

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



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The weather is finally improving and this week it has meant all classes have been able to spend lots of time outdoors for Wales Outdoor Learning Week. There has been so much going on and it has been lovely to see the garden being tidied, seeds being planted and children exploring the grounds. Our topic this term is 'Our Amazing World' so there will be plenty more opportunities for learning outside of the classroom over the coming weeks. 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; children do not have to attend our school to come providing their own school isn't running the programme. We have had a great response so far and have very limited spaces left, once final numbers are confirmed we will be working on a timetable for the sessions which will be shared with you in due course. PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE BOOKED DAYS AND NO LONGER NEED THEM/ WANT TO CHANGE THAT YOU GET IN TOUCH TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WE ARE LIKELY TO HAVE A WAITING LIST FOR SOME DATES.

Outdoor Learning

The Discoverers were really busy on Tuesday preparing our garden for the growing season. The children worked together to weed and dig the beds and have also started some planting. The Investigators worked in small groups to practice their fire skills. They used the storm kettles to make small fires. Excellent fire skills and teamwork from everyone as always.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Emily, Oliver, Poppy, Grace and Cooper.

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Be You to Blossom

Yesterday we welcomed Angela back 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 kindness and how giving compliments and showing kindness to each and ourselves is so important.

Easy Fundraising

We shared with you recently that we have joined with easyfundraising to help raise funds for the school, thank you to those who have signed up, if you haven't, please do!

If you go through the Easyfundraising site to do your shopping it means that a small amount is then donated to the school. We have already raised over £80 - thank you!

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ysgolcefnmeiriadog/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email

Thank you so much!

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog PTA

We held a PTA meeting this week and are so grateful to those parents who have offered their support.

Without your support fundraising events are difficult to plan and put on.

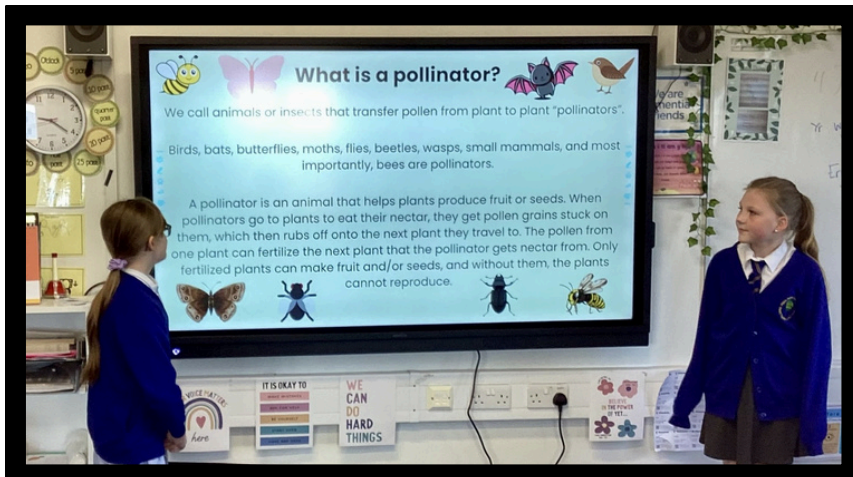
Plans are now underway for our Summer Fair, we are looking for raffle prizes so if you know any businesses who might be willing to donate a prize please let Miss Anna know.

There will be a fundraising event before May half term, more information will be shared soon.

Bee Friendly School

This morning members of the Eco Committee shared a presentation in assembly about what we are doing as a school to ensure we are bee friendly. The girls shared the four key areas that we need to focus on which are food, fun, accommodation and freedom from pesticides. We are already doing a lot of things to help the bees and other pollinators including having a wildflower meadow, planting pollinator friendly plants and providing a range of bee homes around around grounds.

After a discussion with the Innovators they have come up with a list of actions to help us be even more bee and pollinator friendly. Over the coming weeks all classes will be working with Mrs Williams to address our actions.



Discoverers

Another week has flown by, with lots of lovely activities. This week has been even better than the sun has been shining. This week we have been taking our learning outdoors as much as possible. The Discoverers have enjoyed preparing the garden area, colour matching using shade cards and creating pebble art, as well as having story time in the outdoor area. Our Nursery children learnt their new sound and used water to paint on the chalk board to practise the letter formation. On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have another visit from Teddy's dad. The children had the opportunity to try on equipment, and eat some food cooked on the stove outside under an army shelter- this is all part of sharing awareness for the month of the military child. We also enjoyed our last visit from Angela, who spoke to us about kindness. The children enjoyed lots of activities linked to the pink droplet. We discussed how important this droplet is in everyday life. We will be continuing to talk about the droplets and learning about them in class. Next week we will return to our topic work, and we are hoping to get out for a walk in our local area, to look for signs and colours of Spring in the hedgerows. I hope you have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

The Investigators have had a wonderful week and have spent lots of it outside as part of Wales Outdoor Learning Week! On Monday, they worked with a learning partner to investigate numbers in the school environment. They looked around the playground to see how many panes of glass are in the classroom windows, how many pieces of decking have been used for the floor of the Caban Cymraeg, and many other things. Following this, the children then worked together to think of their own questions for their peers to answer. Everyone enjoyed their outdoor learning session with Mrs Williams on Tuesday morning, in the afternoon, they went back outside to collect some natural materials to create a nature picture. On Wednesday, the children were very fortunate to have the opportunity to have a talk from Teddy's dad about what life is like for a soldier in the army. They had the opportunity to try on bullet proof armour and a helmet and ate some army food. It was a brilliant experience for them! In the afternoon, we all went on a mini-beast hunt on the school field. The children worked in small groups and used a bug viewer to look closely at the mini-beasts that they had found, after digging a small hole. Yesterday, Angela visited us for the last time to provide a workshop about the pink droplet which is all about kindness. The children focused on compliments and worked hard to think of compliments for each other.

Have an enjoyable weekend.



Innovators

It has been a sunny (but chilly) week for our Outdoor learning focus, and The Innovators have enjoyed getting out in the fresh air and enjoying our beautiful surroundings. They learnt about tree identification and used information to identify some of our trees on the playing field, as well trying to measure them using a method where you turn around and look through your legs! We have also been thinking about pollinators this week and what we can do to become more pollinator friendly. This has included drawing up an action plan for eco committee to share with the school, learning about the life cycle of a peacock butterfly and creating bee hotels to hang around our school grounds to encourage pollinators to visit us. We also took our topic learning outside this week and spotted different human and physical features as we looked around our area and down to the coast from the playing field. We had a session with Miss Katie learning how to self-regulate when we feel the fight or flight response, and also learnt about kindness and respect with Angela. What a lovely week!



Clwb Cefn Playgroup

In playgroup we have continued to look at "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Elmer Elephant" we have created our own patchwork elephants to add to our collaborative picture on the decking area. We have drawn all the food the caterpillar ate to make our own version of the very hungry caterpillar book and we are busy sticking these together. Yesterday we sequenced all the food and days into the correct order and stuck them to a caterpillar picture. We put some large cardboard boxes into the builders area and the children made castles, bridges and seats out of them. Well done everyone, another busy week.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we've had lots of fun playing outside, building dens, playing with the puzzles and games and building our own Lego towers. We have also been learning about Earth day so we painted some rocks with pictures of our world. We've also enjoyed having our snack outside on the field.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

Phrases to use at home this week/
Brawddeg i'w ddefnyddio adref yr
wythnos yma:
"caru y byd" - "love the world"

Makaton

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

Dates for your diary:

- 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
- Thursday 16th May - Innovators trip to Woodlands Skills Centre (am only)
- Friday 24th May - Break Up for half term
- Monday 3rd June - School reopens
- Thursday 13th June - Class photos with Tempest (plus Year 6 group photo)
- Tuesday 18th June - Years 4, 5 & 6 residential trip to Glan Llyn
- Wednesday July 10th - Nursery & Reception Sports Day @ 2pm
- Thursday 11th July - Yr 1 - 6 Sports Day @ 1.30pm
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Service
- Thursday 18th July - School closes for summer
- Friday 19th July - Staff Training Day