

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 22nd September 2023
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What a wet week! Autumn has most definitely arrived so can I please ask that all children have a coat with them every day as we do try and get outside in the dry spells! A reminder to please label all items of uniform, this really does make life easier for staff when they are trying to reunite lost property with owners.

We have enjoyed welcoming lots of different visitors to school this week to further enhance the children's topic work, please read below to find out more.

PARENT PAY

As far as we aware all ParentPay problems have now been sorted, if you are still struggling with anything please get in touch with Miss Anna.

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

We still have a large amount of consent forms outstanding, I cannot emphasise enough the importance of us having the most up to date information for your child. Please can these be completed as soon as possible, if you need the links re sending please get in touch with Miss Anna.

Outdoor Learning

Unfortunately the wind and rain put a stop to our Forest School sessions this week although the Discoverers did manage to get outside to enjoy some time around the campfire whilst learning the safety rules.

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



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Vogue, Oliver, Ezra, Ted, Emily & Mara.

DA IAWN PAWB!

Head Pupils

Following presentations to staff we are thrilled to share that Harper and Ezra are our new Head Pupils for this academic year. The boys will be working with Mrs Martin on various tasks and are both very keen to get started! A huge well done to them both.



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.



A reminder that our Eco Committee are collecting any biscuit, cake or cracker wrappers for recycling, please see the poster for examples of what is accepted. Thank you to those who have brought wrappers in already, we appreciate your support.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evening will be held on the following dates - 16th, 17th & 18th October. Please see below which classes will be when -

Monday 16th October - Reception

Monday 16th October - Investigators

Tuesday 17th October - Nursery & Year 1

Tuesday 17th October - Investigators

Wednesday 18th October - Innovators

10 minute time slots will be available to book from MONDAY. Can we please ask that you ring or e mail to book your slot - please do not message on Seesaw.

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

Sponsored Walk

We are looking forward to our Sponsored walk on Thursday, please keep everything crossed for a dry day! Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have offered to join us, if anyone else is free and can make it please let us know, we would love to have you along.

Children will need to come to school dressed in sportswear with comfortable shoes and a coat. The Discoverers will be doing a shorter walk so will be back in time for lunch but the Investigators and Innovators will be eating in the Neuadd Owen so please ensure they have a packed lunch. If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch then we need to know by Monday at the latest please.

Maisie the Therapy dog

We were delighted to welcome Maisie back to school yesterday, she spent lots of time with the Investigators and Innovators and thoroughly enjoyed all of the hugs and attention. Nursery parents - please keep an eye out for a consent form next week to give your permission for your child to meet Maisie. Without these signed unfortunately your child will not spend any time with Maisie.



Discoverers

Wow! This week has flown by in the Discoverers, with lots of exciting visitors who have helped us to find out about our topic work. This week the children completed a 'cold task' to find out everything they already knew about people who help us. They came up with some great ideas, but we are hoping to add to these as the weeks go on. This week and next we will be focusing on the fire service, and we have been lucky enough to have visits from representatives of the fire service. The children found out about the role of a fire fighter and learnt about what they wear to keep themselves safe. We learnt about the important numbers that we would need in an emergency and how we must only ever use this when it is an emergency. The children have been using junk to build an amazing fire truck that will be incorporated into our role play area. We have new small world areas, where the children are encouraged to develop their language skills. Children have also been developing their Welsh Language, learning the names of the colours and finding matching items in the classroom. We have learnt a new song 'Five Little Firemen' which has Makaton incorporated into it- they have loved this! Finally, the children have been recognising numerals on flames and ordering them at different levels suited to their ability. All of this has been on top of the children learning their sounds and completing their inspire maths and numicon work. I am looking forward to next week and continuing our learning journey. Have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

The children have had a great week starting their new topic for this term called 'Leaving an Impression'. They had a class discussion about the topic on Monday and thought of some wonderful ideas of things that they would like to learn about. These range from famous people such as Neil Armstrong to looking at famous buildings/structures around the world such as the pyramids of Egypt and Stonehenge. The children worked well with their learning partner to create a mindmap which is now up on our working wall.

Following this, the children have played a quiz game on Blooket to see if they can recognise famous people and have started to identify some famous faces.

The children have had the opportunity to meet a miniature Shetland pony called Dotty where they pampered her with a brush and put bows on her! They also had the chance yesterday to catch up with Maisie the Labradoodle and told her all about their summer holidays.

In Maths this week, the Year two children have been learning how to use their mental calculation skills to add and subtract, the Year three children have been learning how to add and regroup tens and ones and the Year four children have been learning how to subtract numbers up to 10,000!

Enjoy your weekend! MWynhau dy penwythnos!



Innovators

This week The Innovators have started their 'Leaving an Impression' topic, and the end goal is to turn our classroom into a museum for you all to visit. They have enjoyed working together to discuss their brilliant ideas and we are all excited to see where this project takes us! In Literacy, the children are learning about Betsi Cadwaladr and are preparing to write a diary in role as Betsi. They worked well on Google Classroom to find out about her life this week and discovered some fascinating facts. We have started Inspire sessions this week and everyone is working hard on their new Maths units. We have also been trying hard in the Innovators to increase the amount of Welsh we use in class and over the last couple of weeks we have been trying to incorporate Makaton into our language learning too. It has been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic to learn new Welsh vocabulary along with Makaton signs and they have an impressive memory! Da iawn Innovators!



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

In playgroup this week we have done lots of Gruffalo activities. We made a story character hat at the beginning of the week. We watched the video and listened to the story then made "scramble snake" out of shredded paper and strips of material. Yesterday we went on a Gruffalo hunt and found lots characters hidden around the playground. Today we are going to make "edible Gruffalo bark" Well done everyone.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

All payments from the beginning of term are now live on ParentPay. please can these be cleared as soon as possible.

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) - sponsor forms have now been sent out. (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.

Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Mae hi'n gwlyb" - "It is wet"

Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 28th September - Sponsored Walk for all pupils
- Friday 13th October - Harvest Service in St Marys for all year groups (2pm start)
- Monday 16th October - Reception Parents Evening
- Monday 16th October - Investigators Parents Evening
- Tuesday 17th October - Nursery & Year 1 Parents Evening
- Tuesday 17th October - Investigators Parents Evening
- Wednesday 18th October - Innovators Parents Evening
- Wednesday 18th October - Cross Country in Ruthin for Yrs 3 - 6
- 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
- Monday 18th December - Christmas Concert in St Mary's Church @2pm
- Friday 22nd December - Staff Training Day
- Monday 8th January - Staff Training Day
- Monday 8th April - Staff Training Day
- Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day

Makaton

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

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