

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 26th January 2024
Dydd Gwener 26ain Ionawr 2024

The weeks are flying by, I can't believe we are three weeks into this half term already! The children continue to work hard on this term's topic with lots of work taking place this week linked to Dydd Santes Dwynwen, the smell of the Investigator's biscuits down the corridor has made us all hungry!

A big thank you to those who have offered their time to help listen to children read, we are very grateful for your support. If you are yet to get in touch or know someone who might like to help us then please let us know.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

School Photographs

You should have now received your child's photo order form, please ensure they are ordered within the time frame and via the Tempest website, school are not responsible for ordering anymore.

Uniform

Please can I remind you of the uniform policy for our school, unfortunately we are beginning to see a whole host of variations of this policy including a range of jewellery, false nails and nail varnish and trainers.

Our uniform is white shirt/ polo t shirt, school tie, royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, grey/ black trousers or skirts and black shoes.

Punctuality

In addition to your half termly attendance reports, moving forward we will also be including your child's punctuality report. Unfortunately we are finding more and more families arriving after 9am which is not only disruptive for the children and teachers in class who have started lessons but doesn't help those who are late who have to enter the class late and catch up on the work taking place. School starts at 9am and it is expected that all child will be in their class before this time ready to start their lessons.

Persistent absence and lateness will affect a child's achievement and progress in school. As a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a suitable full time education. It is your responsibility that your child attends school each day and is on time. We understand that things happen and sometimes there may be circumstances preventing you arriving in school on time but these should be rare rather than daily occurrences.

A reminder that we have a Breakfast Club that opens at 7.45am should you wish to utilise it.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Harper, Oliver, Emily, Emily, Cai and Shelby.

DA IAWN PAWB!

Seesaw

Can I please remind you again that all absences should be reported to school via phone or e mail, please DO NOT message on Seesaw.

Also can I ask that you do not contact teachers on Seesaw unless urgent, any queries can be sent to school as above and passed on to teachers as necessary. Messages on Seesaw will only be answered if staff feel they need to respond but will not be answered out of school hours.

After School clubs

We have had a really positive response to our after school clubs this term which is great and we are pleased the children are enjoying them. We are finding some children though are not engaging and are being quite disruptive, can we please ask that you only send children to the clubs if they actually want to attend. Thank you.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March, however, at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog we will be celebrating it on MONDAY 11TH MARCH. On this day we will have our Patron of Reading, Damian Harvey, joining us for a morning of reading activities and we would like to invite parents/ carers of our full time children to join us too. Parents of children in Years 3 - 6 are invited to join us from 9.15 until 10.30 and those with children in Reception to Year 2 can attend from 10.45 - 12. During the morning Damian will be sharing his work and will be demonstrating the importance of reading with children and there will be a variety of reading activities ready for you to take part in with your child. If you are able to attend please can you let us know prior to the event. If you are unable to attend and do not want your child taking part in the activities then please let us know so alternative arrangements can be made.

Our World Book Day celebrations will continue into the afternoon with classes celebrating all things books and sharing favourite stories and poems. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite character on this day, but this is not a requirement, all we ask is that children bring their favourite book in to share with their friends.

Eisteddfod

This year we won't be holding our traditional St David's Day service for parents, instead we will be holding a short Eisteddfod during the school day. Photos and videos of this will be shared on Seesaw.

On Friday 8th March we will be attending the Denbigh Cluster Eisteddfod organised by all schools in our cluster. Children will be competing in singing, reciting and art competitions in different age groups against other Welsh learners. This is an opportunity for our children to showcase their amazing talents, to develop their Welsh language skills and to have fun with learners from our neighbouring schools. Prelims for the event will take place in school and then we will be taking a small number of competitors to Denbigh High on the 8th for the competitions. Children will be learning the poems and songs over the coming weeks, these will be shared on Seesaw.

On St David's Day, children are welcome to come to school in the colours of the Welsh flag; red, white and/ or green or wearing traditional Welsh costume.

Owing fees

Please can all owing fees on Parent Pay be cleared as soon as possible. Unfortunately, moving forward, those owing over £50 for after school club will not be allocated a space in club the following week, or in Holiday Club, unless the debt has been cleared.

Club Cefn is a very small business with lots of outgoings so when fees are not paid it has a very negative effect.

Thank you for your support with this matter, Miss Cherina.

Discoverers

In the blink of an eye, another week has passed by! We have been very busy in the Discoverers this week with our celebration being Santes Dwynwen. The children have listened to the story and some of the older children have started to re-tell the story in their own words. We sang a song 'I love you' using Makaton signs, which the children all enjoyed. All of the children have designed their own hearts, which have been displayed in our class. Our Nursery children have learnt a new sound this week 'c' and they made some lovely caterpillars which helped to develop their fine motor skills. On Monday, the children had a special visit from Maisie the dog. The children enjoyed telling her stories and spending time with her. Maisie listened very carefully! This weekend it is the 'Big Garden Birdwatch' so the children have been out looking for birds that they can spot- it would be great for them to share any of their sightings over the weekend. From next week we will be changing our PE and outdoor learning day to a Tuesday. Please can all children only come to school in kits on a Tuesday from now on. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Katie for everything that she has done in our class since September. Katie is leaving us to continue her teaching career and we would like to wish her all the very best. Have a lovely weekend!



Investigators

The Investigator's have had a very busy and fun-filled week both inside and outside of the classroom. We have focused this week in our topic on St Dwynwen's day, a Welsh celebration which was yesterday. The children have been busy finding out about this Welsh tradition and have made some lovely heart-shaped biscuits which they have made with Mrs Wilkins. They have brought them home today (hopefully they have made it that far!) They have also worked on writing a set of instructions to make these biscuits and learnt about the features that are needed for instructional writing. In Health and Well-being this week, the children enjoyed a cricket session with Sam on Monday afternoon- even though it was extremely cold and very blustery! They enjoyed playing a batting and fielding game. Yesterday, they enjoyed their swimming lesson at Denbigh followed by a PE lesson in which they played an invasion game called 'Pirates and Sailors'. This afternoon, as part of our topic, Miss Lloyd came into class to help the children create and then perform a Welsh folk dance in celebration of St. Dwynwen's Day. Have a lovely weekend!



Innovators

The Innovators are making super progress on their Dathliadau topic, and have learnt such a lot about various religions and their places of worship. The class have also been finding out about celebration foods, religious and non-religious, and we are looking forward to tasting and making some special foods next week! In Maths the children have been working hard to display data in Carroll diagrams, and this skill has also helped them to categorise food types in our topic work. In Literacy, the Innovators are almost ready to complete their 'hot task' script writing, and will be able to self-evaluate their progress when comparing their work to their 'cold task'. We also celebrated Dydd Santes Diwrnod this week, and we hope you love the cards that the children made for you. Finally a huge congratulations to Hannah who was presented with a certificate and prizes after her name for one of the new recycling lorries in Denbighshire was chosen as a winner! What a great week!



Club Cefn Playgroup

At playgroup this week the children have been making use of our reorganised "areas". We went on a fairy and superhero hunt around school and copied the pictures we found on to our own pictures. We are going to see if there are any fairy doors in school today and if we find any we will decorate them with sequins, stickers and paint. We have also been practicing the Makaton sign for thank you / Diolch and have enjoyed our book of the week story "Did you see them too?" along with the story sack puppets that go with it. Da iawn pawb!



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Caru a ti" - "Love you"

Makaton

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

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

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 29th January - Cricket for the Investigators and Innovators
- Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 8th February - Last swimming session
- Friday 9th February - Break up for half term
- Monday 19th February - School opens
- Thursday 22nd February - Urdd Sports session for Investigators and Innovators
- Thursday 29th February - Urdd Sports session for Investigators and Innovators
- Friday 1st March - St David's Day (children can wear colours of Welsh flag/ traditional dress)
- Thursday 7th March - Urdd Sports session for Investigators and Innovators
- Friday 8th March - Cluster Eisteddfod
- Monday 11th March - World Book Day (see above for information)
- Thursday 21st March - Urdd Sports session for Investigators and Innovators
- Friday 22nd March - Break up for Easter
- Monday 8th April - Staff Training Day
- Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day