

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



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We were so lucky with the weather yesterday for our sponsored walk, thank you so much to those parents and grandparents who joined us it was lovely to see the school community out together enjoying the local area.

The children are busy practising for the upcoming Harvest Service, we are looking forward to performing for you all in St Mary's church, a big thank you to the church and to Clare in particular who has worked hard to help us arrange different upcoming events. Clare has also secured funding to help us with the cost of transport which we are really grateful for.

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

Discoverers Parents - can I please remind you that parents are not permitted in the school building in the mornings so we, again, are asking that all children be left with the adult at the gate or outside the door please. Staff are working hard to develop the children's independence and this will further support them with this.

This is in place to safeguard all of our pupils and I would appreciate your cooperation with this, if you have any questions or problems regarding this matter please make an appointment to come and see me to discuss further.

This week we were thrilled to launch our new look website <https://www.cefnmeiriadog.co.uk/> you should find all the information you need on here so please take a look around!

Outdoor Learning

This week the Discoverers enjoyed a lovely breakfast of toast around the campfire.

The Innovators worked in groups to light the storm kettles to make hot berry juice for their snack.

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GOLDEN CHILDREN
This week's Golden Children are Oliver, Charlotte, Travis, Betty-Rose, Mara and Georgia.
DA IAWN PAWB!

Sponsored Walk

The whole school enjoyed the sponsored walk yesterday with classes all completing various distances during the day. A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who joined us and supported the event, we are really grateful to you all.

Please can we ask that all sponsor money is brought to school by next Friday. Thank you.



A reminder that our Eco Committee are collecting any biscuit, cake or cracker wrappers for recycling, Thank you to those who have brought things in already, the box is filling up nicely!

PC Gareth

PC Gareth is our police liaison officer and each term he comes into school to deliver age appropriate sessions to the children about various aspects linked to keeping safe. This week each class had a session from PC Gareth where he talked about Playing Safe with the Discoverers, Right and Wrong with the Investigators and Cyber Safe with the Innovators.



MEET THE GOVERNORS

One of the actions of our Governing Body this year is to develop the whole school communities understanding of who the governors are and their role in the school. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing you to different members of the Governing Body so you have a better idea of who they are and why they chose to support Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog:

Name: Kirsty Haydock

Role on the Governing Body: Vice Chair and parent



Why did you choose to become a governor at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog? I decided to become a Governor at Cefn Meiriadog because I wanted to invest my personal time into the ongoing development of the school and to give something back to the school that is teaching my children and all the other children that attend Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog.

What do you enjoy most about being on the Governing Body? I really enjoy hearing all about what topics the children at Cefn Meiriadog are doing each term and being lucky enough to see all the incredible work that is being produced by our talented pupils and to hear about this first hand.

Where would you like to see Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog in 5 years time? I would like to see Cefn Meiriadog being recognised as a success story in the future for how it has adapted, grown and improved the education of its pupils since the adoption of the new curriculum in 2022.

What are you most proud of in your time as a governor? During the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020/2021, I was very proud to witness and be a part of how our school coped and adjusted to the demands of the pandemic and continued to keep our children's education and safety a top priority, under the most difficult of circumstances. I feel like this period of time really tested us as a school and as a result, showed us how special our school community really is.

Discoverers

The Discoverers have continued their learning about 'People who help us.' This week the children have enjoyed playing in our very own fire truck, that the children made together. This has meant that we have had to use communication skills and our social skills, whilst we wait for our turn. The Year 1 children have used their writing skills to record a sentence about what they have learnt about the fire service. PC Gareth came in to talk to the children about safe places to play and was very impressed that they had remembered the emergency phone numbers to ring. Our Nursery children have been learning the sound 'm' and used finger painting to help them with the formation. Reception and Nursery children have been using their fine motor skills to cut out 5 little fire fighters, an activity linked to our Makaton song. Autumn is definitely in the air, and we have started to learn some songs for our Harvest service. Next week we will be focusing on doctors and nurses, and we will welcome another visitor into class to help us with our learning.



Investigators

Another busy week has flown by! The Investigators have taken part in lots of activities and are working well together in class.

On Monday, they had a visit from PC Gareth who talked to them about 'Right and Wrong'. Everyone listened carefully and answered his questions sensibly.

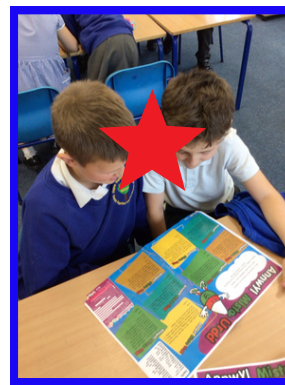
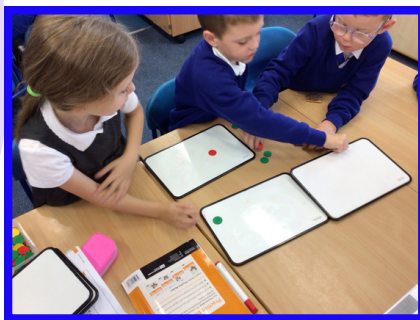
In English lessons this week, the children have continued to develop their diary writing skills and have looked in more detail in using conjunctions and time connectives in them.

In maths, they Year 2 children have started the unit of multiplication, the Year 3 children have started to look at subtraction with regrouping the hundreds and tens and the Year 4 children have also looked at subtraction with numbers that have zeros.

The whole class has started to learn some songs and a poem for the harvest service in two weeks time. The verse of the poem for their group to learn has been posted onto their seesaw journal.

In our topic this week, we have been looking at famous people and with a learning partner have chosen one of them to research and present as a fact file.

Everyone enjoyed the sponsored walk around the village yesterday. It was a lovely day. Thanks to all those who joined us. Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

Another busy week for The Innovators! We had a visit from PC Gareth at the start of the week to help us stay cyber safe, and the children had lots of interesting questions. In Literacy, the children have been learning about Betsi Cadwaladr and have been preparing to write their draft diary entry by learning the features of diaries and how to make Betsi's emotive and effective. In Maths our number work is coming along well and we have been comparing numbers to 100,000 in Inspire, as well as using the inverse operation to help us learn our times tables. We are working hard in Topic sessions to learn about the significant individuals we have chosen to be part of our museum project. The class have produced some impressive work to show what they have learnt. Our sponsored walk was great fun on Thursday and the children did really well. We walked 4 miles in total and there were lots of tired legs by the end!



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

We've had another busy week doing Gruffalo activities. We made Gruffalo masks and models. Continued to read the Gruffalo story and watch the DVD and today we are making "fruit kebab Gruffalo tusks" and an "owl ice-cream" craft for the display board. Well done everyone.



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

Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Dwi'n hoffi cerdded" - "I like walking"

Dates for your diary:

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

Clwb Cefn After School Club

Miss Cherina is back on Monday so moving forward please can all bookings/ payments/ queries be sent to Miss Cherina on cefnclwb@gmail.com or via her Seesaw messages.

Holiday Club will be running in October half term, Miss Cherina will be in touch next week with how you can book as well as the activities that will be on offer.

Lost Property

Our collection of lost property is growing quite rapidly and we are only 4 weeks into the term. Can we ask that you ensure all items of clothing and belongings are clearly labelled so, if lost, they can be returned as soon as possible.

I have been asked to remind you that cars are not permitted to turn around on the drive opposite school. Twice this week the property has been damaged due to cars turning around.

We operate an official one way system at school to help as much as possible with traffic flow so if you could follow the one way system we'd be very grateful. Thank you.

Makaton

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

This week's sign is "I love walking"

Please ask your child to show you the sign.