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Newsletter - 24th May 2024
Cylchlythyr - 24th Mai 2024

Value for this half term is Tolerance



Gwerth yr hanner tymor hwn yw Goddefgarwch

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 21st June 2024

Friday 19th July 2024

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

School starts after half-term on Monday 3rd June

Nursery and Reception - Move Up Day

Your child will be invited into their Nursery or Reception class for our School Move Up Day on

Wednesday 03rd of July 2024.

We also look forward to meeting parents and carers at our information sharing event on **Wednesday 03rd July** at the following times. Teams from supporting agencies will also be available at this event.

1:45pm for Reception intake parents / carers

3:30pm for Nursery intake parents / carers

Further information will be sent out after half term

Torfaen Dance Festival

A huge well done to all our pupils who took part in the Torfaen Dance Festival on Tuesday at the Congress Theatre. What a fantastic performance it was.

Class Photos

Class photos will be taken for this year on Tuesday 4th June. Please ensure that the children attend in their school uniform.

Parent Information for the Happen Survey 2024



Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be asked to complete a short survey in school next week on their health and well-being as part of our primary school health network - HAPPEN (www.happen-wales.co.uk). They will be asked questions such as how active they are, how well they can concentrate, what activities they would like to try in school and how happy they are in school and with their friends. The results are used to help schools make their pupils healthier and happier (e.g. having an afternoon break to allow children to be more active). If you would like to see the questionnaire it can be found [here](#).

Abersychan School Transition Dates

Year 6 pupils who are transferring to Abersychan School in September will be attending Abersychan on the following Transition dates.

Monday 24th June - All Year 6 pupils

Monday 1st July - Enhanced Transition Group

Wednesday 3rd July - Moving Up day - all Year 6 pupils

Useful Links

Following our parent survey back in March the results showed you were unsure as to where you can get mental health and support for you or your child. We have spoken to many agencies and compiled the attached list. This will also be available on our website.

HELPLINES

FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

1. MELO

Melo contains information, advice and self-help resources to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing.



2. 111 OPTION 2

if you or someone you know needs urgent mental health care, but it's not life threatening. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is free to call from a mobile



111 (OPTION 2)



3. C.A.L.L

Offers emotional support and information, literature on Mental Health and related matters to the people of Wales.



PHONE 0800 132 737 OR TEXT HELP TO 81066



4. MIND

Mind Cymru is Mind in Wales. We make sure everyone in Wales has access to the mental health information, support and services they need. We are here to make sure no-one in Wales faces a mental health problem alone.



5. SAMARITANS

Together let's make sure that we're always here for people to turn to in their darkest hours.



PHONE 116 123



6. PLACE 2 BE

Place2Be is a children and young people's mental health charity with almost 30 years' experience working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools. They provide mental health support in schools through one-to-one and group counselling using tried and tested methods backed by research.



School Lottery

Our school lottery is still running with great prizes being won weekly. Each month they offer a super draw and this month is a holiday or £1000. To buy your tickets please

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garnteg-primary-school>

Enter our **Super Draw**
WIN A SUMMER GETAWAY
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE

 

The advertisement features a yellow background with a grid pattern. It includes three photos of scenic locations: a beach, a castle, and a red telephone booth. The text is in bold, white and red fonts.

Easy Fundraising for Garnteg

Help Friends of Garnteg every time you shop online! Raise free donations with @easyuk! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-garnteg/>

Community news

Message from Breakfast club staff

Just a reminder that breakfast club starts at 8:25 and for pupils who are not attending Breakfast Club pupils can go into classes at 8:40. We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving before 8:40 but not attending Breakfast Club.

Summer Menu - Next week is week 2

	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, 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

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 on the new prices being coming to school!*

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

Month	M	T	W	T	F
April 2024	8	9	10	11	12
May 2024	6	7	8	9	10
June 2024	3	4	5	6	7
July 2024	1	2	3	4	5

*Vegetarian. All accompaniments to main choices above are suitable for Vegetarians. Jelly and Toffee 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.

PASTA BAR

- Pasta and Meat in a Tomato Sauce
- Pasta with Tomato Sauce
- Plain Pasta
- On selective days Tuna Mayo or Chicken & Sweetcorn Mayo
- Choice of Wrap or Garlic Bread

GO GREEN GARNTEG

After half term, we will be starting a new addition to the menu. Please see our new menu, which is in addition to the hot menu above but replaces funky fillings, from Monday the 3rd of June 2024.

GO GREEN GARNTEG

All pupils have been working hard to win our 'Go Green Garnteg' award. We have monitored how well all classes have been recycling and working on recycling superhero.

The winners are DOSBARTH 13

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Winners 13rd May - 17th May 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 1 Mr Tully who were Foundation phase attendance winners for the second week running with 94.2 % and congratulations to Dosbarth 11 Mrs Messore who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 94%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	70.8	3	83.1	6	81.7
Reception	88.2	1	86.5			7	84.6
		2	89.9	4	86.3	8	76.8
Year 1	87.8	3	86.1			9	96.6
		4	95.1	5	90.8	10	91.7
Year 2	90	5	85.7			11	90
				6	92.7	12	94.4
						13	90.8

Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 92.15%

Seren Yr Wythnos 2024

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Darcy-Mae PM - Bailey	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Oliver
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Jac	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Llewellyn
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Dewi	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Max
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Whole class	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Seren G
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Whole class	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore	Seren
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	William	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Shannon
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Harley	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Poppy

Nursery - What a lovely first half term we have had with our summer term topic 'Amser Haf.' ☀️ This week we have celebrated World Bee Day and completed lots of classroom nature challenges. We have also been practicing for Sports Day. We can't wait to show you our skills on Wednesday 19th June. After half term we will be learning all about Minibeasts. **To celebrate we will be having a 'Minibeast Ball' on Tuesday 4th June.** Children are invited to dress up in their favourite Minibeast costume. We are very excited! Have a lovely half term everyone and diolch for your continued support.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Derbyn what a marvellous start to the summer term, both classes have been working hard to write and share instructions for our summer topics. We have enjoyed visiting the allotments and are beginning to grow our seeds and flowers. This week in Maths the learners have been finding patterns and guessing the missing numbers, shapes and colours. We hope this half term break we can all say 'Mae hi'n heulog' and enjoy the break. Please keep up reading and learning at home we are excited to see and share our learning with you in our summer events when we return. Have a safe and happy break.

Dosbarth 3 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 3, what a great end to a lovely start of the Summer term! You have worked hard this term and have wowed us with your reading, all the children have moved reading levels, and this is such a fantastic achievement. This week you finished up-levelling the instructions, created your moments of joy and have been practising for sports day. We look forward to continuing with our topic after half term and hope you have an enjoyable break. Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 4+5 for a wonderful end to the half term. This week the children have shone with their newspaper report writing skills, and the way they have engaged in researching and discussing important issues such as Fairtrade farming. We are excited to use some of our knowledge of fairtrade, recipe writing and food to host our own enterprise event next half term - more information will be posted on Class dojo soon! We hope you have a wonderful half term break and see you all soon to continue this project!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Ffantastig Dosbarth chwech a saith for a super half term. You have worked super hard this term with writing biographies and diaries linked to our topic about the ancient Olympics and comparing them to the modern day one. We are really pleased with how much your confidence has grown over the last term as well as improving your reading levels. We hope you have a wonderful half term and stay safe.

Dosbarth 8 & 9 - Bendigedig blwyddyn pedwar! You have had a wonderful half term and you have really impressed us with all of your knowledge and enthusiasm on "Under the Sea, O Dan yr Mor" so far. We have really enjoyed watching you engage with Cricket Wales too; don't forget we still have two more sessions of this after half term. Have a wonderful, well-deserved break and we will see you back in the classrooms on June 3rd.

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Ardderchog Blwydden chwech on another fabulous half term, you have worked so hard! We cannot wait for all of the upcoming celebrations before you move into Comp. Please keep a look out on dojo for all of the exciting dates and activities that will be taking place. Have a wonderful and well deserved half term break. 😊

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.7
4	94	95.1
5	94	91.4
6	93	91.9
7	95	90.1
8	95	91.2
9	95	94.6
10	93	90.6
11	93	92.5
12	95	92.5
13	95	93.1

Have a happy and restful half-term

Kindest regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School