

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 12th January 2024
Dydd Gwener 12fed Ionawr 2024

Happy new year - Blwyddyn newydd ddol!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with families and friends, it has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and to hear all of their holiday news.

This term the whole school topic is 'Dathliadau - Celebrations' and by Easter we will have had a class wedding, one class will have created a series of vlogs and another a You Tube channel. Watch this space for updates!

NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe

A letter was shared on Seesaw this week about this NSPCC programme. All full time children will be involved in assemblies and lessons linked to 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' over the coming weeks.

We will also be having workshops from an NSPCC practitioner to further support our work in this area.

The letter shared that children in Years 3 - 6 will be asked to complete a questionnaire, if you do not want your child to take part please let us know as soon as possible.

Attendance

Before Christmas children brought home their half termly and termly attendance report. To clarify, a session on the report is half a day so if a child has missed one day of school that equates to 2 sessions.

A reminder to let us know as soon as possible if your child won't be in school so we can update our records. Please phone or e mail, do not use Seesaw.

Outdoor Learning

Despite the freezing cold temperatures this week, the Innovators braved the cold and enjoyed a session around the fire sharing their Christmas news.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Harper, Ezra, Gracie, Isla, Teddy, Logan and Roma.

DA IAWN PAWB!

After School Clubs

As per this week's message on Seesaw, after school clubs start next week for all full time pupils. There is no need to book but please ensure your child knows they are attending.

Monday - Sports Club with Mr Roberts

Tuesday - Art Club with Mrs Evans

Wednesday - Gardening Club with Mrs Williams

Thursday - Book Club with Mrs Pitt-Lacey

Dance Club is also starting today with Miss Lloyd, messages have gone to parents whose children usually attend. If you would like your child to attend, and you haven't received a message, then please let Miss Anna know and she can add them to Parent Pay.

Healthy School

A reminder that we are a healthy school and encourage our pupils to make healthy choices whilst they are here. Fruit is available at a cost of £1 per week, please pay this on Parent Pay as soon as possible. If you send in your own snack can we ask that is fruit only please.

Children are encouraged to bring a drink to school with them and to refill it as needed during the day. We ask that you only send in water in drinks bottles please and not juice. The water cooler is available all day for children to fill their bottles if required.

Free School Meals

Free School Meals are now available to all children from Reception to Year 6. Miss Anna puts a reminder of the weekly menu on Seesaw each week so please have a look. There are always wrap alternatives available should pupils not like the hot meal option available.

We have some outstanding dinner money on Parent Pay, please can these be cleared as soon as possible.

February half term Holiday Club

Miss Cherina has shared the Holiday Club timetable for half term, full and half day options are available. If you would like any further information or to book a place please contact Miss Cherina on the school phone number or Club's e mail address: cefnclub@gmail.com

 Clwb Cefn © Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog				
FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLWB				
Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th
<u>Morning</u> Make our own bread and butter	<u>Morning</u> Make our own Jigsaw activity	<u>Morning</u> Valentines day biscuits	<u>Morning</u> Woodland Walk Leaf Printing with paint	<u>Morning</u> Outdoor Sports Session
<u>Afternoon</u> Make a snowflake suncatcher	<u>Afternoon</u> Make our own Pancakes	<u>Afternoon</u> Fruit tasting	<u>Afternoon</u> Free choice Arts and Crafts Session	<u>Afternoon</u> Film
Healthy Snack Menu (Selection of fruit and yoghurts available daily)				
<u>Afternoon Snack</u> Ham or cheese sandwich	<u>Afternoon Snack</u> Pancakes	<u>Afternoon Snack</u> Tomato soup	<u>Afternoon Snack</u> Chocolate covered strawberries	<u>Afternoon Snack</u> Crackers and cheese with cucumber

Discoverers

Welcome back! I would like to wish you all a happy new year and I hope you enjoyed the festive period, although it seems a distant memory now! We have had a busy first week back in the Discoverers. This term we have a new topic, 'Dathliadau'. We will be learning about lots of different celebrations during the term. The children have already recorded what they already know about celebrations- which was quite a bit! We worked hard to make sure we listened to our friends whilst they were talking and sharing their ideas. Our focus for the next two weeks is birthdays. The children have been talking about the month that they were born in and we sang a song to help us remember the 12 months of the year. We will be creating a class graph to show us which month has the most birthdays. The children have independently been recording on a shopping list what they think should be at a party. Our Nursery children have learnt a new sound and made some new play dough- they counted the spoonful's as they went and waited for their turn. The children have been making and writing birthday cards and creating bunting to decorate our role play area as a party- balloons and party hats are ready and waiting! Our older children recorded their holiday news, I was very impressed with their writing, they are all working so hard. Next week we will continue to work on birthdays, which will include making our own cakes and instructional writing for the older Discoverers. Just a reminder, please make a payment on Parentpay if you wish for your child to have fruit from school. Have a lovely weekend.



Investigators
Happy New Year!

The children have all settled back into school well after the Christmas holiday and have made a start to our exciting new topic for the term-Dathliadau (celebrations).

They have all shared what they already know about celebrations such as birthdays, Christmas, anniversaries and have thought of some questions that they would like to investigate for this term. The end target for this topic is for the children to have worked together to create a series of vlogs to share with you about celebrations and festivals from around the world! Everyone is very much looking forward to it!

Yesterday, we learnt about 'Mari Lwyd' which is an old Welsh tradition of the Old New Year. The children found about the different customs that took place in Wales and have today started to create an animation to retell the story.

Have a lovely weekend!



Innovators

The Innovators have had a super first week back and have made a good start on their new topic of Dathliadau. They have been tasked with helping to engage children of their age in RVE lessons (Religion, Values and Ethics), and after some discussion and lots of great ideas the class have decided to create a YouTube channel to provide educational content about celebrations around the world. We are excited to see where the projects take us! In Maths, the class have learnt about Venn diagrams which they have also been able to apply in Topic when comparing religious and non-religious celebrations, and in Literacy they have started to find out about the features of play scripts so that they can work to develop scripts for their YouTube content later in the term. We also enjoyed swimming and gym this week as well as a fun Expressive Arts session with Mrs Smith, who is going to help us create a collaborative mosaic project to display outside the school.



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

We have had a nice first week back in playgroup. We have welcomed new children who are starting to settle well. We have swapped some toys around and the children are enjoying playing with them and also investigating our new "areas". Da iawn pawb!



Clwb Cefn After School Club

Happy New Year to everyone. We've had a busy first week back, we've talked about our rules and what we would like to do this term. We've also enjoyed making some winter arts and craft, making a picture about our Christmas Holidays and we enjoyed playing lots of board games.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Blwyddyn Newydd Dda" - "Happy
New Year"

Makaton

As a whole school we are working
hard to continue to use and learn

Makaton every day.

This week's sign is "Happy new
year"

Please ask your child to show you
the sign.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 15th January - Cricket sessions for the Innovators and Investigators
- Thursday 18th January - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators
- Friday 19th January - Don't Touch, Tell sessions for all learners
- Wednesday 24th January - NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops for full time pupils
- Friday 9th February - Break up for half term
- Monday 19th February - School opens
- Thursday 22nd February - Urdd Sports session for Investigators and Innovators
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- Friday 22nd March - Break up for Easter
- Monday 8th April - Staff Training Day
- Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day