

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 8th December 2023
Dydd Gwener 8fed Rhagfyr 2023

This week has seen the end to this term's topic 'Leaving an Impression', all classes have worked hard to find out about different people who have left their own impression on the world as well as groups and services who do the same every day. A huge well done to all of the children who have produced some excellent work since September. Next term the whole school topic will be 'Dathliadau - Celebrations' with classes finding out about a variety of different celebrations throughout the Spring term. The next two weeks are dedicated to all things Christmas and glitter!

Thank you so much for your donations to St Kentigerns Hospice last week, we raised £135 with our Christmas Jumper day. In the new year we will visit the Hospice to present them with a cheque and to thank them for the incredible work that they do.

Can we please ask for your support in ensuring children do not bring any toys/ handbags/ teddies into school. We are continuing to have 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.

Swimming

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

Outdoor Learning

This week the Investigators finished their whittled Santas, they painted them and they look wonderful!

The Discoverers painted Santa and Rudolph stones this week, they also look super!



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Sophie, Amelia, Poppy, Isla and Mara. DA IAWN PAWB!

The scaffolding has finally gone, once again thank you for your patience with the situation. The Discoverers children are now to enter the school in the morning through their classroom door, please can parents leave children at the door and not enter the classroom. The side door is to be used for Playgroup children only. Thank you.

Holidays

A reminder that if children are taken out of school for holidays and day trips this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, holiday forms are available from Miss Anna. If you are taking children out we ask that you are honest and let us know, children do talk and will often tell us the real reason for their absences and that their parents have lied. Honesty is always the best policy!



Christmas

Pantomime (Weds 13th) - all children to wear school uniform

Christmas Dinner (Thurs 14th) - 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 (Weds 13th) - 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 (Weds 20th) - we will be having party food for lunch and then party games all afternoon. Children can wear their party clothes to school.

Discoverers

This week has all been about the Christmas story, we have listened to the story and been retelling it in our own words. We have also been making a scene from the story for our role play area. Mrs Williams has been working so hard to create some wonderful Christmas craft with the children, which we look forward to sharing with you. The Advent calendar has a few baubles turned over now, we enjoy seeing who is behind each one. The children are also learning to wait for their turn for their go. Maisie the dog came in to see us on Thursday, we love it when she comes and I think Maisie enjoyed listening to our stories! Next week will be Christmas in full swing, the children are all getting very excited! Please keep an eye on Seesaw for all the important dates and information. Have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

Another week closer to the big day and the children are really getting into the Christmas spirit this week with singing their songs for the Christmas concert and making some Santa sticks with Mrs Williams in their Outdoor Learning session. They look wonderful! In other lessons, the children have finished looking at inspirational people such as Sir Kyffin Williams and Sir David Attenborough. They have sketched a picture of the landscape in Sir Kyffin Williams' style and have also created a poster to answer some questions that they wanted to find out about Sir David Attenborough. We will put all of their work over the term together over the next few days and will create a video to share with you all on Seesaw. They have really enjoyed this topic and have developed so many skills in all areas of the curriculum.

On Tuesday, the children had a performing arts lesson with Mrs Catherine Henderson and worked together and in pairs to create a dance and some actions to the Addams Family! This afternoon, they enjoyed another expressive arts lesson with Miss Lloyd in which they created a performance to celebrate the end of the topic about famous people who have left an impression on us. Next week promises to be another very busy and enjoyable week with a trip to the pantomime to look forward to on Wednesday as well as Christmas dinner on Thursday! The children will also be very busy on Monday and Tuesday with Christmas craft activities, making some decorations to sell in our Christmas Fayre on Wednesday. Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

What a fantastic way to celebrate the end of our topic this week. Thank you to those of you who were able to come to our museum on Wednesday, the children loved sharing their hard work with you and talking about their learning. The children have learnt such a lot over the course of the term; they have gained new skills and developed their confidence, and we are very proud of all of them. Over the next couple of weeks we will be having a Christmas focus in class and The Innovators will be creating a festive podcast, amongst other things.



Club Cefn Playgroup

In playgroup we have been busy with our Christmas preparations. We have made beautiful Christmas cards to take home, started to make "ourselves into elves" and painted pictures of Santa. Today we will be making Christmas placemats and trying out "scrubbing brush" painting. A busy week again, well done everyone.



Club Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we've made a start on our Christmas activities, we've enjoyed making some reindeer biscuits to take home, making our own baubles and we had lots of fun dancing and singing to some Christmas music!



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Siwmpwr Nadolig" - "Christmas
jumper"

Makaton

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

Dates for your diary:

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
Tuesday 9th January - School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 11th January - Swimming for the Innovators & Investigators
Friday 9th February - Break up for half term
Monday 8th April - Staff Training Day
Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day