

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 17th November 2023
Dydd Gwener 17eg Tachwedd 2023

Thank you for all of your support today as we supported Children in Need, all money raised will be sent to the charity to support their nationwide projects. A big thank you to the School Council for organising and leading the fundraiser, especially the cake sale, we will update with the amount we have raised next week.
Have a lovely weekend.

Remembrance Sunday

A big thank you to our Head Pupils, Harper and Ezra, who represented our school so beautifully on Sunday. They attended a service of Remembrance in the cathedral with Mrs Martin before laying a wreath on behalf of the whole school community at the Cenotaph. Diolch boys.



Jack and the Beanstalk

A reminder that the final payment for the full time pupils trip to the panto is due on 29.11.23. This payment item is live on Parent Pay.

Staff Training Day

A reminder that Friday 22nd December is an INSET Day and school is closed to pupils. Monday 8th January is also an INSET Day, school reopens to pupils on Tuesday 9th January following the Christmas break.

Outdoor Learning

This week the Investigators chose to make toast around the fire which apparently tastes much nicer than toast from a toaster! Excellent teamwork and safety skills on show as always - da iawn pawb.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Lola, Ralph, Emily, Betty-Rose, Charlotte and Harper.
DA IAWN PAWB!

Well done to our little superstar, Isla, who last weekend had a few inches of her hair cut off so that she can give it to 'The Little Princess Trust'. This is a charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other conditions. We are all so proud of you Isla, well done.



Reading Champions

This half term we have moved away from Reading Buddies and have introduced Reading Champions. These are a group of the Innovators who have volunteered for the role. Each week they choose a story each and read it on a Tuesday and Thursday with the rest of the school choosing which story they would like to listen to.

We are working hard to develop 'reading for pleasure' amongst our pupils and this approach is another opportunity for the children to listen to, and discuss, a story. Well done to our Champions!

Christmas

We are approaching an incredibly busy, and very exciting, time of the year! As we approach December there is an awful lot planned. Hopefully the poster shared on Seesaw this week will help you plan and organise but if you have any further questions please get in touch.

For the Christmas Carol Service in church we are asking all children to wear a Christmas jumper, no costumes are needed this year.

We have lots planned for the Christmas Fair but cannot run events such as this without your support. If you are free to man a stall on the night/ can source some raffle prizes/ have time to do some wrapping please, please get in touch. 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: Ann Jones

Role on the Governing Body: Community Governor

Why did you choose to become a governor at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog? My children came to Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog, my daughter started in 1977 and my son in 1982. I used to help with school fairs and then became clerk to the Governors. In the 1980's I was voted onto the Governing Body as a parent, this was a new position introduced by the Welsh office. After my children left school I became an LEA Governor and was also employed as the school caretaker.

What do you enjoy most about being on the Governing Body? I enjoy coming to the school and being involved with the Governors, children and staff. I come to school every Tuesday and Thursday to listen to the children reading Welsh, the children always give me such a warm welcome. As a Governor I enjoy being invited to the school concerts, fairs, coffee mornings and fund raising events. Being a Governor makes me feel part of the school, I enjoy the children coming to my farm to see the animals, they are always well mannered and well behaved.

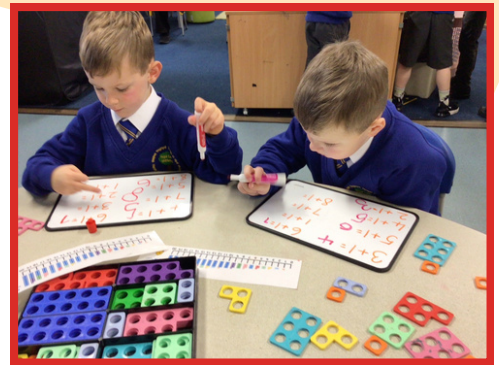
Where would you like to see Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog in 5 years time?
In 5 years time I would like to see the school still thriving with a new hall.

What are you most proud of in your time as a governor? My proudest moment was when the children were awarded the Silver Cymraeg Campus award. They were only the second school in Denbighshire to receive it. The staff also deserve praise for doing so much work with the children to achieve the award. I was also proud to accompany some children and Mrs Martin around the village to deliver homegrown vegetables to local residents who were very pleased to receive them.

I am always impressed at the way the older children look after the younger children, the school has a lovely family atmosphere.

Discoverers

We have had another busy week in the Discoverers class. This week has been anti-bullying week and we have had lots of important discussions about the importance of being kind to each other and what we think makes a good friend. We talked about being individual and unique and enjoyed sharing our odd socks. This area is a very important part of this term's RSE topic, recognising positive relationships and being respectful to one another. The children continue to find out about people who help us and this week we were lucky enough to have a vet come to talk to us. The children listened carefully and asked some very good questions to help us find out what a vet did to help people and their animals. We spent time learning some new Makaton signs for different pets that the vet may help. In the Discoverers this week we have even started to learn some of our Christmas songs, it won't be long before the glitter is out in full force! Have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

The children have had experienced lots of different opportunities this week and have thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

On Monday, they had a cricket session with Cricket Wales where they practiced their throwing and catching skills. Next week, they will have the opportunity to develop their batting skills. Throughout the week, the children have taken part in various online workshops as part of climate week. They have learnt about what climate change is and have thought about ways in which they can help the environment. They have also listened carefully to a workshop about deforestation and how important it is to look after these parts of the world. This week has been anti-bullying week in which the theme has been 'Make some noise'. The children came into school on Monday wearing Odd socks for Odd Socks Day which is a way to show that we are all unique. The children have worked in small groups to discuss their views on bullying and have created some posters using their ICT skills. On Tuesday, with Mrs Williams, the children thoroughly enjoyed their Forest Schools session where they lit a fire to make some toast! Yesterday, the children enjoyed their swimming lesson and took part in a PE lesson at Denbigh Leisure centre in which they took part in a Burpees challenge for Children in Need followed by a game of Dragon's nest. Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

The Innovators thoroughly enjoyed their Cricket session on Monday with Cricket Wales, they practised throwing and played various games. Next week we are moving on to batting. We wore our odd socks on Monday and found out more about bullying and what we can do to help others. The class worked with Denbighshire's biodiversity team on Tuesday to plant an array of wildflowers around the outdoor gazebo, fingers crossed they grow and next year we see lots more bees visiting us!

We all enjoyed a visit from Maisie on Thursday, We spent time reading to her and giving her lots of cuddles! In Maths this week we have continued working on rounding and have started rounding within different Maths problems using all four operations. We wrote our 'cold task' biographies in Literacy and have started to find out more about our chosen people in preparation for our end of term museum. Have a lovely weekend.



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week in playgroup we have completed our bonfire hand print pictures, printed poppies with an apple and made sun catcher Diva Lamps for Diwali. Yesterday we collected leaves to make a "leaf lion" which was inspired by reading the "Leaf Man" story. Well done everyone



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week we've been looking at anti bullying week, we've talked about how we can help each other and have made some lovely odd socks pictures. We've also enjoyed some dancing, rock painting and outside play.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Helpu'r plant" - "Help the children"

Makaton

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

This week's sign is "Children in Need"

Please ask your child to show you the sign.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 20th November - Investigators & Innovators cricket session
- Friday 24th November - own clothes day in exchange for chocolate for the Fair
- Monday 27th November - Investigators & Innovators cricket session
- Monday 4th December - Investigators & Innovators cricket session
- Friday 1st December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 7th December - Nasal Flu Spray (all classes)
- Friday 8th December - own clothes day in exchange for bottles for the Fair
- Monday 11th December - Investigators & Innovators cricket session
- Wednesday 13th December - Full time pupils to the pantomime
- Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Fair (3.30 - 5.30)
- Thursday 14th December - Christmas Dinner
- Monday 18th December - Christmas Carol Service in St Mary's Church @2pm
- Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Party (children can wear party clothes)
- Friday 22nd December - Staff Training Day
- Monday 8th January - Staff Training Day
- Monday 8th April - Staff Training Day
- Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day