

# Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

## Friday Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025  
Dydd Gwener 10fed Hydref 2025

The weeks continue to fly by with half term just around the corner! We have had many reasons to smile and be proud of our learners this week, whether that be because of their hard work, their resilience, their kindness or the way they represent our school so well - we have wonderful children in our school, we are very lucky indeed. In assembly this morning we talked about World Mental Health Day and all of the ways we can look after our mental health. The children had some great ideas and all pledged to do something today to look after their own mental health. Wishing you a lovely weekend.



### Hospice Care Week

We were delighted to have been invited to St Kentigerns Hospice on Tuesday as part of Hospice Care Week to sing some songs for the staff and patients. The children performed beautifully and brought lots of smiles (and a few tears!) to everyone's face, we couldn't be prouder of them. The staff commented on their impeccable manners and behaviour along with their outstanding performance - well done!

### Family Reading Session

We still have a number of parents who have not completed the form to let us know if someone is attending the session on Tuesday afternoon. Can we please ask you to fill it in even if you are not able to attend, the form asks if you are happy that your child still takes part in the activities and staff need to know this for planning purposes. We would be very grateful if this can be done asap.



This week's Golden children are:

Mara, Ettie, Ava, Cai, Jaxson and Hugo.

Da iawn pawb!

## Attendance

It has been a really low week for attendance this week with unauthorised holidays having a big impact on attendance data.

Discoverers - 91.6%

Investigators - 81%

Innovators - 84.5%

Punctuality is much improved this week which is a positive, thank you for ensuring your children are in school on time.

A very big welcome from this years eco-committee!  
We are looking forward to working with the whole school this year on our eco-targets so that we can get the Green Flag Award.

The eco-committee meet every term to make sure that targets are being met throughout the school. We have carried out an environmental review and have chosen some targets for this year that we will be working on. These targets will be shared by us in assemblies over the next few weeks.

We have posted an eco-schools at home task on Seesaw. We would like as many of you as possible to try the activity. The first task is called 'Make an Animal Mask'. The eco-committee will be organising some events during the term, such as a Fairtrade coffee morning and a swap shop. These dates will be shared with you in the very near future.

Thank you.



### FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



**ASK.FM** is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.



**CALCULATOR%** is only one of secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.



**HOT OR NOT** encourages people to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.



**BUMBLE** is similar to the popular dating app 'Tinder', however it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use Bumble to create fake accounts and falsify their age.



**SKOUT** is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.



**KIK**, allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. Kik gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.



**GRINDR** is a dating app geared towards Gay, Bi and Transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phones GPS location.



**SNAPCHAT** is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear. New features including 'stories' allow users to view content for up to 24 hours.



**LIVE.ME** is a live video streaming app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcasters exact location. Users can earn 'coins' as a way to 'pay' minors for photos.



**MEET.ME** is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the apps name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.



**HOLLA** is a self-proclaimed 'addicting' video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content and more.



**BADOO** is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.



**TIKTOK** is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to bullying and explicit content.



**WHATSAPP** is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, make calls and video chats worldwide. Whatsapp uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.



**WHISPER** is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a users location so people can meet up.

The Online Safety Act is a set of laws that protects everyone from illegal content online, and protects children from content that is harmful.

It makes tech firms legally responsible for their users' safety. And it gives Ofcom powers as online safety regulator to enforce these laws - including taking action against firms that don't comply with their online safety duties.

All sites and apps that children could use - regardless of whether they are accessed on a smartphone, tablet, computer or game platform - will have to follow the new rules, so that children have safer experiences online.

The act doesn't ban children from social media, nor does it set a minimum age for them using it. It does say that social media companies must consistently enforce their age limits and protect their child users - but parents should be aware that some popular sites and apps have no minimum age requirements for their users.

We are all aware of the issues relating to improper use of social media and have shared the attached information produced by the North Wales Safeguarding Board for your information.

## Discoverers

The children started the week off with a lovely service from Reverend Ginny. Ginny spoke to the children about Harvest and the importance of saying 'Thank you.' The children have also been working hard on practising their song and poem for our Harvest service in a couple of weeks. As many of you will know, the children have been designing their own Christmas designs, you can order different Christmassy products online, not only did the children really enjoy this but it also helps to make some money for school- so thank you in advance for your support! I also secretly enjoyed having the Christmas music playing in the background whilst we were making the designs! The Discoverers have all been working really hard this week with our topic focus being on emotions. I am very impressed with how well the children can recognise different emotions but are also beginning to show empathy towards others, da iawn pawb! This week the Discoverers have continued to develop their bat and ball skills, working on hand eye-co-ordination. Next week in our topic work we will be looking at our baby photos and talking about how much we have changed, I will be displaying the pictures in class for everyone to work out who the baby was, final call for any pictures, if you have not already sent them in. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



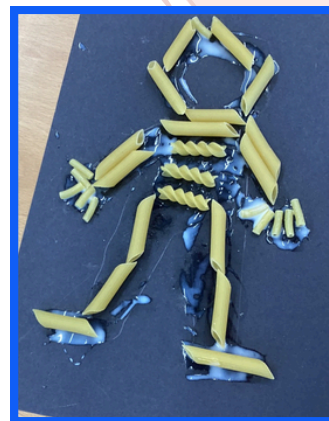
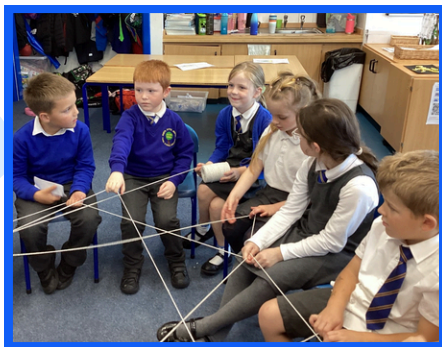
## Investigators

The children have been very busy with their schoolwork this week both inside and outside of the classroom. They have focused on parts of the body this week, in particular the names of some of the bones of the human skeleton. In their topic work, the children have created a skeleton shape out of different types of pasta. They look wonderful on display within the classroom. The children have also identified and named some of the bones and have matched them up correctly.

To link with our topic work this week, the children have learnt how to sign the names for parts of the body using BSL and enjoyed a Welsh lesson yesterday to label different parts of the body.

The children have continued to work hard in their maths and language lessons. This week's focus in maths has been on identifying number additions that use all number bonds of 6. In our language lessons, the children have been thinking of a memory that they will be writing about in their autobiography. They used a planning sheet to make notes of a memory and then wrote a paragraph about it.

Enjoy your weekend!

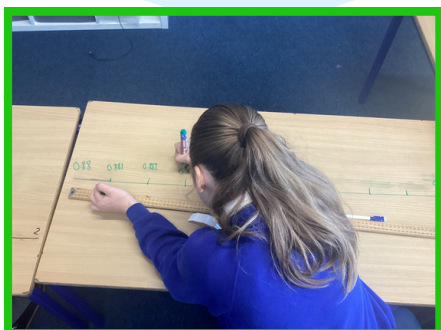


## Innovators

Another week has flown by in Dosbarth Innovators! We kicked the week off in Forest School in the woods where we built dens using our construction skills. Tuesday saw a group of the Innovators visiting St Kentigern's as part of Hospice Care Week. Nine children sang songs for the staff and patients at St Kentigern's which brightened everybody's day. The children were so brave and did us so proud! Meanwhile, back in the class, the remaining Innovators got stuck into some crafts creating autumn wreaths for our Harvest Service!

In class we have been exploring what it means to be a responsible digital citizen, as well as exploring the role of the heart in more detail by creating models.

Have a lovely weekend!



## 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.

## Clwb Cefn Playgroup

In Playgroup this week we have continued with our Autumn theme. We have started to learn an Autumn poem with Makaton signs, we are getting quite good at this now. We have made leaf print pictures using "Autumn coloured" paint. We have played new games outside including "Traffic Lights" and "In the pond, on the bank". We made leaf squirrels to fit in with our story "Leaf Man" which shows all sorts of different animals made out of leaves. Next week we will be carrying out some "Stick" activities to celebrate National stick day!! Da iawn pawb!



## Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we've had lots of fun playing outside with the skipping ropes and hula hoops, we used the chalk and paint pens to create our own Autumn pictures. We have also started work on our family trees, all the children worked hard to design their own tree and added their families names onto it. Lots of children had fun playing with the board games, the role play toys and they took it in turns to choose a song to dance too.



## Affirmation of the Week

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

**"YOUR BEST IS ALWAYS GOOD ENOUGH"**

### 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 HELP OS GWELWCH YN  
DDA?" -

"CAN I HAVE HELP 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 HELP YOU?"  
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)