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Newsletter - 11th October 2024
Cylchlythyr - 11th Hydref 2024

Value for this half term is



COOPERATION

Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Thursday 17th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Important Dates

Friday 18th October 2024 - Wear Red Day

#ShowRacismTheRedCard

£1 donations appreciated; buckets will be available on the gates.



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

Thursday 24th October 2024 - Spooky Disco - Nursery, Reception & Year 1

Friday 25th October 2024 - Spooky Disco - Year 2 - Year 6

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

School Notices

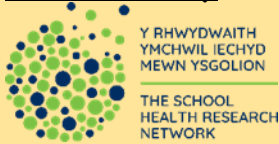
Thank you for your kind donations for World Mental Health Day.

We raised a total of **£220.50**

#MentalHealthAwareness



SHRN Survey



The School Health Research Network (SHRN) is a policy-practice-research partnership between Welsh Government, Public Health Wales, and Cardiff University established in 2013. SHRN aims to improve young people's health and well-being in Wales by working with schools in both primary and secondary education to generate and use good quality evidence for health improvement. This includes student and school-level surveys, capturing key health and well-being metrics. These metrics are referenced in over 30 national policies and strategies, including the Whole School Approach to Mental Health and Well-being (2021) and Estyn's Healthy and Happy Report (2019). Since 2017, all mainstream secondary schools in Wales have become registered SHRN members with over 90% of schools completing SHRN's Student Health and Well-being Survey in 2021/22. Our current primary school survey offers an opportunity for joined up working across childhood and adolescence, and an avenue to better understand and support events such as transition to secondary school.

A parent's letter has been sent out to give further details. The survey will be completed by pupils in year 3, 4, 5 and 6, after half term.

Harvest Collection & celebrations starting 14th October



Classes 6 and 7 are starting our class concerts this year with harvest celebrations. The pupils are looking forward to performing next week on Wednesday 16th October - Class 7 Mrs Rogers at 10am and Class 6 Mr Key 2pm start.

Thank you for the wonderful harvest donations so far, we will still be collecting items until Friday 18th October - tins, packets, cereals, drinks, toiletries etc. These will then be taken to Noddfa foodbank and distributed to the community.

Spooky Disco



The school Council will be making games and leading the activities once again this year. We can't wait!

Parents Evening

At Garnteg we are keen to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. A stall of pre-loved school uniform will be available for parents and carers during the consultation evenings, please come and help yourselves and save the planet.

We would appreciate any donations of children's clothes hangers.



The school has also arranged for Usborne to hold a book Fair on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd October from 3.15pm. Books can be bought on the day and any orders taken (Payment is required with order - cash, card or bank transfer) will be delivered back to school. For every £10 spent by parents on books the school will get up to £6 worth of books for use throughout the school.

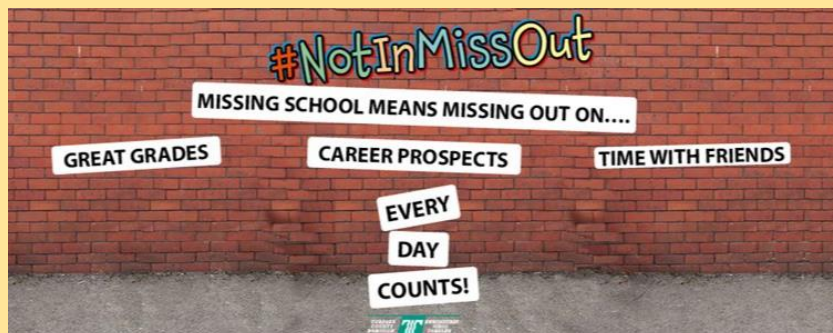
Medical/other appointments

At Garnteg we are celebrating attendance weekly with many positive rewards and initiatives. Medical/other appointments need to be limited during the school day and parents/carers will need to provide medical evidence of appointments and inform the school office in advance of this for it to be authorised.

Attendance Winners - 30th - 4th September 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mrs Phillips who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 95.42% and Dosbarth 6 Mr Key who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for last week with 95.57%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	89.18%	0	89.18%	3	93.91%	6	95.46%
Reception	93.35%	1	93.92%			7	92.40%
		2	93.42%	4	92.17%	8	91.38%
1	94.05%	3	93.095			9	92.44%
				5	92.62%	10	92.43%
2	94.16%	4	95.50%			11	92.81%
		5	93.36%	6	90.55	12	86%
						13	94.92%

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	92.87%
4	95	95.18%
5	95	94.07%
6	95	95.67%
7	95	93.21%
8	95	91.90%
9	95	93.06%
10	95	92.79%
11	95	92.53%
12	95	86.50%
13	95	95.47%

* Seren Yr Wythnos *

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mr Tully	AM - Ollie PM - Mason	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Ieuan
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Oscar	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Idris
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Jordon	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Nylah
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messore	Leo	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Castiel
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Takotah	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Aniyah
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Thero	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Izabella
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Georgia C	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Caian

Nursery - FFantasteg! Another week of fun in our Meithrin. The classes have been moving their bodies and following instructions in our P.E and wellbeing sessions. We have also had more opportunities to mark make in different ways around the classroom and beyond. Thank you for all the donations for our dress up for charity day. Please check dojo and get in touch regarding times for parent consultations. We look forward to welcoming you into our school.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Dosbarth 1 & 2! This week we have been continuing our Seize the Season project, where we have been using our sense, touch to predict how different autumnal objects feel. All learners are trying to become more resilient and independent in the classroom! Remember to keep working through the learning log tasks and remember to return reading books back to school. Have a wonderful weekend. 😊 Diolch from all staff in Reception/Year 1.

Dosbarth 3 - Gwaith da Dosbarth 3, another great week in class, with lots of learning going on and pupils engaging so lovely in the lessons. Spellings will be sent out on a Monday, please practise them with your child, ready for the spelling test on a Friday morning. The same reading book will come home more than once, this is to allow more time to practise the key words from the story, develop vocabulary and teach skills with reading, such as using the pictures, recognising the punctuation and following the words with a pointer. I hope you all enjoy the weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Dosbarth 4 & 5 have had another superb week of learning. This week we have been working hard looking at different choices and you really enjoyed the story of the two wolves! You've also been ethically informed citizens when maturely listening to our "No Boundaries" workshop. Da iawn blant, have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you Monday 😊.

Dosbarth 6 & 7- What a fantastic, and very busy week preparing for our class concerts. We have been rehearsing our songs, designing and creating products and treats to sell at the concert, and putting our performance together. We are looking forward to welcoming you next week, Wednesday 16th October (Class 7 Mrs Rogers at 10am, Class 6 Mr Key 1:45pm entry for 2pm start). This week we have also had a wonderful mental health awareness day, and "No Boundaries" workshop. Check out our twitter for some pictures! If you have not yet booked a parent/carer consultation appointment, please get in touch with preferred times - remaining appointments will then be allocated next week. Don't forget to keep working on those home learning logs; we have been so impressed with the challenges shared so far! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 & 9-

A big da iawn to everyone in Blwyddyn 4 for another fantastic week. We have been working hard writing stories and exploring our topic 'It's Just Not Fair'. We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating mental health awareness day and looking at activities that can help us to keep calm. If you have not yet booked a parent/carer consultation appointment, please get in touch with preferred times. Thank you for so many learning logs and reading books being brought back each week, please remember to send them to school regularly to be updated. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - A big bendigedig to Blywddyn 5 for another wonderful week! You have worked hard to create your balanced arguments. A reminder that parent consultations take place on 21st and 22nd October. Please get in touch on Class Dojo with preferred dates and times if you haven't already.

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Year 6 have been working so hard this week, their swimming skills have improved ten fold! Da iawn blant! Keep working on those learning logs over the weekend and we look forward to another wonderful week 😊

Community Notices

Torfaen Play are holding a Fun & Wellbeing Camp at Garnteg in October 2024 half term. If you would like your child to attend, please book using the QR code on the attached leaflet or link below:

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TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH **Y SWYTHYR SŪB** **TORFAEN**
Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

FUN & Wellbeing Camps

Tuesday 29th October
Wednesday 30th October
Thursday 31st October
10:00am - 3:00pm
Age 5 to 11 years

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TORFAEN PLAY AND WELLBEING CAMPS
CHWARAE TORFAEN

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

Coed Eva Primary School
Coed Eva, Cwmbran, NP44 4TG

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

Pre booking required
Please use the QR code to pre book
For more information please contact:
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

A refillable drink and packed lunch is required

Ynghedd yn Gyntaf Families First

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MILLENIUM ACTIVITY CLUB

A range of fun activities and workshops that are young person centred, including arts and crafts, sports activities, music, or just chilling out!

THURSDAYS
4:00PM - 5:30PM
8 to 14 years old

A safe environment for young people to meet up with and spend time with friends outside of school. For more information please contact:
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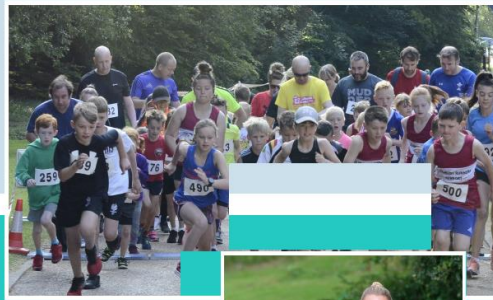


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2k Family Fun Run Sunday 14 July

8.45am
Pontypool Park

micmorristrust.co.uk/2km-Family-Fun-Run

Pontypool Park is the fabulous setting for this friendly family fun run.
Grandparents, parents, children, toddlers.
Everyone can join in the fun
It is timed to finish just as the 10k runners come in for their finish.



SCAN ME

£3 per entrant to cover costs. All proceeds used to support local athletes
Register on-line or enter on the day (cash only)
Charity Number 519636

kindest regards,
Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School