

19th December 2024
End of Autumn Term

Right of the month
Article 14
Right to follow your own religion



Welsh Phrase of Week
Nadolig Llawen
Happy Christmas



Value of the month
Teamwork

Dear Parents/Carers, Annwyl Rhieni/Sy'n ofalwyr,



Christmas Parties

Parties have started today for our nursery and reception children. The rest of the school will be having their parties on Wednesday and Thursday. Children will enjoy party games and party food. The proceeds from the concert ticket sales have been used to fund the parties.



Christmas clothing can be worn for the rest of the week. A donation of £1 will be most appreciated.

Concerts

We hope you have enjoyed the concerts and singing around the campfire this year. Children and staff have worked so hard and have enjoyed performing for you. Our value of the month is Teamwork and children showed this to great effect by supporting each other in the concerts. Well done all, we are very proud!

Thank you to our PTA for arranging the raffles at each concert.

Christmas Community Breakfast

Last Friday, the hall was packed with families enjoying our community breakfast. Thank you for taking the time to attend and thank you to Mr Wharton for arranging the session.

Christmas dinner

Children will enjoy Christmas Dinner tomorrow, prepared by our wonderful canteen staff. There will be no pasta bar available tomorrow.



Santa visits Cwmffrwdor!

A big thank you to Gerard Hancock from Lethbridge Community Centre, Pentwyn, who is contributing in a very special way to our celebrations here at Cwmffrwdor this week. The PTA are providing a class voucher and a Santa chocolate lolly for each child.

Family Maths Mission!

This week, prizes were awarded for November's Family Maths Mission. Thank you to those families who took part.

Our Family Maths Mission, a monthly activity for families to enjoy together at home making maths part of everyday life, making it fun and meaningful.

Every family who completes the mission is entered into a raffle for a monthly prize.

The December mission is at the end of this newsletter, simply send in your work, snap a photo, or tag us on the school's Twitter account and another prize draw will take place for all entries in January.



Big Bocs Bwyd and Sharing Shack

Thank you to our volunteers who have kept these resources running over the last term. We are very fortunate to have Big Bocs Bwyd on site and are very appreciative of the donations we have for sharing shack.

Attendance



#NotInMissOut

Regular and punctual attendance at school or alternative provision is a legal requirement and is essential to enable children to maximise their educational attainments and opportunities available to them.

Unless pupils are unwell, they should be in school.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)

Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued from September for 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absences.

Please see document on our website regarding FPN -

https://www.cwmffrwdorprimary.co.uk/files/ugd/683b80_90dc41ab67984db2a86839a3385c57e2.pdf

Please note that no absences will be authorised unless attendance is 95% or above.

Class attendance is rewarded weekly with the Class Attendance Cup and a non-uniform day as well as extra playtime.



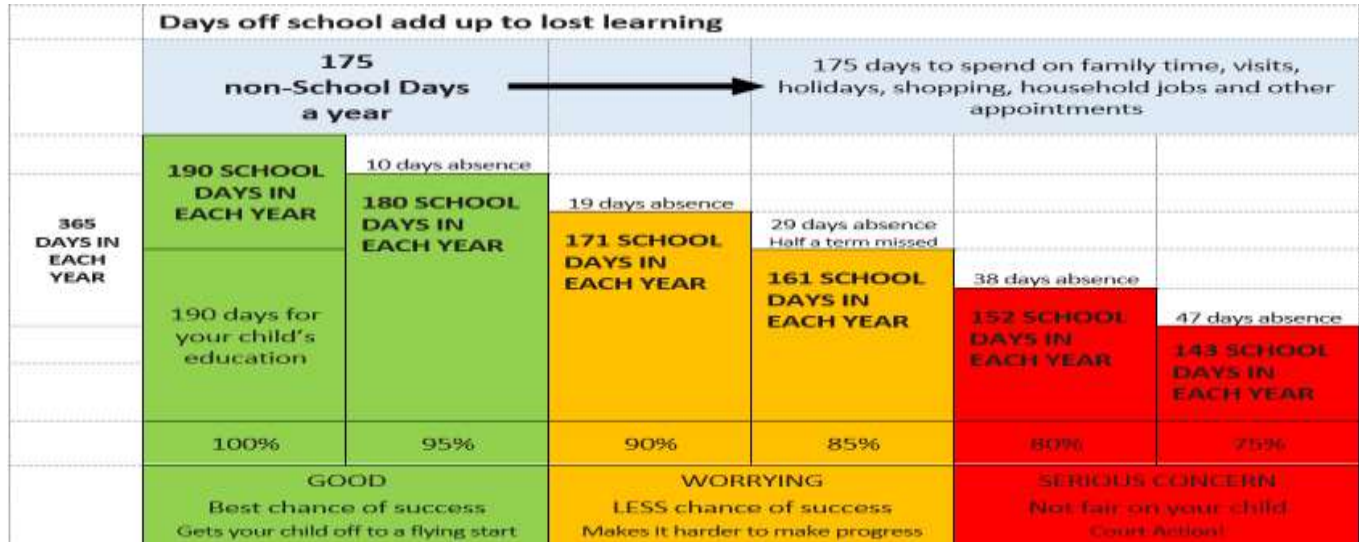


Nurture Achieve Celebrate

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Children who have achieved 100% attendance in the autumn will be rewarded in celebration assembly this week.



Attendance

Our current attendance target is 93% for whole school.

Class	% Weekly Attendance	
Dosbarth Poppit Sands	89.1	 <p>Dosbarth will have an extended breaktime with squash and biscuits this week.</p>
Dosbarth BaraFundle	90.8	
Dosbarth Ogmore	67	
Dosbarth Tresaith	99.2	
Dosbarth Aberdovey	96.3	
Dosbarth Pwll Du	85.7	
Dosbarth Rhossili	92.6	
Dosbarth Abersoch	93.3	

#NotInMissOut

We have noticed a rise in the number of unauthorised absences and holidays. We would like to remind you that our school follows the Torfaen Fixed Penalty Notice policy.

Please note that this policy applies to unauthorised holidays and a fine can be issued once your child returns to school.

Please can we also ask that if your child has a Medical/Dental/Optician etc appointment during school time, that the appointment card or letter is given to the office to copy. Thank you for your cooperation





PTA - ASDA Reward App - Thank you!

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shopped with Asda using their Rewards app, the supermarket will donate 0.5% of the value of their shop to their chosen primary school. Thank you for choosing Cwmffrwdor as Asda put £1 into our school's cash pot. A grand total of £474.03 has been raised for PTA funds which will be used for school resources. Thank you!

Fun and wellbeing Camp at Garnteg Primary School

Our children are invited to attend a Fun Play Camp at Garnteg school on Thursday 2nd January and Friday 3rd January, 10:00am-3:00pm. Children are required to bring a packed lunch and refillable drink.

Please see the link below for further info and to book a place:

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NEW YEAR PLAY DAYS
Fun & Wellbeing Camps

Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January 2025
10:00am – 3:00pm
5-11 years old

PRE BOOKING REQUIRED
PLEASE USE THE QR CODE

For more information please contact:
tortaplay@torfaen.gov.uk

Garnteg Primary School
Hillcrest, Garndiffallt,
Pontypool,
NP4 7SJ

REFILLABLE DRINK
AND PACKED
LUNCH REQUIRED

FREE
OF CHARGE

Tortaplay Play & Sport @ Garnteg Primary School

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Dates

Value of month - December	Teamwork
20/12/24	End of Autumn term - 1:30pm
06/01/25	INSET
07/01/25	School reopens for children
10/01/25	INSET

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2025.

Cofion Cynnes,
Sarah Roque
Headteacher





School Admissions 2025

Will your child be starting Nursery, Reception or Secondary school in 2025?



In Torfaen, there are a number of Welsh Medium, English Medium and Voluntary Aided (VA) Faith based Schools your child could attend.

Applications for school/nursery can be made online via our website. In submitting an online application, you will receive an instant acknowledgment that your application has been received and you will be notified of the outcome of your application via email on the decision date, rather than waiting for a letter in the post!

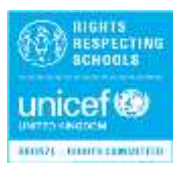
There is a deadline for making your application. If you miss this deadline, or change your preference after the closing date, it may increase the possibility of not achieving a place at the school of your choice.

September 2025 Admission Groups	Admission Round Commences	Closing Date for Applications	Decision Date
Nursery	10 June 24	15 July 24, 5pm	16 September 24
Reception	6 November 24	9 January 25, 5pm	16 April 25
Secondary	25 September 24	13 November 24, 5pm	3 March 25



Scan the QR code now to view the application process!

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Maths on Toast Bake-Off Maths Challenge

Are you ready to take on the ultimate maths baking challenge?

Practise measuring, explore spatial reasoning and tackle construction as you challenge your family and friends to see who will be crowned the best Maths on Toast baking champion.



Measurement Challenge

Show off your baking skills by making 8 delicious maths muffins. Remember, an important part of the process is measuring out ingredients - so make sure your measurements are exact!

You may have your own recipe or if you prefer you can follow the one for choc chip muffins below.

What you'll need:

- 100g self-raising flour
- 100g butter (softened)
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g chocolate chips
- 2 large eggs (lightly beaten)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Why's this maths?

Weighing and measuring ingredients will help you develop a better understanding of volume and measurement. Timing and calculation skills can help prevent soggy bottoms and burnt buns!

What to do:

Can you make 8 IDENTICAL muffins?

<p>1. Preheat the oven to 180°C</p>	<p>2. Cream the butter and sugar and gradually beat in the eggs and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth.</p>	<p>3. Fold in the flour and chocolate chips.</p>
<p>4. Spoon the mixture into muffin cases.</p>	<p>5. Bake for 20-25 mins.</p>	<p>6. Carefully remove from oven and let cool on a wire rack.</p>

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Every special cake needs a special box!

Have you ever opened or unfolded a box along its edges? The unfolded flat shape is called a net.



3D Challenge

Get hands-on and produce the perfect box template (net) to display one or more of your muffins. Remember to think about how it will look when constructed into a 3D shape (make sure your muffin will fit!). What 3D shape will your net become? Perhaps a cube or a pyramid!

What you'll need:

- A piece of paper or card (card works best!)
- A ruler or an object to draw around

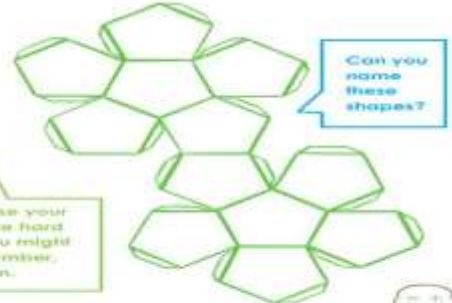
Why's this maths?

You'll be accurately measuring and drawing to repeat an identical shape and visualising how your flat piece of paper or card could become a 3D shape.



What to do:

1. Open out some boxes you have at home to see how shapes join together to form a net.
2. Use a ruler to draw your own or use a household object to draw around. Don't forget to add some tabs like the ones below.
 - Younger children may prefer to unfold and rebuild a box from home.



Can you name these shapes?

A tricky one! But a great opportunity to practise your perseverance skills. Sometimes challenges are hard and we make mistakes, but don't give up! You might find a new way of doing something and remember, making mistakes is good – that's how we learn.

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A cake box must be fit for purpose so it's time to put your construction skills to the test!



Design Challenge

This is the really creative part, now it's time to construct and decorate your shape net, turning it into a fully functional cake box.

What you'll need:

- Your shape net
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pens, pencils or craft materials

What to do:

1. Carefully cut out your shape net.
2. Decorate
3. Fold the edges and put glue on the tabs. Then bring the sides of your net together to form a 3D shape - use the tabs to stick the edges.
4. Pop your muffin(s) inside!

Why's this maths?

Nets are a practical and visual way to identify properties of shapes, including faces, edges and vertices. You'll be constructing your own 3D shape from a 2D sheet.



Where will you design the opening of your box to be?

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