

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 1st March 2024
Dydd Gwener 1af Mawrth 2024

Happy Saint David's Day - Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus

We have had a lovely day celebrating our Patron Saint today with the Innovators representing the school brilliantly in the parade in Denbigh. We have also enjoyed our school Eisteddfod where the whole school came together to sing songs and recite poems and celebrate the special day. The children all look super in their Welsh colours and traditional dress - thank you for your support with this. Next week some members of the school will be competing in our cluster Eisteddfod in Denbigh High, we wish them all well and look forward to seeing them perform on the stage. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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.

If you would prefer a telephone appointment please contact Miss Anna and she can arrange a mutually convenient time for this.



Mindfulness in schools project

This week the Innovators welcomed Miss Katie into class who taught them all about mind training and mindfulness. They learnt about the pre-frontal cortex and how we can all learn to improve our focus and decision making through simple mindfulness exercises. Thank you Miss Katie, we are looking forward to next week already!

Outdoor Learning

The Discoverers and Innovators all enjoyed time in Forest School this week. They all used the tools to create different items, they have all made such good progress with these skills - well done all.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Georgia, Logan, Isla, Vogue and Evan.

DA IAWN PAWB!

Easter Bingo

This year we are holding our Easter Bingo event in Neuadd Owen, we would love to see as many of you there as possible for a chance to win lots of chocolate!

Bingo books will be available to purchase next week via ParentPay or cash to Miss Anna at a cost of £1 per book or £5 for 6 books.

All are welcome to attend although we have a limited capacity so once tickets have gone then we won't be able to sell anymore.

There will be refreshments available during the evening at an extra cost.

We are having an own clothes day on Tuesday 12th March in exchange for Easter Eggs for prizes.



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

This week members of the school council prepared and served tomatoes at playtime for the children to try. They were very popular with lots asking for seconds and some trying, and liking them, for the first time! Next week it is peppers on offer.



Discoverers

This week in the Discoverers we have continued to learn about the celebration of St David as part of our topic work. We have listened to the story of the Red and White dragon and the older children have recorded this in their own words. The children have experimented with clay this week, and have made their own love spoons using pictures for inspiration. Our Year 1 children have created some lovely pieces of artwork, some of which will be entered into our cluster Eisteddfod. The theme for this artwork was 'Energy'. The children looked at different forms of energy and used these to help them create their pieces. Our Nursery children have had a busy week, learning a new sound, practising their name writing and counting sets to match the Spring numeral, they also enjoyed an outdoor learning session. All of the Discoverers are working so hard to learn tricky words and practise their writing skills, super progress is being made by all. Next week the children will be learning about a different celebration, we will be learning about Ramadan before our wedding prep gets underway! We hope you have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

The children have had a wonderful week and have been very busy in their topic work this week. They have continued to focus on the religion of Islam this week and have been learning about the celebration of the month of Ramadan. They have created Ramadan lantern sun catchers which are up on display on the classroom windows and have used their ICT skills to create a fact file poster about it on Adobe Spark. Yesterday afternoon, the children had a taste testing session in which they had the opportunity to try a variety of foods that Muslims eat during the month of Ramadan. These included dates, lentil soup, naan bread and vegetable samosas. Some foods were more popular than others!

The children enjoyed their PE lesson with Llio from the Urdd on Wednesday morning. This week they developed their netball skills and enjoyed playing a small-sided game which focused on their passing skills.

Today, as it has been St. David's Day, the children have enjoyed taking part in some activities which celebrate the Welsh culture. They have sang some Welsh songs, recited some Welsh poems and have completed some tasks to find out who St. David is. Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

The Innovators have enjoyed St. David's Day today and the class represented our school brilliantly on the parade in Denbigh this morning. It was lovely to hear them joining in with some of the Welsh songs. Back in school our assembly showcased the class's singing and recitation and we are looking forward to competing in the Denbigh Cluster Eisteddfod next Friday. In Literacy, the class have been busy planning their balanced argument writing about vegetarianism and they have chosen some very formal and mature vocabulary. We have been using new Welsh vocabulary to link with our literacy work, and we have been practising using "dw i'n cytuno" and "dw i'n anghytuno". It was lovely to take part in a mindfulness session with Miss Katie this week and we are looking forward to seeing her again next week to continue our mind training!



Club Cefn Playgroup

In playgroup this week we have been looking at different peoples jobs. We put the dentists role play set out and had a dental surgery in playgroup yesterday morning, one of our parents has sent all the children a dental set of their own to use at home. We went outside and pretended we worked for the water company!! The children were challenged to make the water travel from one end of their construction to the other and had to adapt it if the water didn't reach the other end! We made Rice Krispie cakes similar to those you can buy in a well known bakery and we have turned our role play area into a building site! More jobs to follow next week! What a good week we have had. Well done everyone.



Club Cefn After School Club

In After School Club this week we have been learning about St David's Day and we have enjoyed decorating our own biscuits in the Welsh colours. We've also had fun painting and creating our own mythical creature drawings for a competition.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Dydd Gwyl Dewi hapus" - "Happy
Saint David's Day"

Makaton

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

Makaton every day.

This week's sign is "Happy Saint
David's Day"

Please ask your child to show you
the sign.

Dates for your diary:

- 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
- Tuesday 12th March - own clothes day in exchange for Easter Eggs
- Wednesday 13th March - Easter Bingo (5.30pm in Neuadd Owen)
- Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day (children can wear own clothes)
- 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