

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 27th October 2023
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What a busy half term it has been, everybody is definitely ready for a rest! Thank you all for your support this half term, we really do appreciate it.

Last night's disco was a great success, it was lovely to see so many smiling children having such a good time - thank you for supporting this and thank you to the staff and volunteers for their help.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break, fingers crossed it stays dry! A reminder that Monday 6th November is a Training Day, we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7th November.

Drop Off and Pick Up

We appreciate that the road outside of school can get quite congested at the end of the day, can we please ask that once you have collected your child you don't hang around as this helps ease the traffic. Also, a polite request to be patient and respectful of other parents whilst they pick up and leave. Thank you.

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 Discoverers enjoyed their last session of the half term in Forest School. They worked together to light the fire to make delicious s'mores for them all to enjoy.

Da iawn pawb.



GOLDEN CHILDREN
This week's Golden Children are
Hannah, Gracie, Vogue, Mara,
Emily and Lola.
DA IAWN PAWB!

Innovators trip to Liverpool

A reminder that the Innovators are going to Liverpool World Museum on Wednesday 8th November. Payment is live on Parent Pay, please ensure this is paid prior to the trip. A link to the consent form has been posted on Seesaw, this form needs to be completed or children will be unable to attend. All children are to wear uniform and comfortable shoes. There may be time for the children to visit the gift shop so they can bring a maximum of £5 with them in a labelled purse/envelope. Diolch.

Congratulations!

The Innovators recently entered Denbighshire County Council's 'Name the recycling fleet' competition, we were delighted to learn this week that both Logan and Hannah's entries have been chosen as two of the names for the Council's new recycling vehicles. Both Hannah and Logan will be invited to see the lorries they named and both will be receiving a prize in due course.

Keep your eyes out for 'Mr Eco' and 'Rubbish Sucker Bob' on the roads in 2024!

Governors

Following our most recent Full Governing Body meeting I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Kirsty Haydock is now Chair of the Governing Body for this academic year and Mrs Charlotte Bennet is the Vice-Chair.

Further information and contact details for both can be found on the school website.

Parental Questionnaire

A link to a questionnaire was sent out on Seesaw this morning, 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 - Charlotte Bennett

Role on the Governing Body - Vice Chair

Why did you choose to become a governor at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog?

My daughter Mara joined in 2020, and I had always wanted to help in some way, and this seemed like a great chance to support the school!

What do you enjoy most about being on the Governing Body? I enjoy learning about how the school works, and how well the school manages its resources so well. I'm particularly amazed how the school meets the individual needs of each child.

Where would you like to see Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog in 5 years time? A school full of thriving children from a diverse range of backgrounds, and with a school hall!

What are you most proud of in your time as a governor? How the children and school staff adapted so well throughout the pandemic...and then afterwards being able to welcome everyone back to school for events!



Discoverers

Wow! What a busy first half term the Discoverers have had and everyone is certainly ready for their break. This week has been expressive arts week and the children have been busy working with Miss Lloyd to create a dance with an Autumn focus. The children created different shapes and enjoyed using the material in their dance. We have been talking about the signs of Autumn and the children spoke about the colours we see during this season, so we painted the leaves and used them to print. This also gave the children the opportunity to practise their Welsh language skills, by recalling the colours in Welsh too. The Discoverers have been conker counting and matching sets of conkers to the correct wooden number cookie. Our Nursery children also used the number cookies to help with number recognition. Our Year 1 children enjoyed their trip to the Jamboree on Tuesday, they joined in with all the songs and wore their hats that they had made especially for the occasion, da iawn pawb! I would like to wish everyone a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all after half term, where it won't be long before we are gearing up for Christmas!



Investigators

What a busy last week of the half term we have had! The children have taken part in Ukulele lessons with Ben and Luca as part of an expressive arts week. They learnt how to play various chords and ended it yesterday with a performance of Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds'!

Earlier in the week, the children took part in an outdoor maths lesson on the topic of time. They made a clock face from a hoop, used a bean bag for the centre of the clock and rulers to represent the two hands. They then told the time to the hour and half hour.

On Wednesday, the class took part in an eco-schools online workshop on 'Tremendous Trees'. They learnt the names of different trees by using a Leaf ID card to identify them on the school grounds.

Today, we all enjoyed the visit to Conwy castle as part of our topic work. We explored the castle and the town walls and saw the many other points of interest around the town.

Enjoy your half term holiday!



Innovators

Another busy week in The Innovators to finish off our half term. The class have worked very hard on their 3D portraits and they are now almost complete. They have also started designing and making exhibits for our museum such as Ada Lovelace's calculator and Captain Tom's medals. The children have been very creative with their designs and we are so excited to share their work with you next half term. Their Betsi Cadwaladr diary entries are finished and are very impressive. We hope you enjoyed hearing them being read on Seesaw. The class had a super morning at Denbigh High School on Thursday where they took part in a Science session. They really enjoyed being in a Science Lab and using the Bunsen burners. Enjoy a well earned rest next week Innovators! See you soon.



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week in playgroup we have been doing Halloween activities again. We made spooky dinners with the Playdough, and had Halloween gloop in the sensory bin. We used number skills to match the correct number of legs to the numerals on the "number spiders" and also completed a colouring by numbers sheet.

Yesterday the children concocted a "Witches brew" using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda and a few extra creepy crawlies! We also played spooky skittles and will be making hanging ghost decorations and decorated monster biscuits today. A very busy week as usual. Well done everyone.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

We've had lots of fun this week decorating biscuits, painting, making witches potions and we've enjoyed some spooky snacks. We're looking forward to lots of Halloween fun next week in Holiday Clwb. A reminder that children will need to bring a packed lunch to Clwb next week.

 Clwb Cefn © Ysgol Cefn Meirionddog				
OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLWB				
Monday 30th October	Tuesday 31st October	Wednesday 1st November	Thursday 2nd November	Friday 3rd November
Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning
Spooky Cake Pop baking	Halloween Quiz/ Halloween Pictionary	Autumn Jolly Sensory Table	Build our own pretend camp fires	Fireworks Arts and craft
Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon
Making our own pumpkin lantern's	Halloween Party (Fancy Dress welcome)	Apple Decorating Free choice	Make our own Milky Fireworks	Film and Popcorn
Healthy Snack Menu (Selection of fruit and yoghurts available daily)				
Afternoon Snack	Afternoon Snack	Afternoon Snack	Afternoon Snack	Afternoon Snack
Witches Broomstick (Breadsticks and Cheese Strings)	Halloween Treats	Make our own fruit kebab Rockets	Edible Sparklers	Crackers and cheese with fruit

Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Halloween" - "Calan Gaeaf"

Makaton

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

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

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Holiday Club
- Monday 6th November - Staff Training Day
- Wednesday 8th November - Innovators trip to Liverpool Museum
- Thursday 9th November - Weekly Swimming sessions start for Investigators & Innovators
- 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