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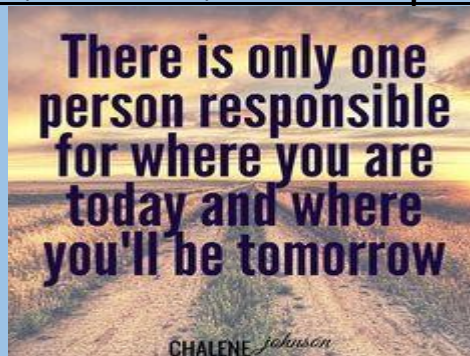
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Newsletter - 15th March 2024

Cylchlythyr - 15th Mawrth 2024

Value for this half term is Responsibility



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Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 24th May 2024
 Friday 21st June 2024
 Friday 19th 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

April Diary

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Urdd Tag Rugby	11 Parents meeting - London Rotary club workshop Classes 3,4&5	12	13
14	15	16 Reception classes School nurse	17 Reception classes School nurse	18 Welsh heritage judging	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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Easter Disco Day

We can't wait to celebrate the Easter festivities with our Easter Disco on **Thursday 21st 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 20th 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 **Friday 22nd 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 **24th 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 20th 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.

Wow Travel

WOW
her cerdded l'r ysgol
gydol y flwyddyn

**Da iawn!
Dosbarth
6**

SCHOOL LEADERBOARD

Parent Workshop
You are invited to attend a talk for parents and caregivers at Garnteg Primary School.

**Monday
18th March
2024
9:00-10:30**

How can we support our children with their feelings?

What this workshop will help with...

It is normal for children to feel angry, sad or worried at times. Sometimes we see this with how they behave. E.g:

- Acting unkindly towards others
- Having "meltdowns"

We will discuss things that can help you to support your child during those times

It will also be useful for those with children who may have autism or ADHD.

If you would like to book on to this workshop please click the link below:
<https://signup.com/go/HttpUPPO>

CLASS OF THE MONTH
These classes have recorded the most active tips this month

Rank	Class	Percentage of Active Tips
1st	CLASS 6	72% of 140 total possible tips recorded. 72% of them were active
2nd	CLASS 7	74% of 105 total possible tips recorded. 69% of them were active
3rd	CLASS 5	72% of 135 total possible tips recorded. 69% of them were active
4th	CLASS 10	69% of 120 total possible tips recorded. 61% of them were active

What an amazing first week Da iawn pawb. A big Bendigedig to Dosbarth 6 on winning this week for our classes! We are currently 6th in Torfaen. Keep climbing to sparkle! ❄️❄️

Parent Workshop

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

<https://signup.com/go/fiXcKZh>

Attendance



Polite Reminder:

Fixed Penalty Notices may be considered appropriate when:

- At least 10 sessions (5 school days) are lost due to unauthorised absence during the current academic year. These do not need to be consecutive;
- Unauthorised absences of at least 10 sessions (5 school days) due to holidays in term time or delayed return from extended holidays; or
- Persistent late arrival at school, i.e. after the register has closed, in the current term. Persistent means at least 10 sessions of late arrival;
- Truancy, where the child has come to the attention of the Police or public during school hours for being absent from school, without an acceptable reason.

We have noticed a rise in the number of unauthorised absences and holidays taken by students. We would like to remind you that our school follows the Torfaen Fixed Penalty Notice policy. Please note that this policy applies to unauthorised holidays and a fine can be issued once your child returns to school.

Please can we also ask that if your child has a Medical/Dental/Optician etc appointment during school time, that the appointment card or letter is given to the office to copy. Thank you.

Information from School Uniform Suppliers - Pretty Miss Cwmbran

Pretty Miss is trying to help make purchasing school uniform as easy as possible.



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Easter half term Play and Wellbeing Camp

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH **TORFAEN PLAY AND 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

Penygarn Primary School
Penygarn Road, Penygarn, 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

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH **TORFAEN PLAY AND SHORT BREAKS SERVICE**
Cynrig amrywiol o sesiynau hwyflog 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 Treftadaeth 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
Wainfein Road, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Ysgol Gynradd Llantarnam
Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 3XB

Ysgol Gynradd Nant Celyn
Henllys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

Ysgol Gynradd Pen-y-garn
Penygarn Road, Penygarn, 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

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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

School Menu

Our Autumn/Winter Menu is below. Next week is Week 2

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 prices here starting 6th October!

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
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		

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.

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.

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Winners 4th - 8th March 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Brown who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 95.9% and congratulations to Dosbarth 9 Mr Phillips who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for the FOURTH WEEK with 96.0%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	89.9	3	92.5	6	91.7
Reception	82.9	1	89.2			7	93.2
		2	76.5	4	93.9	8	94.3
Year 1	91.6	3	90.4			9	93.6
		4	96.3	5	91.4	10	91.7
Year 2	94.4	5	92.6			11	91.2
				6	92.7	12	93.1
						13	92.2

Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 92.4%

Seren Yr Wythnos 2024

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Tyger PM - Lilah-Rae	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Nael
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Arthur	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Kai
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Elijah	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Skilar
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Carter	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Brooke
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Kenadee	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messoré	Amelia
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Ronan	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Isabelle
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Charlie	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Leo

Nursery - What a fantastic week we have had getting ready for our Meithrin Easter picnic 😊 We talked about who we are going to bring and wrote invitations to our special teddy. We had lots of fun at the Easter egg hunt too! Da Tawn! We have lots of exciting events next week. Please check Dojo for a collage of events. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Gwych Derbyn. Another marvellous week of learning. Both classes were thrilled to hunt around our outdoor areas in our Easter Egg hunt today 😊. This week we have been challenging our addition skills in Maths. Putting on a fashion show and reflecting on our artwork using welsh to talk about what we can see. It was lovely to meet with all the parents this week and share your children's progress and new targets. Diolch, enjoy the weekend !

Dosbarth 3 - Gwaith wow dosbarth tri, you have had another fantastic week of learning this week. Well, done to the children who attended the Pontypool as part of the choir and their fantastic performance which won them third place. The children have been busy this week exploring addition and creating their new digital portfolios. Such ambitious capable learners! Keep up your fantastic work dosbarth tri and have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Bendigedig Year 2 for a very busy and successful week. We are so proud of all of you this week. Many of you represented our school wonderfully at the Pontypool Eisteddfod - you all performed amazingly and should be proud of your achievements. In classes this week we have been busy learning about syllables and rhyme to write our own poetry, measuring length in our maths and we have been evaluating all your wonderful Eisteddfod work. Keep up the amazing work, we are looking forward to another exciting Easter week next week!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Wythnos gwych! We would like to thank all the parents/guardians that attended parents evening this week-it was lovely to see you and discuss the progress that your child has achieved. This week we have been busy writing pen pal letters as well as weighing real-life objects using a weighing scale ready to write a recipe to make yummy Easter treats. Have a lovely weekend and see you the final week before the Easter Holidays!

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Gwaith arbennig blwyddyn pedwar! Wow! What another fantastic week we have all had. Can we start by thanking all parents and carers for attending the parents' consultations this week -I hope you all enjoyed seeing the progress your child has made and are as proud as we are. This week we have been busy exploring man made and natural rocks. We are looking forward to another busy week ahead of our Easter break next week. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again Monday

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Arddechog Dosbarth 10 and 11 for a busy but fantastic week! We are so proud of you all for your performances in class assemblies this week. You were all wonderful and made us very proud! Diolch yn fawr to all the children who competed at the Pontypool Eisteddfod and at the F1 in schools competition, you made us very proud and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. A reminder that there are lots of fun Easter activities planned for next week - see Class Dojo for more details. Have a wonderful weekend 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Diolch yn fawr iawn to all the children that competed in the Pontypool Eisteddfod, you represented the school wonderfully and made us all very proud 🇨🇪 Da iawn blwyddyn chwech, another wonderful week of learning! We have lots of egg-citing easter activities happening next week. Just a reminder, Class 13 have their trip to Cardiff Bay on Wednesday 20th March - if your child requires a school lunch, please let Mrs Parker-Evans know via ClassDojo. Have a lovely weekend, see you all on Monday 😊

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.2%
4	94	95.3%
5	94	91.4%
6	93	92.7%
7	95	91.1%
8	95	92.7%
9	95	94.5%
10	93	90.4%
11	93	93.1%
12	95	92.7%
13	95	93.5%

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School