

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 3rd May 2024
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What a busy week! All classes have been busy this week completing work linked to their topics, we have seen classes spending lots of time outdoors with the Investigators and Discoverers all managing to go for a walk in the local area. It finally feels like warmer weather is on the way and we couldn't be happier about it!

A reminder that it is Bank Holiday on Monday so we will see all children back to school on Tuesday. Wishing you all a lovely, long weekend.

We have received reports recently of cars driving too fast on the road to and from school. Although we cannot force you to drive slowly we would like to remind you that the village is a 20mph area and would appreciate your cooperation with sticking to this. The roads around the school are narrow so please take care when driving on them, with no pavements pedestrians are at an increased risk on these roads and we would like your support to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you.

Outdoor Learning

On Tuesday the Nursery pupils spent the afternoon in the polytunnel sowing snap pea seeds, they gave them a good drink and will look after them and watch them grow.

Year 1 spent time looking for natural materials on the field before making themselves all sorts of concoctions in the mud kitchen.

The Investigators lit the fire and made their snack of toast - well done all.



GOLDEN CHILDREN

This week's Golden Children are Harper, Sophie, Charlotte, Violet, Gareth, Teddy & Lola

DA IAWN PAWB!

Holidays in term time

We have seen an increase this term in the amount of families requesting holidays in term time. As per policy no family holidays will be authorised. 'Schools will not approve holidays during term time. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Headteacher be in a position to consider the reasons for requesting holiday approval.'

All families are asked to complete a holiday form for school outlining the dates of absence and reason for the absence, we ask that this is completed at least 4 weeks prior to the holiday please. Please note that if children are absent for an extended period of time this could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.

We would also like to remind parents to ensure that we are informed of the reason as to why children are absent as soon as possible, we are required to report all absences, with reasons, so would appreciate your cooperation with this.



PTA Movie Night

Members of the PTA are organising a Movie Night for the whole school on Thursday 23rd May. If you would like your child to attend can you please send £5 in a labelled envelope before the 20th May.

Movie title will be shared soon.

New Parent Governor

I would like to extend my congratulations to Greg Parry, who recently won the ballot to be a parent governor. Can I thank all of those who took the time to vote, your support is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank both Rosalind and Toni who applied for the role, we are incredibly grateful for your support and feel lucky that we have parents who are willing to support our school.

Please see below to find out a little bit more as to how Greg hopes to support Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog:

Hi, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Greg Parry and I have a daughter in Nursey. I would like to say how grateful I am for this opportunity; I am very excited to begin my role as a governor for the school. With a background in academia as a university lecturer and working towards a PhD in experiential learning, I have developed a good understanding of effective teaching methods and curriculum design. Furthermore, my experience as a management consultant, specialising in quality improvement, equips me with invaluable skills to address challenges faced by the school. I am adept at implementing strategic initiatives to enhance operational efficiency and maximise resource allocation. Drawing from my business connections and consultancy expertise, I aim to forge partnerships within the community to support and meet the school's objectives. Additionally, elements of my research in consultancy methodology provide me with analytical tools to assess and optimise school processes.

I am committed to using my background and expertise to contribute meaningfully to the development and success of Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog, fostering an environment where both staff and pupils can thrive.



Recycling

This morning our Head boys helped Mrs Martin to share important messages around the new recycling laws in Wales. Each class is now responsible for ensuring all of their rubbish is put into the correct bins in their classrooms or the staffroom with the Eco Committee taking overall responsibility in their classes.

Discoverers

The Discoverers have had another lovely week, with lots of fantastic learning happening! This week our older children have been conducting an experiment, looking at the best conditions to grow cress. They all made simple predictions and will see if they were right at the end. The year 1 children have been writing sets of instructions explaining how to plant a seed. All of the Discoverers have been out in the garden, planting more seeds and making sure that there is plenty of water for the ones that have already been planted. Our sunflowers have started to grow well, and we have found out that these are one of the bees more favoured flowers. There has also been the opportunity to play in the mud kitchen, where all sorts of creations were made. Our Nursery children have learnt another sound and enjoyed using red paint to form the grapheme 'i'. On Thursday the sun was shining and we went out on our spring walk. The children were looking carefully at the flowers that they could see and they were able to identify lots of them, da iawn. Next week we will be focusing on minibeast, starting with a bug hunt. We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend.



Investigators

The children have had a lovely week in school and have enjoyed the much-needed improved weather over the last few days. On Monday, as part of our maths lesson, the children worked in pairs to identify right angles in our environment. They found out what a right angles looks like and went on a hunt for them around the school yard and field. Following this, they put all of the photos they took of them into PicCollage.

On Tuesday, for Outdoor Learning with Mrs Williams, the children showed their confidence around the fire by making some toast. Everyone worked well together and showed some great independence skills.

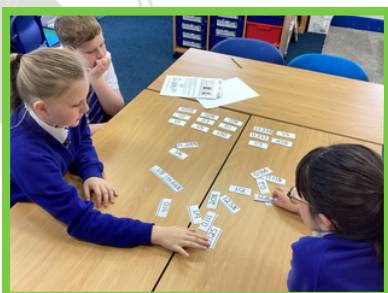
On Wednesday, we took part in an eco-schools online workshop called 'No Mow May'. This is an initiative to try to encourage people not to mow their lawns throughout the month of May to allow wildflowers to grow. The children created some posters following the workshop and then went on a wildflower hunt in the afternoon to the local woodlands. Following this, the children worked with a partner to create a 'Hapa-Zome', which is a Japanese art of dying fabric. The children used the wildflowers that they had collected and used a hammer/rolling pin to make a pattern.

Enjoy the long weekend!



Innovators

This week the children have completed their Window descriptive writing and have also made beautiful collages of their imaginary views to go with their writing. They have worked very hard on them and they look fantastic. Our next unit of literacy is poetry and the class enjoyed their 'cold task' poetry session. We are looking forward to seeing how much they can improve by the time they come to their 'hot task'. We have had a wonderful 2 two days this week with Ronnie and Lisa, who came to work with The Innovators to help them create felt wall hangings. The class listened carefully and followed the steps; they learnt lots of new techniques and had lots of fun in the process. It was like magic seeing the wool turn into felt! We will display their finished work proudly in school. In Topic, we have been learning about sustainable transport and the class have been coming up with some excellent ideas for our eco village. With this in mind, we would like to begin collecting recycling so that we can create models of our village in the next half term and we would be grateful of your help with this - large cardboard boxes would especially be appreciated!



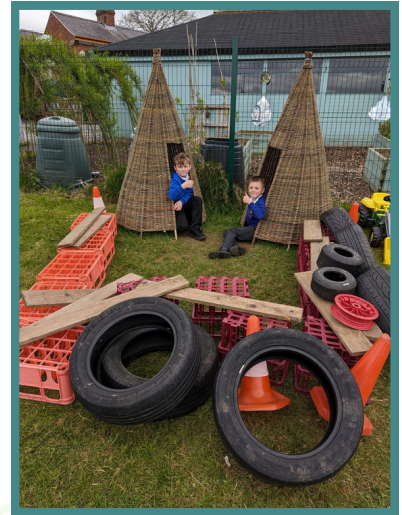
Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week in playgroup we have started the theme of Caru y byd. We planted cress seeds and went on a bug hunt looking for pollinators. We painted symmetrical butterflies and also painted our own images of the mini beasts we found on our bug hunt. Well done everyone.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we've been enjoying the lovely weather, all the children have loved being able to play out on the field. They've had fun with the hula hoops and sports equipment, building mini beast house, building dens with our outdoor equipment and getting creative with some outdoor arts and crafts. Everyone is also looking forward to decorating some cakes today.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"Mae hi'n cymylog" - "It is cloudy"

Makaton

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

Makaton every day.

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

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- 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
- Thursday 4th July - Whole school trip to the Welsh Mountain Zoo
- 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