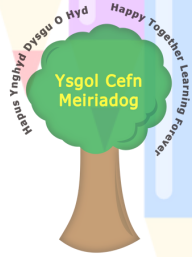


Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 19th April 2024
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We have had lots of lovely activities taking place in school this week, despite the miserable weather it has been pleasing to see classes taking their learning outdoors wherever possible. Unfortunately the forecast for next week doesn't look much better so please keep the winter coats out for a little longer! We have lots to look forward to next week including Wales Outdoor Learning week so keep an eye on Seesaw for photos of what we get up to.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Huge congratulations to Violet who passed her Level 7 in Ice Skating recently - what a super achievement!

Food and Fun

As you will be aware we are running the Food and Fun Holiday Programme this summer. This will run for the first 12 mornings and is free for children to attend, children do not have to attend our school to come providing their own school isn't running the programme. We have had a great response so far and have very limited spaces left, once final numbers are confirmed we will be working on a timetable for the sessions which will be shared with you in due course.
PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE BOOKED DAYS AND NO LONGER NEED THEM/ WANT TO CHANGE THAT YOU GET IN TOUCH TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WE ARE LIKELY TO HAVE A WAITING LIST FOR SOME DATES.

Outdoor Learning

The Discoverers have been really busy this week preparing our garden for the growing season. The children worked together to weed and dig the beds and have also started some planting.

The Investigators enjoyed being back at Forest School this week, they revised the safety rules with Mrs Williams and worked together to light the fire.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Amelia, Jane, Enzo, Mara, Ruby and Amelia.

DA IAWN PAWB!

Be You to Blossom

Yesterday we welcomed Angela back to school from Be You to Blossom. This is an emotional well-being and mindfulness concept that has been created to support children in boosting their confidence and self-esteem whilst enhancing their social skills.

Droplet characters have been created to support this and have been developed in a creative way to provide tools and techniques to engage and support children, encouraging resilience and fostering positive social relationships.

The droplets explore common feelings, thoughts and concerns that children experience in a relatable and empathic way.

Yesterday all classes focussed on positive affirmations and how they can help us achieve anything we set our minds to.

Next week members of the school council will be sharing an affirmation of the week in our celebration assembly, these will be shared on the newsletter too.

Easy Fundraising

We shared with you recently that we have joined with easyfundraising to help raise funds for the school, thank you to those who have signed up, if you haven't, please do!

registering with easyfundraising means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ysgolcefnmeiriadog/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email

Thank you so much!

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog PTA

We are keen to develop our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) to ensure fund raising events can continue. At present all fund raising events are organised and delivered by school staff which is a large amount of work and is becoming increasingly difficult.

Given the current financial constraints on our budget, fund raising is vital to ensure our children continue to have some of the lovely experiences and resources they have accessed so far.

We would like to invite you to a PTA meeting on Tuesday 23rd April at 3.30pm to discuss plans for the summer fair along with any other fundraising ideas you may have. If you are able to attend please come along, all support will be very much appreciated (children are welcome to attend after school free of charge whilst the meeting is taking place).

Wales Outdoor Learning Week

Next week it is Wales Outdoor Learning Week and we, as a school, will be joining in with this. Every class will be spending as much time as possible outdoors completing different activities linked to our topic 'Our Amazing World' whilst also focussing on the theme for this year's Outdoor Learning Week - Ethical and Informed citizens. Please can you ensure that children are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities with coats and wellies if possible.

A reminder that if you have had a change of address/ phone number to please let us know as soon as possible so records can be updated. This also includes the numbers of any emergency contacts. Should any circumstances change or should you wish to amend any consent forms etc then please get in touch with Miss Anna who will be able to assist you with this. Thank you.

Discoverers

What a lovely week we have had, despite the chilly weather! This week we have begun our new topic, with a focus on growing and we listened to the story of 'Jack and the beanstalk.' The children have had lots of tasks based around this story, including retelling the story, using their measuring skills and building their own giant's castles. The children have also started to plant their own seeds, learning about what is needed to help these to grow. This week, we were lucky enough to have another visit from Angela. This week she spoke to us about the purple droplet, who is all about positive affirmations. The children learnt about the super power 'I am...' We learnt about how important it is to tell our brains lots of positives, for example 'I am brave.' We look forward to our last visit next week. Finally, our children finally managed to hold our long-awaited wedding ceremony. The children got to have a real taste of a big celebration to end our topic from last term, and they were fabulous. Many thanks to those who came to support us and for the amazing wedding attire! Next week we will be celebrating outdoor learning week and all our afternoons will hopefully be in our outdoor area. We look forward to sharing this with you. Have a great weekend.



Investigators

The children have had a very busy and enjoyable week. They have worked hard in their numeracy and English lessons. On Monday, the children worked with a learning partner to find a variety of 2D shapes in the school environment. They were able to find all different types of 2D shapes and used an app called PicCollage to put them all together. In their Inspire Maths lessons this week, the Year 2's have been learning how to carry out subtraction sums involving 3-digit numbers and are able to regroup in the hundreds and tens columns. The Year 3 children have come to the end of one of their Practice books and have been completing their revision and assessment sections this week and the Year 4 children have started a new unit on the topic of 'money'.

In English this week, the children have been working on their shape poems on a chosen animal and have written one about it. In their topic lessons, the children have been learning about the different types of clouds and have created a presentation about them using Adobe Spark and Canva. They also enjoyed a very competitive game of Blooket about them yesterday to test their knowledge of them! In an art lesson, the pupils used paints and art straw to create a storm cloud painting. In other lessons, the children enjoyed their PE lesson yesterday morning where they played a game called 'Star Wars' followed by a game of football. Following this, they had their second workshop with Angela which this week focused on the purple droplet and having superpowers! Have a lovely weekend!



Innovators

This week the Innovators have created a collaborative collage representing what sustainability means to them. They worked well together and it looks lovely displayed on our Topic wall. They have also learnt about settlements and how they are classified, as well as considering Cefn Meiriadog's location and amenities by using different maps of the area. We enjoyed Miss Katie's session about mindfulness on Wednesday, and also had a visit from Angela from Be You to Blossom who helped us learn about affirmations and positive mindset. In Literacy the class have been working on their descriptive writing techniques in preparation for their final piece inspired by Window by Jeannie Baker. In Cymraeg, we have been using imperative verbs through games and this vocabulary will enable the class to use their Welsh language when encouraging people to be more environmentally friendly within our eco village design.



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week in playgroup we have continued with our favourite stories theme. This week we have been reading "The very hungry caterpillar" as our book of the week. We have painted the caterpillar for our display board and we are going to draw our own pictures of all the food that the caterpillar ate. We also did some collaborative art work, each person was given around 5 or 6 squares to colour.

We are making these into a big picture of Elmer the patchwork Elephant. We made crackers with spreading cheese for our snacks on Wednesday. We all tried our best to spread the cheese onto the crackers. Da iawn pawb!



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we have enjoyed spending our time outside as much as possible.

We have had fun building some creative buildings with the lego, cardboard, and wooden blocks. We made our own art attack with some natural resources we found outside and were all looking forward to making our homemade pinwheels tonight.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

Phrases to use at home this week/
Brawddeg i'w ddefnyddio adref yr
wythnos yma:
"aros yn bositif" - "stay positive"

Makaton

As a whole school we are working hard to continue to use and learn Makaton every day.
This week's sign is "be positive"
Please ask your child to show you the sign.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 22nd April - Wales Outdoor Learning Week
- Tuesday 23rd April - PTA meeting @ 3.30pm
- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 7th May - Years 3 & 4 to St Asaph Cricket Club for cricket festival
- Thursday 9th & Friday 10th May - Bikeability for Year 6
- Thursday 16th May - Innovators trip to Woodlands Skills Centre (am only)
- Friday 24th May - Break Up for half term
- Monday 3rd June - School reopens
- Thursday 13th June - Class photos with Tempest (plus Year 6 group photo)
- Tuesday 18th June - Years 4, 5 & 6 residential trip to Glan Llyn
- Wednesday July 10th - Nursery & Reception Sports Day @ 2pm
- Thursday 11th July - Yr 1 - 6 Sports Day @ 1.30pm
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Service
- Thursday 18th July - School closes for summer
- Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day