

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 23rd February 2024
Dydd Gwener 23ain Chwefror 2024

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term, we hope you all had a lovely half term break. It has been a wet start to the half term and next week isn't looking much better unfortunately, a reminder to ensure children have appropriate footwear and their coats in school so they can access the outdoors as much as possible.

This week has started well with lots of visitors into school and an array of activities all linked to our current topic of celebrations. All classes are working hard towards their end of topic projects, we are looking forward to sharing them with you.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be taking place on the following dates:

Discoverers - 19th & 20th March

Investigators - 18th & 19th March

Innovators - 20th March

Appointments are now available to book, please ring or e mail Miss Anna to book your 10 minute slot. Appointments are available between 3.30 and 5pm.



Transition

On Wednesday the Innovators enjoyed a mathematical afternoon with Mr Meador from Denbigh High and Mr Oakes (a lecturer from the Further Mathematics Support Programme Wales). There was lots of strategic thinking and resilience needed - well done pawb!

Thank you to both Mr Meador and Mr Oakes for giving up their time.

Outdoor Learning

The Discoverers and Innovators all enjoyed time in Forest School this week. The Discoverers worked together to learn how to make a fire and the Innovators worked in groups to make fires in the storm kettles.

Super work by all.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Travis, Hannah, Gracie, Teddy & Violet.

DA IAWN PAWB!

Treat Tuesday

Treat Tuesday started this week, albeit in the rain! This will be a regular event to help raise funds for school - first on our wish list is a shelter for the Discoverers class! Thank you to the school council for leading and you all for your support.

Break the Rules day

Break the Rules day is 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.



For information:

Miss Anna works on the following days and times:

Monday - 8.30 - 1.30

Tuesday - 8.30 - 1.30

Wednesday - 8.30 - 12.30

Thursday - 8.30 - 10.30

During the times where she isn't here I endeavour to answer the phone wherever possible however with meetings, courses and a 2 day a week teaching commitment this isn't always possible. We do have an answering machine so please leave a message and someone will get back to you when they can. If, however, your call is urgent can I ask that you keep ringing in case your message isn't picked up, please be patient though as staff are obviously in classes and may not hear the phone.

I appreciate it may be frustrating if you can't get through immediately but hope the above explains why this might be the case.

Mrs Martin

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.

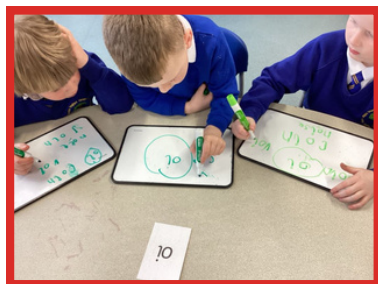
Today the school council shared information with the rest of the school about the campaign. Next week all children will receive their pack for home which includes stickers and their activity sheet.

On Wednesday members of the school council will be serving tomatoes for the children to try/ enjoy at playtime. Each week there will be different vegetables on offer either at playtime or lunchtime.



Discoverers

What a busy first week to this half term! I do feel that spring is on the way, which has lent itself to our celebration that we have been focusing on this week- St David's day. The children have been researching symbols that represent Wales. The Discoverers found that daffodils are a symbol of Wales and that lots of people will wear this flower to celebrate St David's day. The children have looked closely at these flowers and we were lucky enough that Jane brought some in from home to show the children. All of our children have painted their own daffodils, looking closely at the flower. This also provided an opportunity to practise some Welsh language, such as the colour and the name of the flower in Welsh. Our Nursery children have learnt a new sound this week 'u' and have been busy practising their formation of this grapheme. They also created some wonderful self-portraits which will be displayed in our library. All of the Discoverers have been busy working on their number work. Year 1 children have been looking at different methods of subtraction and our Reception children have been comparing numbers, using language such as 'greater than' and 'less than'. Our wedding plans have begun and our Year 1 children will form the bridal party. The rest of the Discoverers will be the wedding guests on the big day. We will be looking at wedding pictures in the upcoming weeks to give the children more of an idea about this celebration. We look forward to another busy week and wish you all a lovely weekend.



Investigators

The Investigators have had a brilliant first week back after the half term holiday! We have had a busy week and have had lots of extra curricular activities. On Monday afternoon, we enjoyed our last cricket session with Sam from cricket Wales. The children have made excellent progress with their cricket skills since they started their cricket sessions with Sam. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our first sports session with Gethin from the Urdd. The children played a variety of games such as stuck in the mud, tag and various types of relay races. On Tuesday morning, we all enjoyed having the opportunity to play the pbuzz-a type of instrument which introduces children to playing a trombone. There were lots of giggles in the classroom and everyone had a great time! In our topic lessons, we have focused this week on the religion of Islam. The children have learnt about a Mosque and have labelled the different parts of the building. They have also started to find out about some of their celebrations. They will continue learning about these next week. Have a lovely weekend!



Innovators

This week The Innovators have been focussing on Dathliadau a Cymru, and have been thinking about what 'cynefin' means to them as well as to children in different places. They have also been spending time learning about Eisteddfodau and the importance of the festival in Wales and around the world in preparation for our cluster Eisteddfod. The Welsh poem and song are coming along really well, and the children's artwork looks brilliant. The judges will have a tough job! In Maths the class have been working on written methods of multiplication and although it is challenging they are making good progress. On Wednesday the children enjoyed an Urdd sports session and we also had a fun afternoon on Thursday when we had a visit from Mr Maelor from Denbigh High and Mr Oakes from the Further Maths Support Programme Wales. You could almost hear the children's brains whirring! Da iawn pawb.



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week we carried on with our camping theme. The weather hasn't been very kind so most of it had to take place indoors. We borrowed the Brownies "campfire" and learned some campfire songs. We used our cutting skills to make a tent picture then added a photo of ourselves inside it. We have displayed these in our art gallery. The children asked to go "fishing" so we used some "number fish" and managed to put ourselves and our fish into the correct order from 1 to 10 by checking our order with the number display in our maths area. We used fantastic counting and problem solving skills for this activity. Da iawn pawb!



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we've had a lovely week. We've enjoyed playing outside as much as possible, lots of role play with the doctors set and we enjoyed making our own tape art. We're all also looking forward to our faketaway treat of homemade pot noodles today.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"llysiau" - "vegetables"

Makaton

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

Makaton every day.

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

Dates for your diary:

- 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)
- Tuesday 12th March - Own clothes day in exchange for Easter Eggs
- 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