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Newsletter - 07th February 2025
Cylchlythyr - 07th Chwefror 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

Thursday 13th February 2025 - Foundation Phase Valentines Disco
Monday 17th February 2025 - Key Stage 2 Valentines Disco

INSET DAYS

Monday 21st July 2025

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



Valentines Discos

Discos will take place on following days:

Thursday 13th February 2025 - Foundation Phase Valentines Disco

Monday 17th February 2025 - Key Stage 2 Valentines Disco

Please can pupils wear something red to school to celebrate and donate a £1 towards classroom resources. Snacks will also be available to buy at the discos.

Valentines Shop

A Valentines shop will be open from Monday 10th February until Friday 14th February. Prices range from £1-£4.

Food and Wellbeing Camps

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community

FREE OF CHARGE

FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMPS

Working in partnership with Torfaen Catering

Tuesday 25th February
Wednesday 26th February
Thursday 27th February
10:00am - 3:00pm
Age 5 to 11 years

Bleisheim Road Community Primary School
Bleisheim Road, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

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
Henlly Wyl, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

Pontygaron Community Primary School
St Cadoc's Road, Pontypool, NP4 8JR

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Please click below to apply for a space:

[Application](#)

Online Safety

A reminder that many social media apps have an age restriction of 13+. Please can we encourage parents/guardians to monitor their child's use of social media to ensure their safety.

Information on a range of social media, games and other apps can be found here

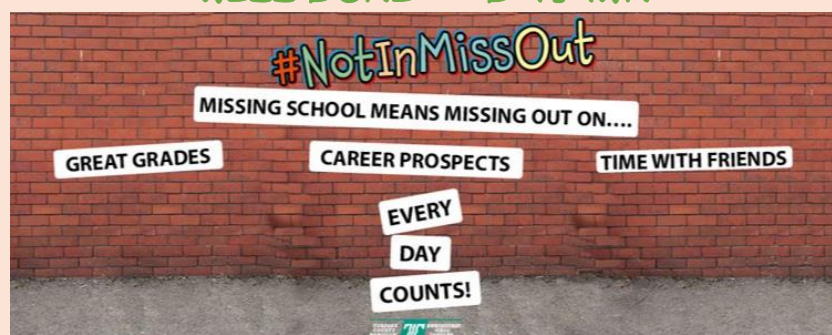
<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>

The guides include a detailed overview of the app, outlining the age rating and key terminology. They also highlight the risks each app poses to young people and give detailed instructions on how to enable parental controls and safety settings. Your children will also be accessing online safety lessons in school, so we encourage you to talk to them about the information they have learned.

Attendance Winners - 27th - 31st January 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Messoro who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 94.44% and Dosbarth 7 Mrs Rogers with 95.38%.

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	83.51	0	83.51	3	94.89	6	93.33
Reception	94.32	1	94			7	97.69
		2	93.08	4	91.69	8	89.23
1	94.90	3	98.89			9	92.22
				5	92.68	10	94.64
2	93.95	4	92.40			11	90.71
		5	93.57	6	88.08	12	86.54
						13	89.62

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	96.30
4	95	84
5	95	89.29
6	95	96.30
7	95	96.15
8	95	88.46
9	95	85.19
10	95	92.86
11	95	89.29
12	95	73.08
13	95	96.15

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 -	AM - Hunter PM - Fallon	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Mason
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Myla	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Tomos
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Charlie C	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Jacob C

Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messore	Gracie	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Madison
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Arthur	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimmas	Leo
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Tabitha	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Georgina
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Alexis	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Ebony

Nursery - In Meithrin this week we've had a wonderful week of learning and exploring! We've been completing family pencil portraits as part of our topic as well as working on our entries ready for Eisteddfod once we come back from half term. It's our Valentine's disco on the Thursday 13th February, Meithrin AM will be joining reception in the hall while PM Meithrin will be joining Dosbarth Un. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Dosbarth un & dau, we have had a wonderful week, both in and out of the classroom. We had a lovely time exploring our community and chatting to those who help us, we were very polite and had so many questions to ask about the different jobs. You have also been busy working hard on completing your Eisteddfod entries, taking care with your artwork, ensuring that you use shapes and bright colours to match our artists work, Rhiannon Roberts. A reminder that our valentines day disco will be on Thursday 13th February 😊 Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Bendegedig Dosbarth 4 and 5, what a fantastic week of learning you have had. This week you have been busy retelling our Rhys and the cuckoo of Risca stories ready for our school Eisteddfod. In mathematics you have been exploring 2D shapes ready to create tessellation artwork for our Eisteddfod too. A friendly reminder that Eisteddfod crafts have been set as home learning and are due in by Tuesday 18th February. Next week our Valentine's disco day will be taking place on Thursday 13th February. Have a fantastic weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7- Bendigedig Class 6+7, this week we have been practising our skills reading to write our own Welsh myths and legends for our school Eisteddfod. We have practised our conjunctions, speech marks, and interesting openings ready to write our stories next week. In our maths learning we have been using place value to divide by 10 and 100, and in our topic learning we have been investigating how children used to work in the mines in Wales. Just a reminder to please keep sending in home learning logs to celebrate the children's work. Have a fantastic weekend!

Dosbarth 8 & 9-

Da iawn blwyddyn pedwar for another excellent week of learning, you impressed us so much with your cricket skills this week and we cannot wait to see how you do in the next session. A reminder that our P.E sessions for the next three weeks will be on a Monday and Thursday for both classes. Thank you for returning learning logs and reading records this week as we love to look at and celebrate the work you have done outside the classroom. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Another great week of learning in Blwyddyn 5. We have loved seeing your homework logs and completed tasks and look forward to seeing more 😊 Year 5 are due to start swimming after half term, more information will be sent out next week. Have a great weekend 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Another fantastic week for year 6. We can't wait to see your Eisteddfod craft pieces created at home. Remember to get your homework logs completed and return your books for changing. We only have two swimming sessions left in year 6 so look forward to everyone joining us for those. Have a lovely weekend 😊

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Cinderford - Unit 8-10, Hollywood Works, Valley Road, GL14 2PD

Swindon - Unit 34b Ganton Way, Techno Trading Estate, SN2 8ES

Cwmbran - Unit 1, Avondale Industrial Estate, NP44 1UG



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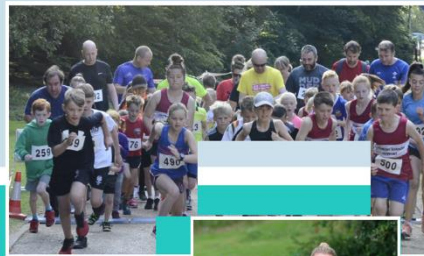


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2k Family Fun Run Sunday 14 July

8.45am
Pontypool Park

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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).
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Kindest Regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School