

# Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

## Friday Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023  
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It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and to hear about their half term fun! This half term promises to be just as busy as the last so please keep an eye on here and Seesaw for upcoming dates and activities, Christmas dates will be sent out next week.

The weather is very wintry now so can children please have coats in school, hats and gloves are also recommended on the really cold days. Please can we ask that all items of uniform, including coats, are labelled to ensure any lost items find their way back to their owners.

### Scaffolding

You will have seen that work has now begun on replacing the gutters and fascia boards following the discovery of a bat over the Summer. There is still some work to complete but we are hopeful that, weather permitting, all will be finished in the next two weeks. During that time can we please ask you to be mindful at drop off and pick up times of the work vans, ladders and equipment. Thank you for your cooperation with, what has been, an incredibly lengthy process!

### Parent Pay

Please can all accounts be brought up to date asap. A reminder that DCC policy states that school meal accounts cannot be more than £12 in debt.

Clwb Cefn also have a large amount of outstanding fees, this is a small business who rely on a regular income to continue running so please ensure all debts are cleared asap.

### Outdoor Learning

This week the Investigators had their first Forest School session. They recapped the rules of the sessions and all worked together to set, light and manage the fire. They remembered the fire triangle, heat, fuel and oxygen. The toasted marshmallows were also delicious!



**GOLDEN CHILDREN**  
This week's Golden Children are  
Elsie-May, Grace J, Oliver H,  
Amelia K and Shelby.  
DA IAWN PAWB!

## Remembrance Day

This morning all classes have found out more about Remembrance Day with the older pupils taking part in a live assembly delivered by the Army Regional Engagement Team and the Investigators watching a video from the Royal British Legion. Yesterday Teddy delivered a presentation to the Discoverers about his Dad's role in the army, he did a wonderful job!

This morning the whole school stopped for a 2 minute silence to remember and reflect. The School Council have sold poppy items all week with all money raised going to The Royal British Legion. On Sunday Harper and Ezra will be accompanying Mrs Martin to a special Remembrance Service in St Asaph Cathedral and the Cenotaph where they will lay a wreath on behalf of the whole school community.

### Children in Need

Next Friday we will join with hundreds of other schools to help raise money for Children in Need.

Following a School Council meeting today the children have agreed that all children can wear sports clothes to school for a minimum donation of £1 and they are asking teachers to make sure there are opportunities during the day for physical activity.

They would also like a cake sale from 3pm on the yard. All cakes will be 50p each to buy, if you are willing to donate any cakes please can they be sent into school on Friday morning. Diolch.



### Parental Questionnaire

A link to a questionnaire was sent out on Seesaw again yesterday, please can we ask you to complete it as soon as possible to help us as we look for ways to continue to improve. Diolch.

### 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: Sarah Hughes

Role on the Governing Body: Local Authority Governor



Why did you choose to become a governor at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog? I am a Mum of three, and have lived in the area for 35 years and always taken a keen interest in Education and it's development locally. It's a pleasure to find out more about the curriculum in Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog and to see how we, as a governing body can support the school.

What do you enjoy most about being on the Governing Body? I most enjoy hearing what the developing curriculum is for that term. The teachers are very creative and I love seeing how they have interpreted those subjects.

Where would you like to see Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog in 5 years time? I would like to see more parents sending their children to the school, and all the wonderful initiatives that the school has started, to be developed further.

What are you most proud of in your time as a governor? I visited an assembly presented by the children on their IT studies and was amazed to see how wonderfully the children had developed the subject with their teachers. It made me very proud of the school.

I am also very proud of the huge effort put into the initiative for developing emotional support for pupils - such an important part of school support.

Ysgol Cefn Meriadog is such a vibrant and lively school with such hard working and dedicated staff. It is a pleasure to be part of the governing body.



## Discoverers

What a busy first week back for the Discoverers! The Nursery children have been busy exploring the musical instruments to make their own firework sounds, they have also been practising writing their names and have learnt a new sound 'i'.

Reception and Year 1 have worked hard this week on their sounds and spellings and Reception have also begun learning about addition using Numicon to help them.

The class enjoyed a visit from the RNLI on Wednesday where they learnt all about the important organisation including what they wear, what types of emergencies they help with and how to get involved.

As part of our Remembrance Day work Teddy gave a wonderful presentation about his Dad and the work he does as part of the Armed Forces. Well done Teddy!



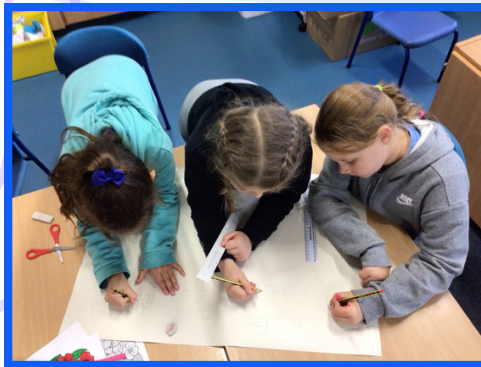
## Investigators

The first week of the new half term has been an extremely busy one! The children have all settled back into school and have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities. On Tuesday morning, they took part in their first Forest Schools lesson with Mrs Williams. Everyone worked together to set, light and manage the fire and remembered the fire triangle of heat, fuel and oxygen. They then toasted marshmallows over the fire (which was very well received!) Yesterday, we all went to Denbigh Leisure centre for the first swimming lesson of the year and were put into groups ready for the rest of the term.

In the afternoon, we planned, in small groups our design for the castle that we have started to make this afternoon. Everyone shared their ideas and listened to the ideas of others.

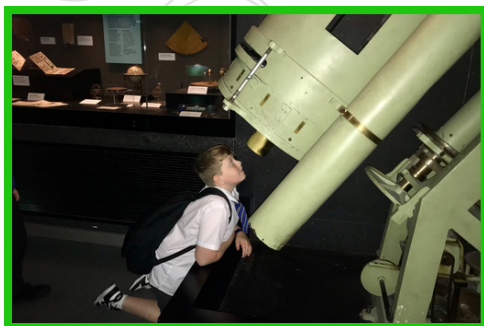
We have continued to read together the book 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo and have got one more chapter to read!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



## Innovators

As part of our Leaving an Impression topic, the Innovators had a fantastic trip to the World Museum in Liverpool this week. It was interesting for the children to see real exhibits - from Egyptian mummies to dinosaur casts - and to think about how our class museum could take inspiration from the displays. To this effect, they have been busy finishing off their junk modelling exhibit items as well as writing descriptions about their significance to go alongside them on display. Everyone enjoyed the first swimming session this week and we are looking forward to seeing the progress the children will make in the pool over the course of the half term. On Friday, the class enjoyed a singing session with Paul Booth, the Director of Music at St Asaph Cathedral. They took part in lots of fun vocal games and have also begun learning some songs.





## Clwb Cefn Playgroup

At playgroup this week we have been making lovely firework pictures. We made edible sparklers which we ate for snacks on Tuesday. We have twigs on our "tuff tray" which we are using to make bonfires and homes for our "Autumn animals". We have had lots of sensory fun playing with the shaving foam and even added some paint to see if we could create patterns and mix colours. Well done everyone.



## Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week we've had fun learning about Remembrance Day and Diwali, we watched some videos and then did some arts and crafts. We had lots of lovely pictures, we've also enjoyed trying some new snacks and having fun outside on the playground.



## Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Remember" - "cofio"

## Makaton

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

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

## Dates for your diary:

Monday 13th November - Investigators & Innovators cricket session  
Friday 17th November - Children in Need (children wear Sporty clothes)  
Monday 20th November - Investigators & Innovators cricket session  
Monday 27th November - Investigators & Innovators cricket session  
Monday 4th December - Investigators & Innovators cricket session  
Thursday 7th December - Nasal Flu Spray (all classes)  
Monday 11th December - Investigators & Innovators cricket session  
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