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Newsletter - 6th September 2024
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Dear Parents and Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni ac ofalwyr,

We would like to say a big welcome back to our pupils and we hope everyone had a lovely Summer Holiday. We wish them an enjoyable and exciting new school year in Garnteg Primary.

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Thursday 17th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Important Dates

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22 October 2024 - Parents Consultations in school

Monday 4th November 2024 - Pupil Photos

Term Dates 2024/2025

Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.24	Monday 28.10.24	Friday 01.11.24	Friday 20.12.24
Spring	Monday 06.01.25	Monday 24.02.25	Friday 28.02.25	Friday 11.04.25
Summer	Monday 28.04.25	Monday 26.05.25	Friday 30.05.25	Monday 21.07.25

Notices

Active Travel

Good news, we are taking part in the Active Travel scheme this year where children can gain a new badge every month for using Active Travel to school. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this project last year and we know they are looking forward to it again this year. Remember parents & carers can use the **Millenium Hall** carpark during drop off and pick up times and to always ensure the safety of our children when parking and to help gain a badge.

Attendance in school time

A reminder of the importance of good attendance as we begin the new academic year.

Everyday counts!

Please contact the school office as soon as possible from 8.20am to inform of your child's absence.

The Welsh Government recommends that family holidays are taken outside school terms as this counts as a school absence even if it is authorised or un-authorised and this effects pupils' attendance.

Torfaen guidance and Welsh Government state that all learners should have attendance between 100% and 95% anything below will be monitored by the school and the Local Authority Education Welfare officer.

You must make a formal request to the Headteacher to take children on holiday during the school term this will then consider the reasons for the holiday, the pupil's past attendance, and the effects the absence will have on the pupil's learning.

If the request is declined, it will be classed as unauthorised, and you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

#NotinMissOut

School's Essential Grant

Have you applied yet for the school's essential grant? If not, there is still time to apply. This grant supports many families with lunches and uniforms. If you haven't applied visit <https://www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs> for more information. If you have responses are being processed! #notinmissout



School Prospectus

Our school handbook and prospectus are available to view via Dojo and the school website. Please use link below to access. [Home | Garnteg Primary School](#)

Busy Bees

Please can parents/carers let school know in advance which days children are being collected by Busy Bees private childcare. If there are changes, can you also let the office know by lunchtime so they can inform relevant staff before the end of the day.

Nursery -

Meithrin! What a fantastic first week in Nursery. This week we have been meeting our new friends and teachers and learning the rules of our classroom. We are enjoying talking about our feelings and the weather in circle time. What marvellous learning we have done in our first week of school. We cannot wait to see all your smiley faces next week on Monday.

A reminder to parents a member of the Nursery team will meet you at the gates and walk the children down at start time (9am for AM/ 12.45 for PM).

Dosbarth 1 & 2 -

What a wonderful start that we have had to our school year. It has been lovely to welcome you into your new classrooms and watch you embrace your learning environment whilst exploring the areas in the classroom. We have begun following our classroom routine and have already developed our independence skills, Gwaith wow pawb!

A kind reminder that all children have a healthy snack and a refillable water bottle daily please.

Dosbarth 3 - A fantastic start to the new school year in class 3. The children have been a delight, and we are so excited to be teaching them this year. Our topic is called 'Defying Gravity' and the children are excited about the term ahead. We ask that a healthy snack is brought in with a drink of water, and all items of clothes labelled, which is a huge help when getting dressed after P.E., which will be on a Monday and Thursday. Please can pupils bring in their P.E. kits as they will change in the classroom. Have a lovely weekend, and we are looking forward to next week.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Ardderchog pawb! You have made a wonderful start to the new term in your new classes and have worked hard settling into your new classrooms and the different routines. We have been so impressed with your learning ideas for our Autumn topic "People who change the world". Learning logs and reading books will come home with the children next week. Our PE day will be a **Tuesday**, so can children please bring in suitable clothing for PE every Tuesday, children will change **in class**. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again in the classroom on Monday 😊 This is going to be a fantastic year; we are so excited to work with you superstars!

Dosbarth 6 & 7- Bendedig pawb for a fantastic start to the new term. You have settled in well to your new classrooms and the different routines. We have sent home learning logs and reading books for the children to read over the weekend. Please choose a task per FORTNIGHT to completed with your child and send into school for it to be marked and celebrated. The reading books can be changed on a MONDAY, WEDNESDAY or FRIDAY. It has been explained to the children that a register will be kept monitoring the books that they have had and when they are brought into school. We are looking forward to the year ahead with superstars in year 3!

Dosbarth 8 & 9-

Bendedig pawb for a fantastic first week and start to the new term. You have all settled well into your new classes and have worked very hard completing your tasks. Please keep checking Class Dojo for class

updates, P.E days for Class 8 are Wednesday and Friday and Class 9 Wednesday and Thursday. All pupils will be bringing home a reading book and a learning log today to be decorated over the weekend. Please ensure all learning logs and reading books are returned to school next week for spellings and learning log tasks to be given out. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - We are so proud of everyone in year 5! We have had a wonderful start exploring our new topic ideas and using our thinking skills to make predictions about our class novel. Ardderchog pawb! Please check class dojo for new updates. Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Children are to bring their kit to school. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - What a wonderful first week back we have had in year 6. You have started the year with dedication, hard work and can - do attitudes. We are so pleased with the work you have already produced and cannot wait to see what the year will bring. Swimming will start on Wednesday so please remember your kits. Each child has bought home their new learning log too so please look over your tasks this weekend.

Year 6 Swimming

Starting back Wednesday 11th September, children need to bring their kit and towel. Please make payment of £24 on your child's Civica Pay account.



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This 8-week course takes place every Thursday, 9:30-13:00, from 3rd October through to 28th November (with a break during half term week), at the Croesyceiliog Community Education Centre, The Highway, Cwmbran NP44 2HF

Ready to get started?

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Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School