

# Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

## Friday Newsletter



Friday 1st December 2023  
Dydd Gwener Iaf Rhagfyr 2023

What a cold end to the week! Winter has most definitely arrived, a reminder to please ensure all outerwear is also labelled as we have an abundance of hats and gloves missing already this week. If your child has brought anything home that doesn't belong to them please can they be returned next week. Good news at last, all being well with the weather tomorrow the scaffolding will be removed and we'll have our lovely school back. Thank you for your patience over the last three months whilst the work has been carried out. Keep your fingers crossed for tomorrow!

Thank you so much for your donations today for St Kentigerns, this is a charity very close to our hearts and one we are keen to continue to support so thank you for helping us to do that.

Can we please ask for your support in ensuring children do not bring any toys into school. We are having small issues with some pupils bringing items in from home which is either distracting in class or they are getting lost or broken which then causes upset. Thank you.

### Nasal Flu Spray

A reminder that next Thursday the School Nurse Team will be here in the afternoon to give the nasal flu sprays to those children who have consent forms completed. Unfortunately, we don't know if forms have been completed or not as they are returned to the nursing team.

### Swimming

The Investigators and Innovators have two more swimming sessions left this term, the 7th and 14th of December; we won't be going on the 21st. Lessons will resume on Thursday 11th January.

### Outdoor Learning

This week the Investigators have started making wooden Santas. The children used a saw to cut a length of wood and started whittling Santa's face. Andderchog pawb.



### GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Emily, Emily, Oliver, Tomos, Lola, Roma and Willow.  
DA IAWN PAWB!



# CHRISTMAS AT YSGOL CEFN MEIRIADOG

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - OWN CLOTHES DAY IN  
EXCHANGE FOR CHOCOLATE ITEMS FOR THE FAIR

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY  
(DONATIONS TO ST KENTIGERNS)

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER - OWN CLOTHES DAY IN  
EXCHANGE FOR BOTTLES FOR THE FAIR

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER - FULL TIME PUPILS TO  
PANTOMIME

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAIR (3.30  
5.30)

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DINNER

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS CAROL  
SERVICE FOR ALL PUPILS IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH @  
2PM

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY  
(PARTY FOOD FOR LUNCH)

## Christmas

Pantomime - all children to wear school

Christmas Dinner - Children can wear their Christmas jumpers

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

Children will travel to the church via minibus. If you are not attending and your child will need transport back to school after the service please let us know as soon as possible.

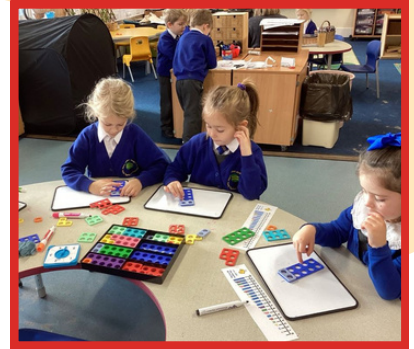
Christmas Fair - We are on the lookout for raffle prizes so if you know anyone/ any business who might be willing to donate please let us know.

Christmas Party - we will be having party food for lunch and then party games all afternoon. Children can wear their party clothes to school.



## Discoverers

Well, Christmas is fast approaching and we have been busy this week with our preparations! Our singing is in full swing, the children enjoyed practising with the older children in the week. We have been learning all about Advent and its meaning. The children have made our own class calendar, each child has designed their own bauble. Behind each bauble there is a picture of each child, there will also be a little treat each day. All our children will get a turn to turn over a number and receive a tasty treat! This week the older children have been learning about and recording what they found out Advent to be. We have been making wreaths and children have been making their own candles which represent love, hope, joy and peace. Our Reception children have been so busy working on subtraction using the numicon shapes and Year one have been working on place value. All of the Discoverers continue to work so hard on their sounds, I am very proud of all their hard work and the progress that is being made. Just in case anyone missed the message on Seesaw this week, you are all invited to our end of topic class service on Tuesday 12th December at 9.30 am. We hope you can join us.



## Investigators

I can't believe we're into the first day of December! The children are starting to get into the Christmas spirit and have been busy learning their songs and lines for the Christmas concert.

This week has been another busy one in which the children have experienced a cricket session with Sam Painter from cricket Wales. They continued to develop their throwing and catching skills and were introduced to the game of cricket. Some of their shots reminded me of Ian Botham in his prime! On Tuesday, everyone enjoyed their Forest schools session with Mrs Williams in which they started to make wooden Santas. They used a saw to cut a length of wood and started to whittle Santa's face!

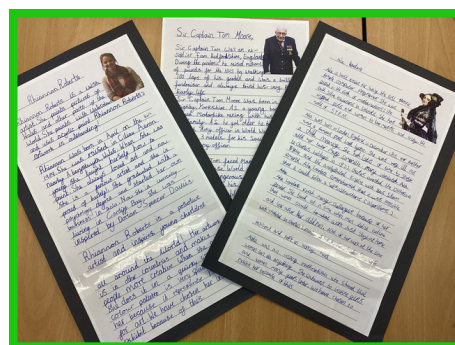
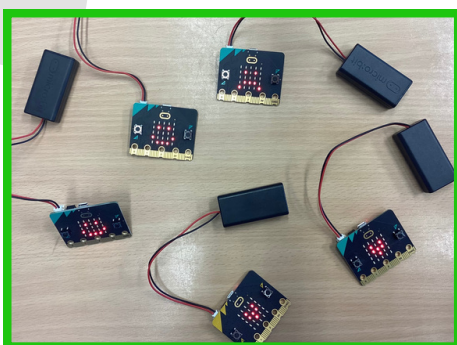
In other lessons, the children have used the Internet to look at pieces of artwork of Kyffin Williams. They have found out some information about this famous Welsh artist and have worked with their learning partner to create a short presentation about him on Adobe Spark. In maths this week, the Year 2 children have been learning how to subtract using the vertical method, the Year 3 children have been learning how to solve two-step addition and subtraction word problems and the Year 4 children have completed an end of unit assessment. Everybody has been working so well.

Next week, the children will be finishing off their topic of 'Leaving an Impression' and will create a video to share with you all of the work that they have been doing this term. Enjoy your weekend!



## Innovators

The Innovators have been putting the finishing touches to their exhibition boards, ready for our museum opening next Wednesday. They have also been preparing to become tour guides by making sure that they are experts, so they can help our visitors make the most of our displays. In Literacy, the children have been busy editing and redrafting their biographical work and the final pieces are fantastic. They have also been building on their new coding skills by using Microsoft Makecode software to continue to programme their micro:bits. Their biographies and micro:bits will be on display for you next week. In Maths the class have been brushing up on their measuring skills, and in Inspire they have been learning about factors. Well done everybody!





## Club Cefn Playgroup

In playgroup we have started to make lots of Christmas decorations. But we started the week by writing a letter to Santa, we all told him that we had been very good all year! We have made hand print wreaths, and painted pine cones green ready to make into Christmas trees. Yesterday we made "hot chocolate mug decorations" and today we will be making "hot chocolate cones" to take home and enjoy. Well done everyone. A busy week again.



## Club Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we've had lots of fun dancing to some just dance songs and enjoying some free painting where the children choose what they wanted to paint. We've also enjoyed making some Christmas marble prints out of foam and food colouring!



## Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Nadolig Llawen, mae hi'n Rhagfyr"  
- "Merry Christmas, it is December"

## Makaton

As a whole school we are working hard to continue to use and learn Makaton every day. This week's sign is "Merry Christmas, it is December". Please ask your child to show you the sign.

## Dates for your diary:

- Monday 4th December - Investigators & Innovators cricket session
- Wednesday 6th December - Innovators Class museum @ 1.30pm
- 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
- Tuesday 12th December - Reception & Year 1 assembly @ 9.30am
- 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