

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 9th February 2024
Dydd Gwener 9fed Chwefror 2024

It has been a short but busy half term with lots going on, our 'dathliadau' topic is well under way - we are looking forward to sharing the final pieces of work with you before Easter. A reminder that next week is half term, school re-opens to pupils on Monday 19th February. Wishing you all a lovely, restful break, thank you as always for your support this half term.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be taking place on the following dates:

Discoverers - 19th & 20th March

Investigators - 18th & 19th March

Innovators - 20th March

Appointments will be available to book after half term, please ring or e mail Miss Anna to book your 10 minute slot. Appointments available between 3.30 and 5pm.

Break the Rules day

A poster was sent out earlier this week for our Break the Rules day on Thursday 29th February. Children can choose which rules they want to break for a cost of £1 per rule, money is to be brought into school in a labelled envelope on the day please.

After School Clubs

Due to a range of meetings and courses we will not be delivering after school clubs next half term (Dance will continue with Miss Lloyd and Club Cefn with Miss Cherina is also available every night until 5.30).

We will let you know the clubs that will be taking place after Easter.

Transition

On Tuesday the Innovators enjoyed a morning of Expressive Arts in Denbigh High School. They were joined by learners from Ysgol Trefnant and Ysgol Bodfari. The children learnt how to draw a character in the style of Tim Burton and then spent a drama session bringing their characters to life. Thank you to staff at Denbigh High School for an enjoyable morning.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Ava, Ted, Mara, Oliver, Harper & Emily.

DA IAWN PAWB!



Treat Tuesday

After half term the school council will be leading 'Treat Tuesday' every week from 3pm on the yard. All treats available will cost 50p and all proceeds will go to towards school priorities. There will be a variety of treats available each week, thank you in anticipation of your support.

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. A form has been sent out on Seesaw for you to let us know if you are able to attend or not.

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.

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.



Discoverers

This week in the Discoverers we have been learning about the celebration of Chinese New Year. The children have had lots of different tasks to help them learn about the celebration. Some of these tasks have been independent and some have been focused tasks. We have listened to the story of 'The Great Race' and ordered the animals, this has helped us to develop our understanding of ordinal numbers. The children have enjoyed using the masks to re-tell the story and we learnt the Makaton signs for each of the animals. To help us with our fine motor skills the children have had the opportunity to write Chinese symbols- they did an amazing job! We have watched dragon dances and discussed the movements and the types of sounds we heard, we even had a go at our own dance. Our younger children ordered numbers and matched the corresponding Numicon shape to each numeral. This half term has flown by and I look forward to learning about more celebrations next half term. Can I remind you, if you wish for your child to have fruit from school there will be a new payment on Parentpay after half term- please make this payment as soon as possible. Have a lovely half term break.



Investigators

What a lovely week the Investigators have had- and a very busy one too! As well as learning about Chinese New Year as part of our topic of Dathliadau, the children have taken part in some activities for Children's Mental Health Week and for Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. PC Gareth visited us on Monday afternoon to give the children a talk about how to stay safe on the Internet. The children listened very carefully and asked a variety of sensible questions to him.

In our topic, the children have been learning about the country of China and the celebration of the Chinese New Year. They have created a Chinese fan and have used their ICT skills to create a poster about the Chinese New Year on Adobe Spark. They have also used their research skills to find out some information about the country and have compared it to where we live. Yesterday, we had a lovely afternoon tasting a variety of Chinese foods such as spring rolls, egg fried rice, sweet chilli sauce and prawn crackers. Some of the foods were more popular than others! All the foods were giving a rating out of 10 and an opinion written in Welsh. Today we have had a singing lesson with Paul from St. Asaph Cathedral followed by the end of this weeks celebration of Chinese New Year by being taught a dragon dance, using our Chinese fans with Miss Lloyd! Enjoy the half term holiday!



Innovators

The Innovators have found out about lots of different dathliadau this week, including Shrove Tuesday, Holi festival and Dydd Miwsig Cymru. The children produced some lovely artwork inspired by the colours and energy of the powdered paint throwing in Holi celebrations and they used a toothbrush and cotton buds to help create their great effects. We enjoyed listening to some Welsh bands and artists to celebrate Dydd Miwsig Cymru and the class worked hard to use 'achos' to express their opinions. In Literacy the children have started their new unit about writing and delivering balanced arguments and everyone had fun with some debate games. Swimming this week was the final session for the academic year and as a treat the class were able to have a play in the pool. They have made great progress with their swimming skills - well done everyone.



Club Cefn Playgroup

This week in Playgroup we have been playing in, and building, our own dens. We have had a teddies sleep over with our blankets and toys. Yesterday we had a disco in the the dark den with glow sticks and a disco ball which was quite noisy but the children had a really good time. Today we will be making our own sandwiches so we can have a teddy bears picnic for snacks. What a fun time we've had. We will attempt to build a den outside after the holidays.



Club Cefn After School Club

This week in After School Club we've finally managed to enjoy some time outside now the evenings are starting to get abit lighter. We've also had fun baking and learning about Chinese New Year, we're all looking forward to tasting some different Chinese food today in Club.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Cerddoriaeth" - "Music"

Makaton

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

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 19th February - School opens
- Tuesday 20th February - Treat Tuesday begins
- Wednesday 21st February - Urdd Sports session for Investigators and Innovators
- Wednesday 28th February - Urdd Sports session for Investigators and Innovators
- Thursday 29th February - Break the rules day
- Friday 1st March - St David's Day (children can wear colours of Welsh flag/ traditional dress)
- Friday 1st March - Innovators to Denbigh for St David's Day parade
- Friday 8th March - Cluster Eisteddfod
- Monday 11th March - World Book Day (see above for information)
- Wednesday 13th March - Urdd Sports session for Investigators and Innovators
- Wednesday 13th March - Easter Bingo (5.30pm in Neuadd Owen)
- Monday 18th March - Investigators Parents Evening
- Tuesday 19th March - discoverers and Investigators Parents Evening
- Wednesday 20th March - Discoverers and Innovators Parents Evening
- Thursday 21st March - Discoverers Wedding ceremony
- Friday 22nd March - Break up for Easter
- Monday 8th April - Staff Training Day
- Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day