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Newsletter - 10th January 2025

Cylchlythyr - 10th Ionawr 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Monday 21st July 2025

Spring Term

Welcome back pupils to the new Spring Term. We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year.

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

Christmas Raffle

We raised a total of £726 in our Christmas raffle. Thank you for your kind donations and support this will be used for school resources.

Carols Under the Arch

A big well done to all pupils and families for attending Carols Under the Arch 2024 it was a lovely start to Christmas coming together as a community.

Reporting Absences

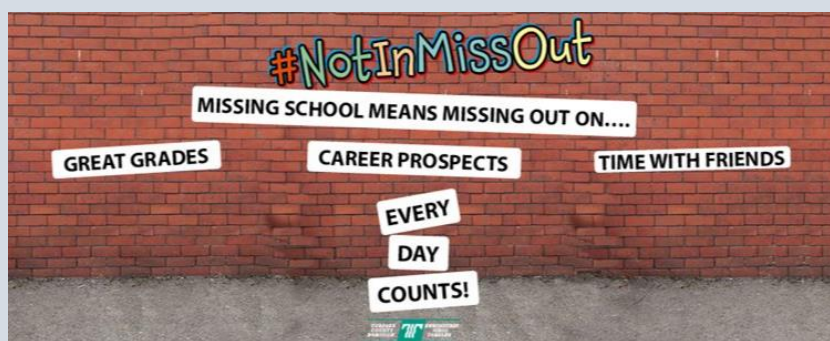
A polite reminder that absences are to be reported through the main office number; **01495 742934** where you also have the option to leave a message. Please be aware any absences without a provided reason will be unauthorised. Thank you.

A reminder that registration is at 9.00am, please ensure children arrive before this to avoid any late marks.

Gwent Music Vox Choir

Are you looking for a new exciting choir for your child? DJ Susie will be directing Vox choir at Torfaen Music Centre for ages 10-18 starting in the new year.

Register using the following link; [LIVE Portal](#)



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	91.61	0	91.61	3	94.29	6	96.76
Reception	94.89	1	93			7	90
		2	98.08	4	88.14	8	90.38
1	95.41	3	99.54			9	86.11
		2	97.04	4	91	5	90.40
5	96.43			11	93.30		
				6	92.31	12	87.50
						13	97.12

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	92
4	95	92
5	95	93
6	95	94
7	95	92
8	95	89
9	95	90
10	95	92
11	95	91
12	95	88
13	95	95

A reminder to Strive for 95! The classes with the highest attendance for the week receive a whole class reward (e.g. squash and biscuits) and any class who achieves over 90% attendance gets extra play. Individual classes also give rewards and prizes to pupils with fantastic attendance. #notinmissout

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mr Tully	AM - Whole Class PM - Whole Class	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Miyah
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Archie	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Macey
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Kyle and Jac	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Mason
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messore	Darcie-Leigh	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Jack
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Maisie	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Lilly-Beth
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Lexi	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Sienna G
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Ronan	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Tyler-Luke

Nursery - What a marvellous start to our new term. A big diolch to our families who have shared photos ready for our "Me and my Family" topic this Spring. We have been so proud of our new starters and to see them following our classroom rules and routines. You have sung songs and spoken to your new adults so confidently! A few important messages - all items must be labelled to ensure they can be returned to children correctly. Snack money must be paid for access to in school tuck (£1 a week or paid half-termly £7 total). In Nursery we know all children are on a toileting journey multiple changes of clothes are essential to supporting your children with this. Class dojo is a fantastic way to communicate with our team, however we are unable to answer or read messages consistently during sessions, so any urgent messages need to be phoned through to the office. Have a marvellous weekend and keep climbing to sparkle Nursery.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - GWAITH DA PAWB! What a fantastic beginning to the Spring Term. We have started exploring our new topic; 'Un, Dau Tri, let's explore my community.' Just a little reminder to say that please ensure that your child is bringing healthy snacks to school. Also, a new learning log has been created so we would appreciate it, if you and your child would continue to complete these tasks. Diolch! Have a lovely weekend. 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Welcome back Dosbarth Tri! It has been lovely to see all the children this week, and a huge well done for our attendance, we had 100% for the week! Our topic this term is, 'Come and Celebrate with me', and the first celebration we will be learning about will be Chinese New Year. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Bendigedig pawb! What a wonderful start to the Spring term. We have started to explore our new topic "Cymru a Fi" and we can tell you are as excited as us about it with all the super learning ideas you have thought of! New learning logs have been created and will be going out this weekend, we can't wait to see your completed tasks. Just a reminder to bring in reading books regularly 😊 Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Dosbarth 6 & 7- Diolch Class 6+7, what a fantastic start back to the spring term! This week we have been sharing learning ideas and thinking about the meaning of our new topic 'A Tale of Two Lands' and beginning to explore the story of the ship *Mimosa* and its journey to Patagonia. In our maths learning we have been busy learning about 24-hour times and practising using a digital clock. The children are being given a new learning log challenge today for their home learning tasks, please can we have these back regularly to share and celebrate the children's progress. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 & 9- Da iawn to all of Blwyddyn pedwar for an excellent first week back and being given seren yr wythnos as a whole class this week for your excellent ideas for our new topic. Our new topic this term is 'How diverse is my valley' and we are looking forward to researching all about the past and present of Torfaen. We have thoroughly enjoyed our new class novel 'The land of Roar' and exploring the characters within it this week. A reminder for reading books and learning logs to be brought to school regularly for us to update them. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 10 & 11 -

What a fantastic first week back! We have started our new topic with a bang; 'Body Works!' We are really enjoying reading our new class novel and learning about the vital organs. We can't wait to keep exploring how our 'Body Works!' Just reminder that our PE days are still on Wednesday and Friday. Please can all learning logs be returned as we have new learning log tasks to complete for the term. Please can you contact the office if you are experiencing technical issues regarding residential trip payments. Have a fantastic weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Welcome back Blwyddyn 6 😊 What a fantastic start to the Spring Term we have had. Our topic this term is, 'Ambitious, Capable Me' and we can't wait to explore it further in the coming weeks. A reminder for learning logs and reading books to be brought in weekly so dojos can be awarded, and books can be changed. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday!

Community Notices



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EDUCATION WALES
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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

The **School Essentials Grant** is available for **all children looked after** by the local authority.

Please use the following link for more information;

<https://t.co/BfOSNti5n3>



BASKETBALL WALES

TORFAEN

20 NUGGETS

BASKETBALL

@ PONTYPOOL ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

Tuesdays
Boys 14-18 years - STARTING
5:30pm-6:30pm 1ST OCTOBER 2024

Fridays
Girls 11-18 Yrs - STARTING
5pm-6pm 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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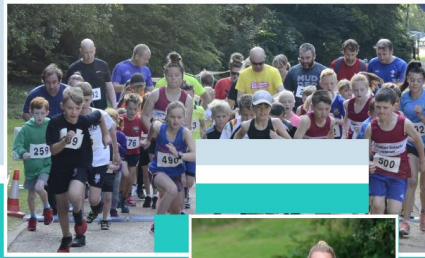
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2k Family Fun Run Sunday 14 July

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.

£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



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kindest Regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School