

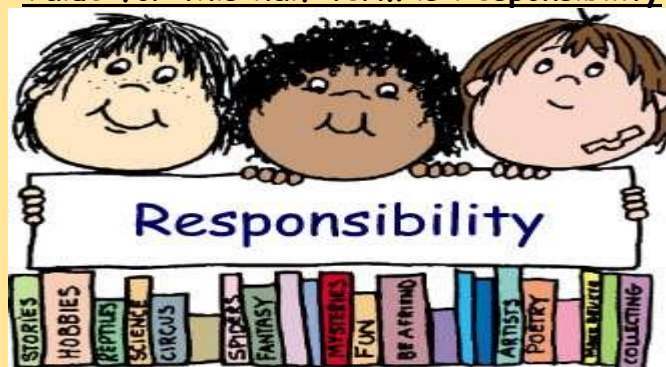


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Newsletter - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Cylchlythyr - 8<sup>th</sup> Mawrth 2024

Value for this half term is Responsibility



Gwerth yr hanner tymor hwn yw Cyfrifoldeb

# Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## March Diary

**MARCH 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 British summer time Easter Sunday					1 St Davids Day Eisteddfod	2
3	4 Teach your child to read workshop Wellbeing workshop No 1	5	6	7 World Book Day Class 3 concert Netball Tournament	8 Torfaen Got to dance competition	9
10 Mothering Sunday	11	12 Pontypool Eisteddfod Parent consultations	13 parent consultations	14 Y5 concerts	15	16
17	18 Wellbeing Workshop 2	19	20 Y6 Sennedd Trip Cardiff Bay	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30

**NOTES**

HALF TERM  
 22/03/2024 - 08/04/2024

RETURN TO SCHOOL  
 MONDAY 08.04.2024

07.03.24  
 CLASS 3 CONCERT

14.03.24 YEAR 5 CONCERTS  
 CLASS 10 KN 10AM  
 CLASS 11 EM 1:30PM

PARENT CONSULTATIONS  
 TUESDAY 12TH MARCH &  
 WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH.  
 USBORNE BOOKS WILL BE IN  
 HALL

WELLBEING WORKSHOPS ARE  
 9- 10:30 IN SCHOOL

### Easter Egg Hunt - Message from the School Council

We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. If you would like your child to take part, please can you send £1 by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

### Easter Disco Day

We can't wait to celebrate the Easter festivities with our Easter Disco on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Pupils will receive treats and drinks at the disco and are welcome to wear party clothing.

### Easter Parade

Our Easter Parade will be on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. Pupils can win prizes for best Easter headgear and Easter craft designs.



### **Egg-Citing Easter Raffle**

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our egg-citing Easter Raffle at Garnteg Primary School!

We would be very grateful for any Easter egg donations, if you or a company you know can donate any prizes, they would be greatly received.

**Raffle Ticket Sales:** You should have received two strips of tickets per child at 50p per strip, please return them with your child's name and class written on the back as soon as possible.

**Raffle Drawing:** The much-anticipated raffle will take place on **Thursday 21st March**.

All funds raised from this will directly contribute to resources for our children. Your generosity and participation are greatly appreciated.

### **Exciting News from Pastor John Noddfa Church**

The BBC are coming to Noddfa Church, and we are going to host their Easter service this year. Laura's Choir will be involved in the service. The recording will be on **21st March - Garndiffaith Millennium Hall from 11am-1pm**. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the service and sing along for the recording! It is pre-recorded "as live" and then will air the following week on Easter Sunday (which we will of course promote).

**Practices will be (as usual) on a Friday evening at our Noddfa Juniors Clwb (6-8pm).**

Garnteg school pupils will have the first opportunity to come and join in and sing for the BBC. On the day the BBC are coming with their studio vans with all the latest equipment - what a great opportunity for Garnteg pupils and families to take part!

### **Vacancy for Parent Governor**

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If so, why not consider becoming a school governor. All schools have places for Parent Governors, and we currently have a vacancy of 2 of these positions at Garnteg Primary, if you are interested, please contact the school office for a nomination form. Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. This role is essential to the education of children in the Borough of Torfaen so please consider applying. In case you feel a little apprehensive about the responsibilities of the role the Education Achievement Service for SE Wales (EAS) offer training to assist you.

Please click on the following link for further information.

<https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/school-governors/could-you-be-a-school-governor>

### **Nursery April Intake 2024**

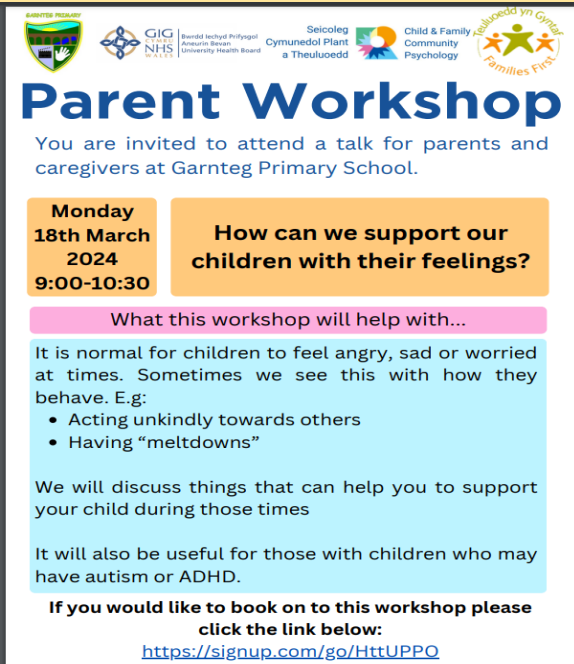
Croeso I Meithrin am Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg!

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

We look forward to meeting parents / carers and the children at our settling in and information sharing event on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 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.

## Parent Workshop

Our second parent workshop sign-up is now available. This will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from 9 am. Please see details of the workshop and the link below.



The flyer features logos for GIG NHS, Seicoleg Cymunedol Plant a Theuluoeedd, and Child & Family Community Psychology. The main title is 'Parent Workshop' in large blue font. Below it, the text reads: 'You are invited to attend a talk for parents and caregivers at Garnteg Primary School.' Two orange boxes contain the date 'Monday 18th March 2024 9:00-10:30' and the title 'How can we support our children with their feelings?'. A pink box asks 'What this workshop will help with...'. A light blue box explains that it's normal for children to feel angry, sad, or worried, and lists examples like acting unkindly or having meltdowns. It also states that the workshop will discuss ways to support children during these times and is useful for those with children who may have autism or ADHD. At the bottom, it asks for bookings and provides a link: <https://signup.com/go/HttUPPO>.

[Wellbeing Workshop](https://signup.com/go/HttUPPO)

## Parent Consultations



Dear Parents



**NOT LONG TILL THE**  
*school book fair*

The school have arranged for Usborne Books Partner, Karen Simmonds, to arrange a book fair. The book fair will take place on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th of March from 3.15 pm. Karen will, have a display of books set up. Books can be brought on the day and any orders taken (payment is required with order cash card or bank transfer accepted) and the books will be delivered back to the school.

There is also a link below to the full range of over 3000 books with the digital catalogue.  
[https://issuu.com/usbornepublishing/docs/issu\\_usborne\\_2023\\_catalogue](https://issuu.com/usbornepublishing/docs/issu_usborne_2023_catalogue)

Karen will also be available to answers questions and take orders from you by any of the following methods should you wish to order and are not able to get to the book fair.

Email on [kaz.sim-xkeys@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kaz.sim-xkeys@hotmail.co.uk)

Whats app or text on 07984925273

Send a message on her facebook page

[www.facebook.com/KarenSimmondsIndependentUsborneOrganiser](http://www.facebook.com/KarenSimmondsIndependentUsborneOrganiser)

For every £10 spent by parents on books the school will get up to £6 worth of books for use throughout the school. Your support in this event is much appreciated.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding parent consultations. More details will be announced soon. As usual there will be Usbourne books in the hall selling and taking orders of some amazing books that will make great Easter gifts. Details are on the attached flyer. Children are invited to use their #World book day vouchers towards a book with Usbourne!

### Easter half term Play and Wellbeing Camp



**YOUR £10 COULD EARN**  
*£6 for your school*

**Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service**  
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

# Easter Play & Wellbeing Camps

**Tuesday 26th March to Thursday 28th March**  
**10:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Age 5 to 11 years**

**FREE OF CHARGE**

**Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School**  
Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

**Blenheim Road Community Primary School**  
Blenheim Road, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

**Garnteg Primary School**  
Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

**George Street Primary School**  
Wainfein Road, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

**Llantarnam Primary School**  
Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 3XB

**Nant Celyn Primary School**  
Henllys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

**Penygam Primary School**  
Penygam Road, Penygam, Pontypool NP4 8JN

**A refillable drink and packed lunch is required**

**Pre booking required**  
Please use the QR code to pre book

For more information please contact: [torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)

**Gwasanaethau Chwarae a Seibiant Byr Torfaen**  
Cynnig amrywiol o sesiynau hwyliog a rhyngweithiol yng nghalon y gymuned.

# Gwersylloedd Chwarae a Llesiant yn ystod y Pasg

**Dydd Mawrth 26 Mawrth tan ddydd Iau 28 Mawrth**  
**10:00yb - 3:00yp**  
**5 i 11 oed**

**AM DDIM**

**Ysgol Gynradd Wirfoddol a Reolir Trefadaeth Blaenafon**  
Middle Coed Cae Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

**Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Blenheim Road**  
Blenheim Road, St Dials, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

**Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg**  
Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

**Ysgol Gynradd George Street**  
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**Ysgol Gynradd Nant Celyn**  
Henllys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

**Ysgol Gynradd Peny-gam**  
Penygam Road, Penygam, Pontypool NP4 8JN

**Bydd angen pecyn bwyd a photel diod i'w hail-lenwi**

**Angen archebu ymlaen llaw**  
Defnyddiwch y cod QR i archebu ymlaen llaw

Am fwy o wybodaeth, cysylltwch: [torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)

The Play Service are delivering a Play and Wellbeing Camp at Garnteg Primary School during the Easter Holidays. The dates the camp is running are on Tuesday 26th March, Wednesday 27th March and Thursday 28th March, the times are 10:00am-3:00pm.

Please note, this is not a childcare service but is free play and wellbeing opportunities for children aged 5-11 years.

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

Parents/carers must click on the link below or use the QR code to register an interest in the camp.

Link:

[https://iweb.itouchvision.com/portal/itouchvision/r/customer/category\\_link?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=EN& LANG=en](https://iweb.itouchvision.com/portal/itouchvision/r/customer/category_link?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=EN& LANG=en)

## Red Nose Day 2024

Red nose day is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Children are invited to dress in red if they wish.



## School Menu

Our Autumn/Winter Menu is below. Next week is Week 1

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday																																																																																																																																																						
<p><b>Autumn/Winter Menu 2023</b></p> <p>This menu is compliant with the Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations 2013</p> <p><b>Why not try our Salad Bar?</b></p> <p>Pick one: baguette, tortilla wrap or jacket potato</p> <p>Pick two: ham, turkey, cheese, tuna or egg</p> <p>variety of salad and baked beans</p> <p>As an alternative to the dessert - fresh fruit, yoghurt or cheese and crackers are available</p> <p>Keep your eye out for the new places being coming to school!</p>	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																																																																																																																																																						
<p>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. No 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.</p> <p><b>Catering for Medical Diets/ Food Allergies</b> For special diets requests please e-mail: <a href="mailto:specialdietsrequest@torfaen.gov.uk">specialdietsrequest@torfaen.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Menus may vary in faith schools, please check with your individual school for details</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5">November 2023</th> <th colspan="5">December 2023</th> <th colspan="5">January 2024</th> <th colspan="5">February 2024</th> <th colspan="5">March 2024</th> </tr> <tr> <th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th> <th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th> <th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th> <th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th> <th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td> <td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td> <td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td> <td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td> <td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td> <td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td> <td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>1</td> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>1</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> <td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td>1</td><td>2</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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.</p>							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										
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# ATTENDANCE



## Attendance Winners 26<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 1 Mr Tully who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 98.5% and congratulations to Dosbarth 9 Mr Phillips who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for the THIRD WEEK with 98.4%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	82.9%	3	91.3%	6	93.1%
Reception	89.2%	1	93.8%			7	89.7%
		2	84.6%	4	94.3%	8	92.8%
Year 1	95.0%	3	95.9%			9	96.0%
		4	94.8%	5	93.1%	10	92.5%
Year 2	94.8%	5	94.1%			11	93.6%
				6	89.3%	12	91.7%
						13	86.7%

**Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 92.41%**

### **Seren Yr Wythnos 2024**

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Theo S PM - Madison	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Bentley
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Jaxon	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Marleigh
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Noah W	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Sawyer & Leo
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Harper	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Harriet
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Dominic	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore	Isabella
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Olivia	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Leigha
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Jake W	Dosbarth 13 Parker-Evans	Ollie R



**Nursery** - Da iawn meithrin for another Bendigedig week. This week we have been practising reading our sounds and numbers and making something special for someone we love. We have also been reflecting on our Eisteddfod artwork, talking about what we like and how it makes us feel. Ardderchog! I look forward to seeing you all at parents evening next week 😊 Have a lovely weekend! Diolch!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Gwaith da Derbyn, what another busy week we have had in our classroom. You have been reflecting on your Eisteddfod working, talking about what we did well and what we can practice to make our work sparkle. We have also been working hard recognising different coins and paying for items using them. Diolch for the fantastic efforts during our World Book Day event, all children looked fantastic in their outfits! Please book your parents evening appointments ready for next week, we look forward to sharing your children's fantastic work. Have a lovely weekend 😊

**Dosbarth 3** - Gwaith wow Dosbarth 3, you have wowed us with your fantastic effort this week. Yesterday you blew us away with your amazing performance in your class assembly. We are so proud of you and your progress in your confidence to perform for an audience. You worked hard making items to sell after your class performance and thought carefully about how much they should be. A big thank you to parents and carers for supporting the children in learning their lines and purchasing our items that we made. We cannot wait to spend the money on something new and exciting in the classroom. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Bendigedig Pawb! This week we have been working really hard on learning what syllables are and how many we can find in our sentences. The children looked amazing for world book day, and we thank you for your continued efforts in joining us to celebrate these special events. Just a reminder that parents evening is on Tuesday and Wednesday next week where you will be able to see your children's work. Please enter through the main reception doors. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 6 & 7** - Gwaith da Pawb! You have all worked super hard this week in Dosbarth 6 and Dosbarth 7. The children looked amazing for world book day, and their costumes were brilliant! Just a reminder that parents' evening is on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, we will be able to share with you the amazing work the children have been doing. Please enter through the main reception doors. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 8 & 9** - Ardderchog Dosbarth 8 & 9! This week you've worked hard on newspaper reports and identifying different types of rocks and their properties. We absolutely loved the effort you all made yesterday for World Book Day and thoroughly enjoyed celebrating with lots of Reading for Pleasure activities with you all. Just a reminder that Tuesday and Wednesday next week will be our parents' consultations where you can see your child's work and discuss progress they have made. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you in the classroom on Monday.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** -

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** -

<b>Class</b>	<b>Target by end of year</b>	<b>Current percentage to date</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>90.2</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>95.2</b>
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Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School