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Newsletter - 22nd March 2024  
Cylchlythyr - 22nd Mawrth 2024

Value for this half term is Responsibility



Gwerth yr hanner tymor hwn yw Cyfrifoldeb

# Diary dates

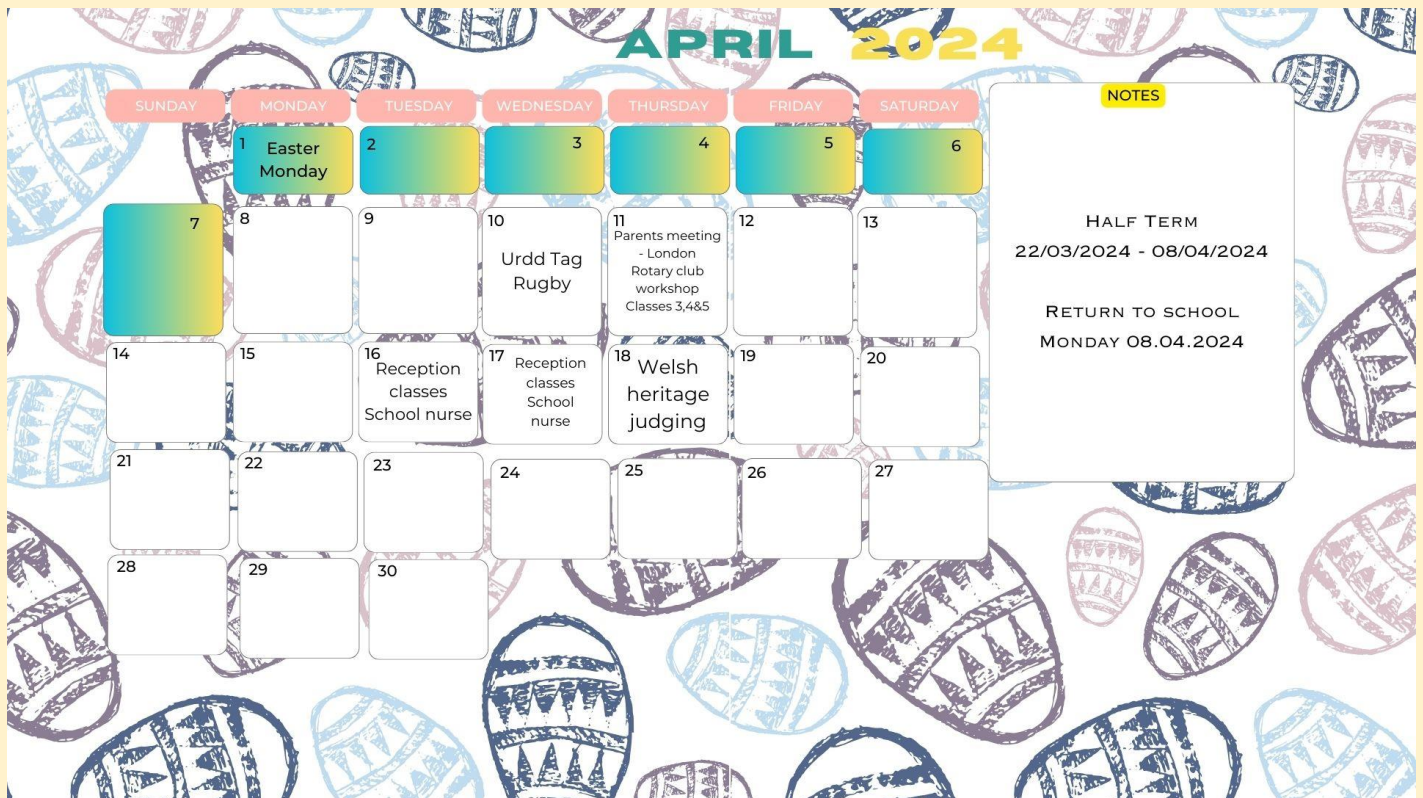
## INSET DAYS

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## April Diary



## 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!

### Hearing Screening for Reception Pupils

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board offers a hearing screen for all Reception Children in Primary School, this will take place in school on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Please click on the link below for more information and to opt out of the hearing screen should you wish to.

The ABUHB School Nursing Team will soon be visiting school to test the vision and measure the growth of children in reception year. This is called the School Entry Review (SER). For more information about the SER and to view our privacy policy please

visit: <https://abuhb.nhs.wales/hospitals/childrens-healthcare-services/school-nursing/school-entry-review/>

Bydd Tîm Nyrsio Ysgol ABUHB yn ymweld â'r ysgol yn fuan i brofi llygaid a mesur twf plant yn y dosbarth derbyn. Gelwir hyn yn Adolygiad Mynediad i'r Ysgol (AMY). I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am yr AMY ac i weld ein polisi preifatrwydd, ewch i: <https://bipab.gig.cymru/ysbytai/gwasanaethau-gofal-iechyd-plant/nyrsio-ysgol/adolygiad-wrth-ddechraur-ysgol/>

### Wow Travel

**WOW**  
her cerdded i'r ysgol  
gydol y flwyddyn

Da lawn  
Dosbarth  
6

**Polite Reminder:**

Fixed Penalty Notices may be considered appropriate when:

- At least 10 sessions (5 school days) are lost due to unauthorized 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.

70%  
62%  
59%  
51%

What an amazing first week Da iawn pawb. A big Bendigedig to Dosbarth 6 on winning this week for our classes! We are currently 4<sup>th</sup> in Torfaen. Keep climbing to sparkle! ✨ ✨

### Attendance


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.

## Summer Menu - First week back after Easter is Week 1



**Spring/Summer Menu 2024**

*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 pizza bars 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 and Dry Roast, 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	BBQ Chicken or BBQ Quorn Fillet (Ve) Served with Diced potatoes and Sweetcorn Pear and Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Beef Meatballs or Plant Based Balls (Ve) Served with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy Fruit Jelly and Cream	Turkey or Quorn Fillet (Ve) Served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Dry Roast, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Welsh Cake and a Milk Drink	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) Served with Potato Wedges, Side Salad 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	Salmon Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) Served with Herby Diced Potatoes, Beans or peas Strawberry Whirl with Fruit Cocktail	Beef Lasagne or Cheese and Potato Pie (V) Served with Seasonal Vegetables and Garlic Bread Arctic Roll and Peaches	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables, Dry Roast, Boiled potatoes and Gravy Fruit Jelly and a Milk Drink	Chicken curry or Vegetarian Curry (V) Served with Savoury Rice, Naan Bread & Veg 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**

April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
M T W T F	M T W T F	M T W T F	M T W T F
8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10	3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5
15 16 17 18 19	13 14 15 16 17	10 11 12 13 14	8 9 10 11 12
22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24	17 18 19 20 21	15 16 17 18 19
29 30 1 2 3		24 25 26 27 28	

For special diets requests please e-mail: [specialdietrequest@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:specialdietrequest@torfaen.gov.uk)

*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.*

## Punctuality to school - pupil lateness

5 minutes late each day = 3 days of teaching lost

10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days of teaching lost

15 minutes late each day = 10 days of teaching lost

20 minutes late each day = 13 days of teaching lost

30 minutes late each day = 19 days of teaching lost



**DID YOU KNOW?**

It has been noticed that there is a significant rise in the number of children who arrive late to school. Therefore, this is a friendly reminder that the morning registration is at 9.00am and registers close at 9:10am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be given a late mark. However, if your child arrives after 9.30am, it will be regarded as an unauthorised absence, which may lead to the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

## Safeguarding and Data protection

We have been informed that some images and videos of pupils are being shared on social media from concerts and events without proper permission. As the data controller, we kindly request that you take control of these images and only share pictures of your own child. Thank you for your cooperation.

# ATTENDANCE



## Attendance Winners 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 96.3% and congratulations to Dosbarth 8 Miss Channing who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 94.3%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!


This week's attendance figures are


Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	87.8	3	91.5	6	94.5
Reception	91.7	1	90.8			7	88.7
		2	92.7	4	8	94.6	
Year 1	93.7	3	94.1		9	98.4	
		4	94.8	5	10	90.8	
Year 2	96.7	5	97		11	91.6	
				6	12	97.9	
					13	94.1	

Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 92.5%

## Seren Yr Wythnos 2024

<b>Foundation Phase</b>		<b>Key Stage 2</b>	
<b>Class</b>	<b>Seren Yr Wythnos</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Seren Yr Wythnos</b>
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Felicity PM - Oliver W	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Whole class
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Whole Class	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Jasmine
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Joby	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Whole Class
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Darcey L	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Whole Class
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Whole Class	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore	Tayah
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Jonah	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Whole class
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Whole class	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	George

**Nursery** - What a bendigedig Spring term Meithrin! We have had fun learning all about our community, where we live, and the outdoors and we are very proud of everything you have achieved! We are super excited to seize the season in the summer term too!  We wish you a wonderful Easter holidays 😊 Diolch from the Nursery team.

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Diolch pawb for a lovely spring term in our classes. We have extended and excelled in our learning during our topic of 'Dw i'n byw'. You have all worked so hard with your reading and writing, ensuring that you practice and create your best work. Da iawn! We have had a lovely week celebrating Easter, we explored the Easter story and decided how we would like to display our work independently. What a fantastic way to end our Spring term with a dance at the Easter disco. Please continue to support with your children at home with their reading of books which have been sent home and engagement on bug club. Have an eggstatic Easter Break! 

**Dosbarth 3** - Gwaith da Dosbarth 3, you have had a brilliant spring term. In our topic 'fy ardal i' you have completed excellent work for the Eisteddfod, performed an amazing class assembly and worked hard in all areas of your learning. Please can we ask that you continue to support your children with their reading, we are so proud of the progress they have made and will continue to make. Have a lovely Easter holiday!

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Da iawn Dosbarth 4+5 for a wonderful end to our spring term. We have been so proud of you for the lovely work you have completed during our topic 'Catref, Melys, Catref'. This week you have written and uplevelled some wonderful Easter poems in different styles, practised your measurement skills using CM in maths and created beautiful Easter artwork to respond to the story, da iawn! We hope you have a wonderful Easter break!

**Dosbarth 6 & 7** - Gwaith da Dosbarth 6+7 for another wonderful term in Year 3. You have all worked so hard to create beautiful pieces of work in our topic 'Taith Y Diferyn Glaw.' We look forward to starting our new topic 'Faster, Higher, Stronger, Together' when we return after the Easter holidays. Have a wonderful Easter, stay safe and we will see you all when we return for our Summer term.

**Dosbarth 8 & 9** - Gwaith gwyth! What an amazing last week of Spring term we have had in year 4! We have been so proud of all the work you have done for our topic "Wales Rocks from Above" We look forward to starting our new topic after half term. Have a wonderful Easter, stay safe and we will see you all when we come back for our summer term.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Da iawn Dosbarth 10 and 11 for a fantastic term. You have all worked so hard and made us proud. You were fabulous on our trip to Pontypool Park, and everyone performed brilliantly in our class concerts. Have a wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing you after the holidays.

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - Da iawn Dosbarth 12+13 for a wonderful end to our spring term. We have been so proud of you for the lovely work you have completed during our topic 'Dathiad O Gymru' (a celebration of Wales). We look forward to starting our new topic "Empowered" when we return after the holidays. We hope you have a wonderful Easter break!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Target by end of year</b>	<b>Current percentage to date</b>
<b>3</b>	95	90.3
<b>4</b>	94	95.3
<b>5</b>	94	91.6
<b>6</b>	93	92.7
<b>7</b>	95	91
<b>8</b>	95	92.8
<b>9</b>	95	94.6
<b>10</b>	93	90.5
<b>11</b>	93	93
<b>12</b>	95	92.9
<b>13</b>	95	93.6

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School