

# Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

## Friday Newsletter



Friday 3rd October 2025  
Dydd Gwener 3ydd Hydref 2025

It has been a busy week with plenty going on across the school. We are very lucky to have a number of volunteers who support our school in different ways, this week has seen three of them come in to support the children's reading in both English and Welsh - we're so grateful for their support. We have had reports of headlice in two of our classes this week, please can we ask you to check your child's hair and treat if required.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and we all enjoyed a visit from local poet, Oliver Sykes. Oli delivered sessions to all of our children, he shared some of his poems, including his brand new one which was very exciting! The groups started to think about ideas for their own poems and the older children enjoyed a Q and A to find out more about Oli's work. What a fun morning!



We have received some concerns from parents and our neighbours about the traffic around school. Can we please remind you that we operate an unofficial one way system to try and avoid cars meeting on the narrow lanes. Please try your best to adhere to this. Can we also ask you NOT to use the driveway across the road to turn around in, this is private property. As per yesterday's Seesaw message, can you please not block the staff car park from 3pm, staff need to leave then and are currently finding themselves blocked in on a regular basis.



This week's Golden children are:  
Emily, Holly, Georgia, Aurora and Primrose.  
Da iawn pawb!

## Attendance

We've had a dip in attendance this week with illnesses doing the rounds but still a good week for the Discoverers who, again, have over 95% - da iawn!

Discoverers - 96.7%

Investigators - 87.7%

Innovators - 92%

4 Lates have been recorded this week - this is a slight improvement on last week but could still be better!

## Clothes recycling

We have a collection due before half term so if you have any bags of clothes to donate please send them into school over the coming weeks. If you need any collection bags please see Miss Anna.



A reminder that we are a healthy school and encourage all of our children to be healthy too. Fruit is available from school for snack time, payment for this is to be made at the beginning of each half term.

If you choose to send a snack in with your child please ensure it is healthy. Children are asked to bring water bottles in with them each day, we ask that only water is in these bottles, no juice please.

The poster on the left gives some ideas for a healthy lunchbox for those children who choose not to have a school meal.

A reminder that, should your child not want the available hot meal off the menu, there is a choice of a wrap or jacket potato available instead.

## Family Reading Session

We would like to invite parents into school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm to take part in some reading activities with your child/ren. As you know, developing reading is a priority for our school this year and we would like to share some activities and ideas with you to help develop a love of reading with your child. A form was sent out on seesaw this week, please can you complete it even if you are not attending so we know how many parents to expect.

## Spooky Disco

Children are invited to attend our SPOOKY DISCO in the Neuadd Owen on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 3.30 - 4.30.

Entry is £5 and includes a hot dog and a drink, there will be face painting and sweets available to purchase on the day.

Children attending can be collected from 3pm on the day in order to get changed and to the Neuadd on time. If children are not attending then they can stay in school until their usual pick up time.

PLEASE NOTE - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY

If you would like your child to attend please send the money in a labelled envelope by the 15<sup>th</sup> October.



## Discoverers

In the Discoverers this week we have been learning about different emotions. We all listened to the story 'The Colour Monster' and the children have completed lots of activities linked to this story. There have been opportunities to create their own faces using natural resources and playdough, colour sorting tasks, making our own emotion monsters and using our outdoor equipment to create faces showing different emotions. The children have also been learning a song in Welsh 'Sut wyt ti teimlo heddiw?' and can now ask and answer 'Sut wyt ti?'. Our BSL focus this week has been to learn different emotions and we will continue to work on these next week. The children have enjoyed showing different emotions using facial expressions, I think their shocked faces were my favourite! All of the Discoverers have been working hard on their sounds and numbers and we have had lots of progress made with reading this week, da iawn to everyone! On Thursday, our older children were lucky enough to have a visit from Oliver Sykes. He helped them to begin to create their own poems about leaves, this was an amazing workshop for our children, especially as it was National Poetry Day. Next week we will continue our work on understanding different emotions and big feelings. I hope you all manage to avoid the storm and have a lovely weekend!



## Investigators

The children have had a very busy week and have taken part in lots of fun activities as part of their topic work. In our topic this week, we have focused on the theme of healthy eating. The children have been learning about why it is important to eat a healthy, balanced diet and had the opportunity yesterday to take part in a fruit taste testing session. There were lots of different fruits for the children to try. Some were more popular than others! The children have also been developing their ICT skills this week and the older children in Year 3 have been helping their fellow Year 2 peers in using Adobe Express to create a poster teaching others about the importance of hand hygiene. A group of children had a lot of fun on Wednesday afternoon to see how clean their hands were. They used some Glitter-Bug Potion to put on their hands and then shone a UV light over them to see the places which were the dirtiest. There were a lot of squeals within the classroom! The children have started to create a clay portrait with Mrs Wilkins and Miss Lisa this week. These will be painted next week when they have all dried out. We all enjoyed the visit from the author Oliver Sykes yesterday as part of National Poetry Day. The children took part in his retelling of his poem 'Nettle Soup' and wrote their very own shape poem about a leaf. Enjoy your weekend!



## Innovators

Dosbarth Innovators have had a lovely week full of learning and creativity. We started with Forest School, where the children worked brilliantly in teams to build dens that could withstand all weathers before enjoying chocolate apples by the fire. In our topic work, we explored how the heart works by carrying out a pulse rate experiment, measuring our heartbeats before and after exercise, then using the data to plot graphs and discuss the impact of activity on our bodies. To round off the week, we were delighted to welcome poet Oliver Sykes on National Poetry Day, which gave us the chance to develop our creative writing skills and find new inspiration for our own work. Have a lovely weekend!



### Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week in playgroup we started by reading the story "We're going on a leaf hunt" we looked at all the different coloured leaves in the story and then followed this up by going on our own leaf hunt. We collected as many leaves as we could in a big bag then took them back to playgroup to make leaf people. On our Autumn Tuff Tray we put different coloured pasta which we threaded on to wool using our fine motor skills to make beautiful necklaces. We have enjoyed bringing our own stories from home to share with the class. Today we will be using up some of the left over leaves to make nature wands. We will display these on our Autumn board. Well done everyone.



### Clwb Cefn After School Club

The children have been busy in after school club this week, we've spent some time talking about our families in preparation for making our own family trees next week. Everyone has also enjoyed using the Chromebooks to make a poster about our rules in after school club which we will be putting up for everyone to see. The children have also had lots of fun playing outside with the chinks, the footballs and playing a game of tag together. We also had lots of lovely role play going on with the dolls.

Please don't forget to book your places for October half term holiday club, spaces are filling up fast on some days.



### Affirmation of the Week

This week's affirmation of the week, as chosen by our Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors, is:

**"BE THE RAINBOW IN SOMEONE ELSE'S CLOUD"**

### UNCRC Right of the Child

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is an important, legally binding agreement signed by 196 countries (as of 12 July 2022) which outlines the fundamental rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.

This week we spoke about Article 36: I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE KEPT SAFE FROM HARM

### Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"GA I ... OS GWELWCH YN DDA?" -  
"CAN I HAVE ... PLEASE?"

### British Sign Language

As a whole school we are working hard to learn and use British Sign Language as much as possible. Each week we will be sharing a sign for the whole school to learn.

This week's sign is "CAN I HAVE A DRINK?"  
Please ask your child to show you the sign.

### Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Family Reading session in school from 2pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Show Racism the Red Card (children invited to wear RED to school)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Spooky Disco in the Neuadd Owen (3.30 - 4.30)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest Service in Capel Cefn (2pm)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Break Up for half term
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Swimming lessons begin weekly for Investigators and Innovators
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November - INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)