

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 12th April 2024
Dydd Gwener 12fed Ebrill 2024

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school following the Easter break, we hope you all managed to enjoy some lovely family time together whilst enjoying an Easter egg or two! This term our whole school topic is 'Ein Byd Rhyfeddol/ Our Amazing World', this will see all classes learning about important eco messages and spending as much time outdoors as possible. We have been fortunate to secure a grant from Local Places for Nature and will be receiving an abundance of items over the coming weeks to further improve our gardens.

We are looking to hold a volunteers day over the coming weeks to help us tidy and update the outdoor areas, please keep an eye out for the date - we'd love your support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Food and Fun

As you will be aware we are running the Food and Fun Holiday Programme this summer. This will run for the first 12 mornings and is free for children to attend. We have had a great response so far, once final numbers are confirmed we will be working on a timetable for the sessions which will be shared with you in due course.

Parentpay

Please can we ask you to check all outstanding balances on Parentpay and clear them as soon as possible.
Thank you

Be You to Blossom

Yesterday, we welcomed Angela to school from Be You to Blossom. This is an emotional well-being and mindfulness concept that has been created to support children in boosting their confidence and self-esteem whilst enhancing their social skills.

Droplet characters have been created to support this and have been developed in a creative way to provide tools and techniques to engage and support children, encouraging resilience and fostering positive social relationships.

The droplets explore common feelings, thoughts and concerns that children experience in a relatable and empathic way.

Yesterday, all classes focussed on gratitude, the Discoverers made gratitude pegs and explored all things yellow, the Investigators planted sunflower seeds and talked about why sunflowers are so special and the Innovators made gratitude stones and learnt about the science behind gratitude.

We ended the day with a whole school assembly and talked about how our feelings can change but how there is always so much we can do to change our mood.

Next week we will be exploring a different droplet character.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are
Ezra, Gracie, Grace, Tomos, Riley,
Hugo and Jaxson.

DA IAWN PAWB!

Month of the Military Child Mis y Plentyn Milwrol



April/Ebrill | #MotMCCymru

During assembly this morning we talked about the Month of the Military Child, why it is important and what we can do to show our support. We read the Dandelion Poem and talked about the significance of the dandelion being the official flower of the military.

With Service children in our school we feel it is very important that we celebrate the month of the military child and share their experiences with the whole school.

On Monday we are asking children to come to school wearing something purple to show their support. There is no cost for this just a request to wear purple. This can be purple nail varnish, purple socks, a purple hair bobble or something similar. If you don't have any purple items then anything in a colour as close to purple as possible is great.

Purple was chosen because it symbolizes all branches of the military, a combination of Army Green, Air Force Blue, Coast Guard Blue, Marine Red and Navy Blue.

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog PTA

We are keen to develop our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) to ensure fund raising events can continue. At present all fund raising events are organised and delivered by school staff which is a large amount of work and is becoming increasingly difficult.

Given the current financial constraints on our budget, fund raising is vital to ensure our children continue to have some of the lovely experiences and resources they have accessed so far.

We would like to invite you to a PTA meeting on Tuesday 23rd April at 3.30pm to discuss plans for the summer fair along with any other fundraising ideas you may have. If you are able to attend please come along, all support will be very much appreciated (children are welcome to attend after school free of charge whilst the meeting is taking place).

A reminder to parents of children in Years 4 - 6 that the final balance for the Glan Llyn residential is due on the 20th May. Instalments have been set up on Parent Pay and the amount can be paid off as you wish. The final balance is due that week so it is imperative that all payments are made by then.

A reminder that if you have had a change of address/ phone number to please let us know as soon as possible so records can be updated. This also includes the numbers of any emergency contacts. Should any circumstances change or should you wish to amend any consent forms etc then please get in touch with Miss Anna who will be able to assist you with this. Thank you.

Seesaw

Can I please remind you that Seesaw is a learning journal and is predominantly used for staff to record the learning in classes as well as to share important information with our families.

The messaging service is useful for staff to pass on information specific to certain children but it is not an alternative for parents to our official means of communication - e mail and phone.

If you want to order a school lunch for your child/ find a lost item of clothing/ find out about a specific incident etc then please use the methods of communication above. Once staff leave school they are under no obligation to use Seesaw or respond to any messages and I would ask that this is respected please.

Thank you to those parents who utilise Seesaw properly, we are grateful for your support.

Discoverers

Welcome back to our last term of this year! This week we have been all about celebrating military children, during the month of April we will recognise the many challenges and unique experiences that these children face as a result of their parents' service. We were so lucky to have a visit from Teddy's dad who spoke to the children about the army and showed the children different equipment used. The children had the opportunity to ask questions and they all listened very well. They enjoyed trying on gloves, ear defenders and the protective gear, which they thought was very heavy! A reminder that on Monday, the children are invited to wear purple to recognise this very important month. This week we have also been discussing our feelings and trying to empathise with those children who have a parent serving in the forces. The children used a mirror to show different emotions, they completed sorting games, recognising different feelings. The children really have engaged in all activities and shown empathy. We have also been extremely lucky to have our first visit from Angela, from Be You To Blossom. This week the children learnt about the yellow droplet, which represents gratitude. The children enjoyed a range of activities and learnt about the importance of always looking for the positives in situations. The children made a dolly peg with the yellow droplet on to bring home, to remind the children to think of the things that they love. It really has been a lovely first week back in school. We have lots more exciting things planned next week but more importantly, our long awaited wedding on the 18th. We look forward to seeing you there.



Investigators

We have all had a lovely first week back after the Easter holiday apart from the weather being quite miserable at the beginning of the week! Fingers crossed that better weather is ahead of us now!

The children have started to plan their ideas for our new topic this term - Ein Byd Rhyfeddol - Our Wonderful World! This topic has a Science & Technology and Humanities focus. The children will have lots of opportunities to find out about the World and will cover areas such as animals, plants, buildings, waste, transport, the environment, recycling and lots more. Their learning log tasks posted onto their Seesaw journals are linked to these areas.

Separate from beginning their new topic, the children worked with Angela in a workshop called 'Be you to blossom' yesterday morning, and developed their understanding of the meaning of Gratitude. They planted a sunflower seed and have brought this home to grow. Yesterday afternoon the children enjoyed going onto the field for their PE lesson where they took part in some athletic activities.

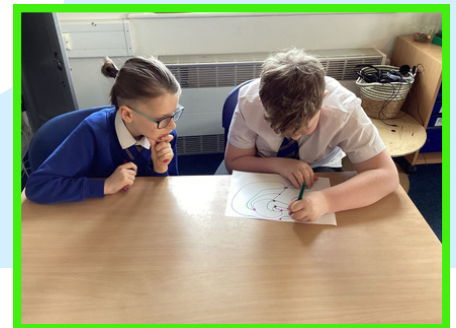
Have a lovely weekend.



Innovators

It has been a lovely first week back in the Innovators, the class received a letter from Darren Millar MS asking for their help to make Wales a better place. The class have lots of excellent ideas already and, over the coming weeks, will be working together to design a sustainable village.

This week we have started a division topic in our Inspire Maths work, we have discussed the picture book, The Window which inform our creative writing topic for this half term and have also enjoyed two well-being sessions, one with Miss Katie and the other with Angela from Be You To Blossom - what a busy week!



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

It's nice to be back at Playgroup after the Easter Holidays. The children were excited to tell us all about their holidays. As usual we have been busy in Playgroup. We have carried on with our topic of "Favourite stories". We have made handprint pigs as Ettie and Alex both like "Peppa Pig". We have introduced a Snow White and the seven Dwarfs puppet to our Book Corner which has prompted us to do some apple printing. We had some exciting news on Tuesday morning from Hugo; his pet sheep had a lamb which he has named "Shaun the Sheep" so we painted our own lambs using a scrubbing brush that we dipped into white paint. The children have added the features this morning once the paint had dried. Well done everyone



Clwb Cefn After School Club

We've had a lovely week back after the Easter Holidays in after school club. We've had lots of fun playing outside with the sports equipment; we've also enjoyed painting, playing board games and we had fun with our wooden farm. We're all really looking forward to making Pizzas tonight!



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

Makaton

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

Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th April - Wear Purple for the Armed Forces
Thursday 18th April - Discoverers wedding @ 2pm
Tuesday 23rd April - PTA meeting @ 3.30pm
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May - Years 3 & 4 to St Asaph Cricket Club for cricket festival
Thursday 9th & Friday 10th May - Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 24th May - Break Up for half term
Monday 3rd June - School reopens
Tuesday 18th June - Years 4, 5 & 6 residential trip to Glan Llyn
Thursday 18th July - School closes for summer
Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day