

# Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

## Friday Newsletter



Friday 15th September 2023  
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This week has flown by! The children are all really settled in their new classes and have all worked so hard this week. This week we have continued with our well-being/ RVE fortnight of 'Identity and Belonging' with all classes learning about belonging in lots of different ways.

The children have all 'applied' for the pupil voice groups they wish to be a part of and our new members were introduced in assembly this morning. Congratulations to them all, the staff are looking forward to working with them all on different projects this year.

### PARENT PAY

There are still some on-going problems with ParentPay, if you are still unable to view certain payment items or cannot access your child's account please let Miss Anna know and she will work with ParentPay to rectify this.

A reminder that all children are expected to be in class by 9am at the latest to ensure they are ready to start lessons.

Can we remind Nursery parents that children are not to be dropped off before 12.50.

Discoverers Parents - If you have an older child to collect can we ask that you collect your younger child by 3.10pm please. Staff often have other commitments after school and we are finding more children still in class after 3.20pm when their day finishes at 3pm.

### Consent Forms

Links to all consent forms were e mailed out this week. If you haven't received them please let Miss Anna know asap.

Please can these be completed as soon as possible so we can ensure our records are up to date.

### 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!

### Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning sessions started this week for the Discoverers (Monday) and the Innovators (Tuesday). Please can all children have a labelled pair of wellies left in school for when they need them. Both classes enjoyed time around the campfire this week with a tasty treat at the end!



### GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Gracie, Logan, Teddy, Willow and Betty-Rose!  
DA IAWN PAWB!

## Clubs

All staff run after school clubs for our full time learners will begin next week. Information about these was shared on Seesaw this week. You do not need to book these clubs but please ensure your child knows they are attending.

Miss Lloyd's dance club for full time learners begins today. This is now live on ParentPay and needs paying in full as soon as possible please. 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.

This morning some of our Eco Committee launched our new Terracycle Recycling project in assembly. We are keen to ensure this is a success so ask that you send in any biscuit, cake or cracker wrappers to add to our collection, please see the poster below for examples of what is accepted.

We are looking for the child, or adult, who brings in the most before assembly next week so get collecting!



### THE PLADIS BISCUITS AND SNACKS RECYCLING PROGRAMME

#### ACCEPTED WASTE



See the picture above for what you can send in through this recycling programme. Then, every time you enjoy any biscuit, cracker or cake, save the packaging and send it on to TerraCycle\*.

Please note that we accept only flexible plastic packaging and not cardboard packaging, as these can be recycled through local council recycling.



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 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.

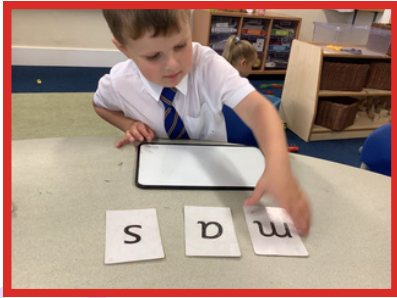
At the end of the day can we remind Discoverers parents to leave as soon as possible to ensure there is parking room for the parents of our older children. If you need to stay to wait for an older child please ensure your child remains with you and is away from the classes of those children still working.

Thank you.



## Discoverers

The Discoverers have had a busy week! This week our focus has been about 'belonging'. We have spoken about belonging to different groups, for example our class and our families. The older children thought of some class rules to help us be respectful to everyone in our class. All of the children have identified their family members, and we are busy creating our own version of a family tree for a display in our class. The Discoverers have also learnt the Makaton signs to go with different family members, if you would like to help your children the videos of the signs are available on YouTube under 'singing hands.' Children have been using painting their families which will also be displayed. Our Reception children have been working hard on learning sounds and working on developing their letter formation, they are all doing a super job. Our Nursery children have settled so well into our class routine and are enjoying getting to know everyone. There has been lots of lovely play and they are certainly a very creative bunch! Our Year 1 children continue to develop their phonic knowledge and have been working on shapes this week. They have been very helpful helping our younger children settle in. Next week we will begin our topic 'Leaving an Impression'. We will be talking about people who help us, and we have lots of exciting visitors lined up to help us with our learning. Our first focus will be the fire service- if you have any boxes or recycling that we could use for junk modelling please send it in to school. We look forward to sharing our topic journey with you. This week I have introduced our four purpose characters to the children. The children have met Cadi Cat and Sami Snake, I have shared the stories on Seesaw for you to have a look through. In time, I am hoping the children will be able to link their work to a purpose. Thank you all for your support in the first couple of weeks and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



## Investigators

The Investigators have been very busy this week in learning about their 'Identity and Belonging' as part of our RVE week. They have been learning about the things that help shape their identity and have expressed them in various ways. They have had many class discussions about what is important to them and have ended the week thinking about what 'belonging' means.

In other lessons, the children have started looking at the features of diary writing and have focused on the importance of using personal pronouns and past tense vocabulary in their diaries.

In mathematics and numeracy, the children have been looking at cardinal and ordinal numbers and took part in an activity where they explored numbers inside the classroom and outside on the school yard.

Next week, we will be starting our new topic for this term which is called 'Leaving an Impression'. It promises to be lots of fun. Enjoy your weekend!



## Innovators

The Innovators have continued their RVE mini-theme of identity and belonging this week, and we have had some interesting and thoughtful discussions. The class have compared and contrasted different religions, and we have also learnt about why someone might become a refugee, and what we could do to help. We have also thought about how it feels to belong to something, and how we could help others feel that they belong. We have continued this theme into our Literacy sessions, and have been working on poetry which helps to express our identity and belonging. In Maths, we

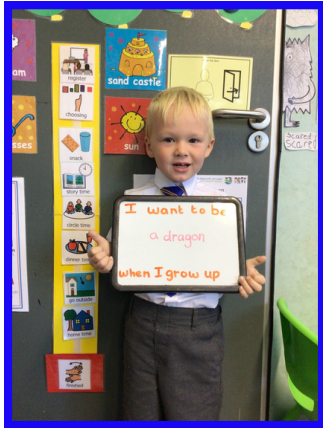
have worked hard on place value and the children enjoyed using the outdoors to help demonstrate their understanding. The class had a visit from Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan this week to talk about the opportunities available at the school; details about upcoming open evenings are on Seesaw.





## Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week we have started our theme "all about me" we started the week by making all about me hats, we asked what everyone wants to be when they grow up ready to make a display in school and have tried to learn our friends names by playing a ball rolling game. We also painted beautiful pictures that we have displayed on our "art gallery wall" well done everyone.



## Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Mae'n Hydref" - "It is Autumn"

## Clwb Cefn After School Club

We are having some problems adding payments to ParentPay for After School Club, please bear with us.

If you require any days in club next week, and you haven't already booked, please e mail Miss Anna and she will add names to the list. Thank you.

## Fundraising

We have some fundraising events coming up and need your support!

On Thursday 28th September the children will be completing a sponsored walk (weather permitting) - more information and a sponsor form to follow (Nursery pupils will be completing their own sponsored event in school)

On Thursday 26th October we will be holding a disco in the Neuadd Owen from 4 - 5.30. All children are welcome to attend and to dress up but we ask that parents of those in Reception and Nursery please stay with their child.

On Saturday 4th November Cefn are holding their annual bonfire and fireworks night in the Neuadd Owen. We will be selling hot dogs and refreshments on the night with all proceeds going to school. If anyone is good at face painting and would be willing to attend the event to help please get in touch.

## Makaton

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

This week's sign is "Autumn" Please ask your child to show you the sign.

## Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 28th September - Sponsored Walk for full time pupils
- Friday 13th October - Harvest Service in St Marys for all year groups (2pm start)
- Tuesday 24th October - Years 1 and 2 to Jambori
- Thursday 26th October - Disco in Neuadd Owen, 4 - 5.30
- Friday 27th October - School closes for half term
- Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Holiday Club
- Saturday 4th November - Cefn Bonfire and Fireworks event @ Neuadd Owen
- 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