 1	91.5	3	91.1			6	92.3
		4	93.3	10	85.2		
Year 2	91.1	5	89.6	13	90.4	11	89.6
						12	94.1

Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 92.35%

Seren Yr Wythnos 2024

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren	Class	Seren

	Yr Wythnos		Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Brodie PM- Theodore	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Maison
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Maisie-Leigh	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Ollie
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Taylyn	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Evan
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Freya	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Oscar
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Brooke	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore	Georgina
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Joshua	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Zac
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Gracie-May	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Jacob

Nursery - Da Iawn Meithrin for another lovely week 😊 We have been exploring all things Welsh and preparing for our Eisteddfod on the 29th February. We have been looking around our school for inspiration for some landscape artwork. We can't wait to see what you create in class. Just a polite reminder that children are to bring in drinks bottles with water only. Diolch, have a lovely weekend all. 

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendigedig Derbyn for another marvellous week of learning. We are continuing our topic work looking at our locality and talking about places in our community that we like to visit. We are beginning to prepare for our Eisteddfod celebration. This weekend both classes will be sharing homework for the craft portion of the competition. We can't wait for you to get creative with your children and celebrate our Welsh Heritage by making a 3D model of your favourite place to go. We are always excited to hear what learning you are doing at home don't forget to return reading books regularly to be swapped. Enjoy your weekend!

Dosbarth 3 - Bendigedig blwyddyn un, what another wonderful week of learning! On Tuesday we had an enjoyable experience of going on our first school trip. We got to experience going on a bus when going to Pontypool library. The children enjoyed looking at all the exciting books and even got to take one home with them. When we returned to school, we wrote the library a thank you letter to practise our letter writing too. Just a friendly reminder that the children are asked to bring in healthy snacks and water. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Gwych Year 2, what a wonderful week! We have been so busy using our creative writing skills this week in preparation for our Eisteddfod, creating letters, stories, information texts and scripts using the skills we have learnt so far this year. In our maths learning we have been busy practising the fractions half and quarter and using these to make turns and give directions. A reminder that Class 5's reading cafe is on Monday 5th February 2.15-3pm. Please let Mr Key know if you would like to attend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 6 and 7 for an amazing week. You have been super busy with writing and performing songs with DJ Suzi to learning how to cross the road safely with Kerb Kraft and practising Samba drums. We are looking forward to our Valentine's disco on Friday 9th February in school time and just a reminder to wear something red for this. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Gwaith ffantastig pawb! Another wonderful week of learning in blwyddyn pedwar. You've enjoyed researching all about Apollo 11 and distinguishing which sources are reliable and which aren't on the internet. You've also been super busy writing biographies on inspirational figures from our book "Hidden Figures". Da iawn pawb! Diolch for all the donations for wear red for Velindre day, you all look amazing and have helped paint the school red. We are looking forward to our Valentine's disco on Friday 9th February in school time and just a reminder to wear something red for this. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in the classroom Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Da iawn Dosbarth 10 and 11 for another great week. It's been a busy one! Dosbarth 10 had a fantastic time visiting Pontypool Park, looking at the different local sculptures in the area. Lots to help us create our own over the next few weeks. Dosbarth 11 will be doing this trip on Wednesday 7th February, so please can all permission slips be returned by Monday and pupils wear school uniform for the trip. Have a good weekend all!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 – What a fantastic week where you have continued to work so hard. A reminder to work on your learning logs over the weekend to get extra dojo points ahead of next week's winners. Next week will be the final week for swimming for year 6 so we know you will enjoy your fun session. Next week we celebrate safer internet day. Here are some top tips for parents and carers to discuss at home over the weekend

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/top-tips-for-under-11s>. Have a restful weekend

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	89.7
4	94	95.5
5	94	91.5
6	93	92.7
7	95	90.6
8	95	92.6
9	95	93.8
10	93	90.4
11	93	92.9
12	95	92.4
13	95	94.6

Kind regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School