

# Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

## Friday Newsletter



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It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week, they have all settled into their new year groups and classes so well. We welcomed our new Nursery Learners into school on Wednesday, they have settled brilliantly into the Discoverers class - well done to them all!

This term our whole school topic is 'Leaving an Impression' which is focussing on people who help us and those historical and current figures who have had an impact on the world in some way. We look forward to sharing lots of work with you over the coming weeks. Apologies in advance that this newsletter is full of lots of messages and reminders! Please have a good read and if you have any questions get in touch.

### FRUIT

There is a charge of £8 for fruit this half term. This is now on Parent Pay, please ensure it is paid in advance and let your child's class teacher know if they will be having fruit. Thank you.

We are aware of the problems some of our Discoverers parents are having with ParentPay, Miss Anna is working with ParentPay to rectify this so please bear with us.

### SEESAW

Please ensure you have scanned the QR code that your child brought home this week for their new Seesaw class. Last year's classes will be archived next week.

### TESCO tokens

We still have a token collection box in the Tesco store in Abergele until the end of September. Please add any blue tokens to our box and let friends and family know to do the same.

Thank you!

### UNIFORM

Please ensure all items of school uniform are clearly labelled to avoid any getting lost (including water bottles, sun cream etc). We regularly find ourselves with a pile of unclaimed items and would like to be able to get these back to their owners! Thank you.

### Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning sessions will take place weekly with Mrs Williams, you will be notified by your child's class teacher of the specific day and if they need to wear their own clothes.

Please can all children have a labelled pair of wellies left in school for when they need them.

### Consent Forms

Links to all consent forms will be emailed out early next week. If you have a new e mail address or don't think we have your correct one can you please e mail [cefn.meiriadog@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:cefn.meiriadog@denbighshire.gov.uk) so we can update our records.

If you haven't received the e mail by Wednesday please get in touch.

### Clubs

All staff run after school clubs for our full time learners will begin the week beginning 18th September. Further information will be shared about these next week.

Miss Lloyd's dance club for full time learners will begin next Friday 15th September. this is now live on ParentPay for those who usually attend, if your child would like to attend and you can't see the payment item on ParentPay please e mail Miss Anna and she will sort it for you.

The school regularly posts photos and information on our social media pages so, if you don't already, please give us a follow:

Facebook - @ysgolcefnmeiriadog

Twitter - @YsgolCefnm

## School Meals

A reminder that all children up to Year 4 are eligible for a free school meal, it has been great to see so many taking advantage of this already this week. Miss Anna will be sharing the menu weekly on Seesaw/ Facebook so you know what will be available, there is also a wrap option should your child prefer.

For those parents of children in the Innovators a reminder that owing dinner money is not to exceed £12.00 as per DCC policy.

## SCHOOL DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

A reminder that we operate an unofficial one way system in school to avoid as much congestion as possible. If you can approach school past the Water Works and leave down Marli hill that would be very helpful.

We have had reports of parents turning around in the driveway opposite school, can we please ask that you do not do this and follow the one way system instead.

We are encouraging all children to be as independent as possible so ask that parents do not enter the school building in the morning instead encourage your child to hang up their own bags and coats and enter their class on their own.

At the end of the day can we remind Discoverers parents to leave as soon as possible to ensure there is parking room for the parents of our older children. If you need to stay to wait for an older child please ensure your child remains with you and is away from the classes of those children still working.

Thank you.

## SEESAW

This week staff have been inundated with messages via Seesaw regarding various things, I would just like to clarify the purpose of the messaging function. We enable seesaw messaging to allow us to contact parents directly regarding their child's education if this is a matter that doesn't require a phone call or if we don't see you at the end of the school day. We are finding more and more parents are contacting staff, often at night regarding various, trivial issues. Although teachers try their best to respond between 8.30 and 4.30, their primary focus is, and always will be, educating the children therefore messages aren't always seen. This is why we ask you to phone or email the school if you have a question, concern or message and Miss Anna will pass any messages on. Should you wish to speak to your child's teacher please ask and Miss Anna will ask that they ring you back as soon as they can.

Once teachers go home at the end of the day they may choose to work but there is absolutely no obligation on them to do so, they certainly are not expected to respond to messages so can I please ask that you only message should other forms of communication not have worked and please do not message staff out of school hours (including holidays and weekends) but instead phone or e mail school, speak to the staff member on the school gate in the morning or class teachers at pick up time.

Miss Anna will often use my Seesaw messaging service to contact parents regarding various matters during the school day, this is the main use of my messages so if you need to speak to me please follow the routes above.

Miss Cherina is happy for you to message her on Seesaw regarding Clwb bookings (once she is back in work from the 2nd October), can we ask that school staff are not messaged on Seesaw regarding After School or Holiday Clwb.



## Discoverers

Welcome back to the old Discoverers and a huge welcome to our new families! The weather has been so warm this week- much better than the summer holiday weather! The children have had a busy first week, getting to know their new routines. We have been playing lots of games and using our imaginations in the role play areas. I've had some great meals prepared for me this week in the mud kitchen! I am very proud of all the children; they have all settled very well back into class. Our PE day for children in Reception and Year 1 will be a Monday, the children will also have an outdoor learning session on this day too- so please make sure they are dressed appropriately. All Seesaw QR codes have been sent home, please make sure you join to your child's journal, so you can keep up to date with all the news from our class. If you have any worries or queries, please do get in touch via the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Have a lovely weekend!



## Investigators

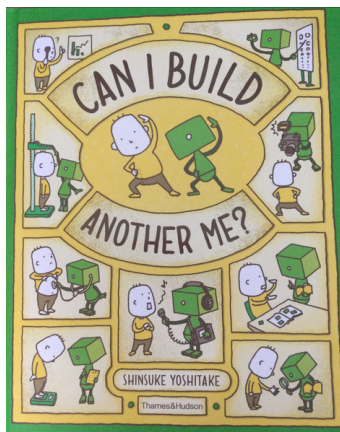
Welcome back to the Investigators! It has been a lovely first week back with the children. They have been very busy taking parts in lots of well-being activities with their friends and getting to know all about one another. They have worked in small groups to create a set of classroom rules that they want in their class this year and have used their numeracy skills to collect some data to find out about our favourite things.

As the weather has been so lovely this week, the children have taken part in some well-being activities outside such as writing some inspirational quotes on our school grounds. They also took part in a mindfulness afternoon in which they focused on breathing techniques, thought bubbles and coloured in some mindfulness mandalas. Next week the focus will be on Identity and Belonging as part of an RVE week. Enjoy your weekend!



## Innovators

The Innovators have had a lovely first week back. We are focussing on Identity and Belonging for our first couple of weeks, and this week have enjoyed using the book *Can I Build Another Me?* by Shinsuke Yoshitake as a stimulus. The children have created their own book in the same style to help explore their identity and appreciate how we are all unique. They look fantastic and the children should be proud! Alongside this, we have been getting into the routine of our school day by enjoying Makaton sessions, Helpwr Heddiw sessions, handwriting, Maths and spelling. Gwaith gwyh pawb!





## Clwb Cefn Playgroup

We have welcomed some new children to our playgroup this week and we are expecting some more children to join us on Monday. We have had a nice week getting to know each other. We have introduced a Doctor's Surgery to the role play area. We have been looking after the baby dolls and each other. Next week's theme is "Getting to know you!" What a lovely first week we've had!



## Clwb Cefn After School Club

Hello Everyone, I've met a few of you over the course of the week but would just like to introduce myself to everyone else, my name is Miss Cherina and I'll be taking over at Clwb Cefn Afterschool and Holiday Club. As you will have read in the newsletter last week, I'm going to be away from today until Friday the 29th of September. Could I please ask those of you who haven't already booked an afterschool place for over this period to please email the school's email address which is [cefn.meiriadog@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:cefn.meiriadog@denbighshire.gov.uk) or phone school to book your place. We can take same day bookings but we do only have a limited amount of spaces so it is on a first come first served basis. Once I'm back on the 2nd of October, I will be sending out some more information on a new way of booking in and new timetables of activities for each week. Thank you for your understanding and sorry for any inconvenience.

I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone. Thanks, Miss Cherina

## Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

Phrases to use at home this week/ Brawddeg i'w ddefnyddio adref yr wythnos yma:

"croeso nol" - "welcome back"

## Makaton

As a whole school we are working hard to continue to use and learn Makaton every day.

This week's sign is "good morning"

Please ask your child to show you the sign.

## Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th October - Harvest Service in St Marys  
Tuesday 24th October - Years 1 and 2 to Jambori  
Friday 27th October - School closes for half term  
Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Holiday Club  
Monday 6th November - Staff Training Day  
Friday 22nd December - Staff Training Day  
Monday 8th January - Staff Training Day  
Monday 8th April - Staff Training Day  
Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day