

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 2nd February 2024
Dydd Gwener 2il Chwefror 2024

We have had a really busy week this week with lots of visitors into school to support the children's learning in different areas. Next week it is our final week of this half term with plenty of exciting learning opportunities planned. It has been pleasing to see a slight improvement in the weather this week which has allowed classes more time outdoors, this is always positively welcomed by the children! It is still very cold so please continue to send in hats, scarves and gloves and a suitable coat for your child.

A reminder that school closes next Friday and re-opens on Monday 19th February.

Punctuality

We have seen a huge improvement in punctuality this week, thank you very much for your cooperation with this. Classes have been less disrupted as have staff and individual children which really does make a big difference. Thank you again for your support with this matter - please keep it up!

Jewellery

A reminder that the only jewellery permitted in school are stud earrings. Please can we ask that children do not come to school wearing hoop earrings, dangly earrings, bracelets or necklaces. These are a safety hazard and are not permitted as per our uniform policy.

Outdoor Learning

It has been lovely to see so many children accessing their Forest School sessions this week. The Discoverers and Innovators spent time in the forest with Mrs Williams where they made fires, toasted marshmallows and made pancakes.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Lola, Emily, Eddie, Finley, Ezra, Ruby & Gareth.

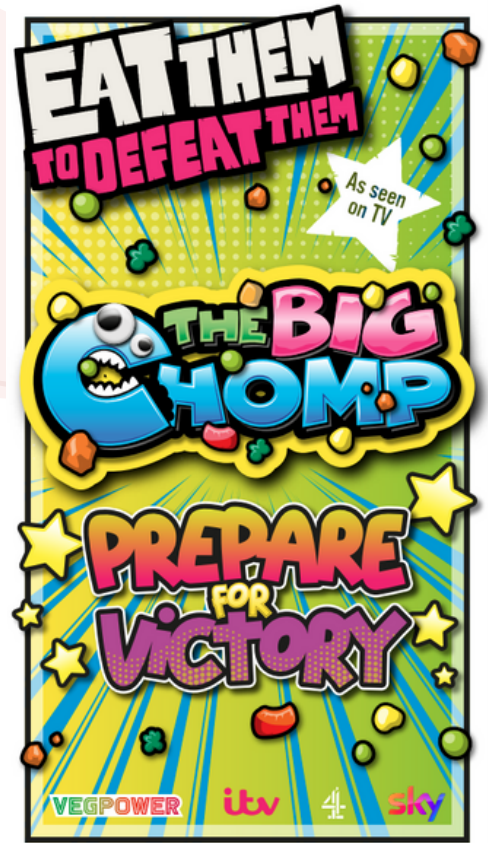
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EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM is a campaign created by Veg Power and ITV to encourage kids to eat more veg. It is award winning and proven to work. Last year over half of parents reported that their kids ate more vegetables as a result- even those with fussy eaters! RETURNS 19TH FEBRUARY 2024.

After half term we will be taking part in 'eat them to defeat them' with the school council sharing different vegetables each playtime for children to try. The children will be encouraged to have a taste and will get a sticker if they do. Each child will receive a sticker for having a try and will also have a sticker chart to log any time they eat vegetables at home.

Further information will be shared via Seesaw and with the children next week



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

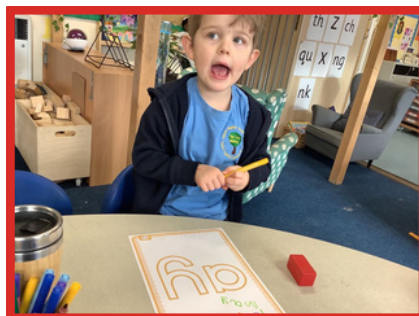
This year we won't be holding our traditional St David's Day service for parents, instead we will be holding a short Eisteddfod during the school day. Photos and videos of this will be shared on Seesaw.

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.

Discoverers

This week in the Discoverers we have been celebrating 'National Story telling Week' and the children have been completing lots of activities all linked to their favourite stories. The children have had lots of opportunities to explore small world and use their imaginations to tell their own stories. They have used story stones to re-tell some traditional stories. They have played 'Guess the Story' using clues from various stories. The Discoverers made their own personalised bookmarks too. This week the children have continued to work on sounds and have been busy working on Inspire maths. I am very proud of all the Discoverers and how well they are doing with their phonic work, their reading is making excellent progress. On Tuesday the children enjoyed their PE session, they had different stations and worked as small teams, developing various skills. Our next celebration that we will be finding out about next week will be Chinese New Year, we look forward to sharing our learning with you next week. Have a lovely weekend!



Investigators

The Investigators have had another great week and have been very busy in their topic work. This week, the children have focused their learning on the religion of Judaism as part of the topic of Dathliadau. They have been learning about a synagogue as a place of worship and yesterday, looked at the special foods that Jewish people eat on their Seder plate as part of the festival of the Passover. They have used the Internet to help them find questions and answer questions.

In other lessons, the children enjoyed their cricket lesson with Sam on Wednesday afternoon and are looking forward to one more session with him next week. This morning, the children took part in an NSPCC workshop and showed excellent listening skills. Next week, the children will be learning about the festival of the Chinese New Year. They will take part in trying some Chinese food on Wednesday and Miss Lloyd will be with them on Friday afternoon to create a Dragon Dance with them. It promises to be another fun week!

Have a lovely weekend.



Innovators

The Innovators have had a tasty week this week! They really enjoyed the celebration food tasting and we were impressed with how most of the children were willing to try new things, even if they thought they wouldn't like it! When it came to making their own food the coconut barfi was a success and it tasted a lot nicer than we thought it might. The class have also spent time finding out about a range of different celebrations and have presented their work to their peers to share their learning. In literacy the script writing 'hot task' is completed and everyone has made such good progress from their 'cold task' at the start of term. Ymdrech da, pawb! We have been tackling some tricky multiplication strategies in Inspire Maths and the class have grown in confidence by explaining methods to each other.



Club Cefn Playgroup

From the children's interests we have had a "pebble" related week. We started by trying to sort number stones into the correct order from 0 to 10 and also looking at emotion pebbles to see if we could match the feelings to our own expressions. We collected some pebbles from the playground and took them inside to make beautiful images of our families. Yesterday we had a surprise visitor! Mrs Mayne was exercising Jay the pony and stopped to talk to the children. She let them stroke Jay through the fence if they wanted to and we made sure that we washed our hands on the way back inside. We have had lots of fun this week, well done everyone.



Club Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we've enjoyed making our own paper chains as decorations, everyone worked really hard making them. We had lots of role play with our first aid box and the children also showed off lots of dance moves while playing just dance.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Mae'n Chwefror" - "It is February"

Makaton

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

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

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 5th February - Last Cricket session for the Investigators and Innovators
- Tuesday 6th February - Innovators to Denbigh High for an Expressive Arts morning
- 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 - Break the rules day
- 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