

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 20th October 2023
Dydd Gwener 20fed Hydref 2023

We have had a lovely week this week with plenty of exciting activities going on across the school. I have been visited by lots of children this week who have proudly shown me their excellent work, these are my favourite kind of visits!

Thank you to all of you who attended Parents Evening this week, it was lovely to see so many of you in attendance.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

PE Kits

A reminder that the school PE kit is a sky blue t shirt and black shorts or trousers.

We are finding more and more children coming to school in their own clothes and not the PE kit stated in our uniform policy. A logo t shirt is available from the Uniform Shop in Prestatyn but plain sky blue t shirts are also acceptable.

Toys

Please can we ask that children do not bring in toys/ teddies from home. These very quickly get lost or broken which can be upsetting for children. If you can please ensure they are left at home that would be really helpful - thank you.

Outdoor Learning

This week the Nursery children have been busy clearing the Poly Tunnel ready for planting, they have also been on a leaf hunt around the field to make their own Leaf Men.

The Innovators enjoyed chocolate spread and strawberry jam pancakes around the fire for their last session of the half term. A lovely treat!

Da iawn pawb.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Grace, Ted, Enzo, Bonnie, Shelby and Violet.
DA IAWN PAWB!

Denbigh Food Bank

Thank you for all of the donations for the food bank, Gwyn collected them all yesterday and was very grateful for your generosity.



Cross Country

On Wednesday 10 of our Learners attended the Denbighshire Cross country event in Ruthin. They all performed so well and showed real determination and resilience as well as excellent support for each other. Both myself and Mr Roberts were very proud of them all.



Behaviour

Since September we have noticed an increase in low level, disruptive behaviour amongst some of our pupils so over the coming weeks we will be addressing this in different ways. One of these ways will be a behaviour award presented in our celebration assembly on a Friday. This will be decided by our Head pupils and will be awarded to children who consistently follow the rules, who remember their manners, show kindness and are good role models for others. Please can we ask you to remind your children of the expectations when in school, thank you.

Halloween Disco

We are looking forward to seeing lots of children at the disco next Thursday. A reminder that it is taking place in Neuadd Owen - LL17 0EY

There will be face painting, tattoos and sweets available on the night for an additional cost:

Tattoos - 50p

Sweets - 50p

Face Painting - £2

All Nursery and Reception children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Please can we politely request that you follow the unofficial one way system wherever possible, this really does help to alleviate congestion and traffic problems during pick up and drop off times.

A reminder that parents are asked to approach school past the waterworks and leave down Marli Hill.

Thank you.

MEET THE GOVERNORS

One of the actions of our Governing Body this year is to develop the whole school community's 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: Alice Elizabeth Smith (but everyone knows me as Lizzie)

Role on the Governing Body: Community Governor & Expressive Arts link.

Why did you choose to become a governor at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog? I drive past most days and it's just so wonderful that I had to be a part of it! I love being able to share the school's wonderful vision.

What do you enjoy most about being on the Governing Body? I love getting involved with the school events, like fairs and fun days. I also love being able to deliver Expressive Arts sessions!

Where would you like to see Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog in 5 years time? I would love to see even more children enjoying our wonderful school, and the fantastic work done by all of the children and staff shared with other local schools, showcasing our excellent curriculum and helping other schools to develop.

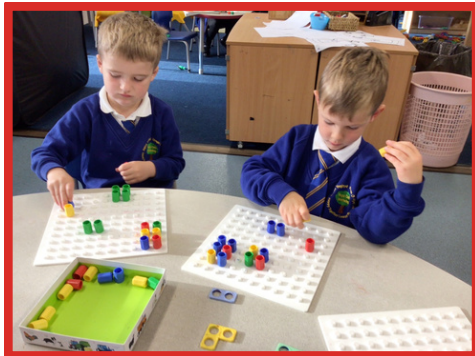
What are you most proud of in your time as a governor? Seeing the children grow into such wonderful people that love their time in school. The murals are pretty cool too!

Anything else you would like to add? I really love being a part of Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog!

Discoverers

This week the Discoverers have been learning all about the importance of recycling. They have completed different tasks that have helped them to develop their understanding. These included a sorting task, listing how to make a happy planet, creating posters and helping in the garden. I was really pleased to hear their ideas about saving the planet and how engaged they were with this topic, there are certainly some eco-warriors amongst the Discoverers. Our Year 1 children will be attending the Jambori next week, so we have been practising the songs and making hats in preparation.

All of the Discoverers continue to learn their sounds and work on their maths work. I am super impressed with our Reception children and how they are starting to use their sounds so quickly. Next week we will be holding an Expressive Arts week and our focus will be Dance. We will have an Autumn focus and I am hoping the children will have created a masterpiece for us to share with you by the end of next week. We are looking forward to our sessions with Miss Lloyd! I would like to thank all the parents that came to see me this week to discuss your child's progress, it was lovely to see you all. I hope you all have a restful weekend.



Investigators

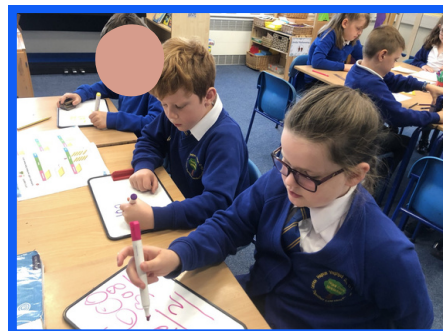
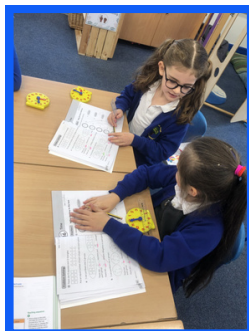
It has been another busy week for the Investigators! The children have taken part in lots of activities and have produced some excellent pieces of work.

This week's focus in our topic has been on looking at famous Welsh people. The children chose a person and used the Internet to carry out some research about them. Following this, they used an app called Chatterpix to create a video of their celebrity. They were amazing!

Yesterday, the children looked at some Welsh princes and princesses in preparation for their trip to Conwy castle next Friday.

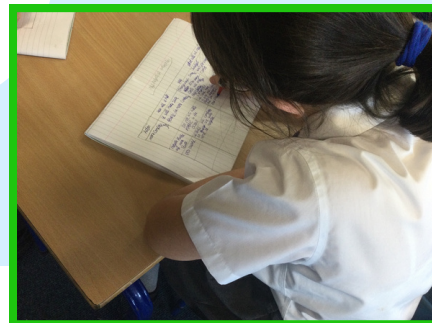
In Mathematics this week, the Year 2 children have started the topic of Time, the Year 3 children have continued to develop their subtraction skills by subtracting with numbers that have zeros and the year 4 children have worked with Mrs Wilkins on solving addition and subtraction word problems.

Next week, the children will take part in some art lessons looking at Welsh artists as part of an expressive arts week and we are all very much looking forward to our trip to Conwy castle next Friday! Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

The Innovators have had a creative week completing their pencil portraits and also creating 3D portraits for our museum. They enjoyed using the paper mache and experimented very well with different techniques. The Betsi Cadwaladr diaries have all been drafted and we can't wait to see the final pieces next week! Today the children tea stained the paper and made front covers so that the diaries will look extra special. They have been busy rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 in Inspire as well as improving their skills with division. As part of recycling week the class made recycled bird feeders and considered how we can reduce the amount of paper we use in school. Well done everybody!



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week in Playgroup we have done all things Halloween! We have designed our own pumpkins which we have displayed on our door in the corridor. We used puffy paint to make "ghosts" and used the leftover paint coloured orange to create a "puffy pumpkin" and painted our hands purple to make wings for a bat that we will assemble today. We have also enjoyed playing in the sand, water, playdough and outdoors with the bikes and hoops. Da iawn pawb!



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school clwb we have enjoyed lots of craft activities, we painted some Autumn animals, made pumpkins and bird feeders and enjoyed playing with the hula hoops outside! We're looking forward to some Halloween activities next week!



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Shwmae" - "how are things?"

Makaton

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

This week's sign is "heavy rain"

Please ask your child to show you the sign.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 24th October - Years 1 and 2 to Jambori
Thursday 26th October - Disco in Neuadd Owen, 4 - 5.30
Friday 27th October - Investigators trip to Conwy
Friday 27th October - School closes for half term
Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Holiday Club
Monday 6th November - Staff Training Day
Wednesday 8th November - Innovators trip to Liverpool Museum
Wednesday 13th December - Full time pupils to the pantomime
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