

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025
Dydd Gwener 17eg Hydref 2025

We ended a very busy week showing our support to 'Show Racism the Red Card', there have been many different activities and conversations taking place across the school today with the children all showing maturity and support for this incredibly important cause.

It was lovely to see so many parents join us on Tuesday for our family Reading session, thank you so much for coming along and for listening to our presentation. We are really keen to develop a positive reading culture amongst all of our learners and hope you will support us with this. Our Book Swap trolley has been introduced to the children this morning and will be outside at the end of each day from Monday, please encourage your child to have a look and take a book. Thank you for all of the donations so far, my office is full!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

We have the final clothing collection of the year due on Tuesday. If you have any clothes to donate please ensure they are in school by Tuesday morning, diolch.

Next Friday our Wellbeing Ambassadors have organised 'FUN FRIDAY'. Children are invited to come to school in their sportswear and during the afternoon they will be taking part in different sports led by the ambassadors and staff.

Parents Evening appointments are now available to book. Please email or ring Miss Anna to book your slot.

Thank you those who have taken note of our request regarding Seesaw messages and are now using the correct methods of communication when contacting staff and school. Unfortunately not everybody is adhering to this, one evening this week a teacher received 6 messages whilst at home about things that could have waited until the following day. Can I ask again that you do not abuse this service and respect the teacher's right to switch off after work and enjoy their evenings. Thank you.



This week's Golden children are:

Alys, Jaxson, Ava, Grace, Tomos and Hugo.

Da iawn pawb!

7 certificates are awarded on a weekly basis, one each from class teachers, one from Mrs Martin and the other three are chosen by our pupil leaders. Although both staff and the pupil leaders will ensure all children receive a certificate during the year, this has to be justified. Children are rewarded on a Friday because they have done something that deserves a certificate and rightly so.

If anyone would like to discuss this further please get in touch.

We have been made aware of an incident this week whereby one of our community governors, and friends, was involved in a very unpleasant altercation on the road near school. Although we are unsure if this was a parent or not can I please take this opportunity to remind you that we work really hard to develop positive relationships with the local community and would appreciate your support in maintaining these. In choosing our lovely school you are also accepting the rural location and the narrow roads that come with it so can we please ask that you do respect our neighbours and each other when arriving and departing school. Thank you.

Attendance

It has been another really low week for attendance this week with unauthorised holidays having a big impact on attendance data. To date, 25% of our children have been on a term time holiday. A reminder that Fixed Penalty Notice letters will be sent out to those families where children have had 10 or more days off this term.

Discoverers - 89.9%

Investigators - 81%

Innovators - 91%

A reminder that the Discoverers class finish at 3pm and are expected to be picked up at this time. If you have a child in another class then the staff are happy to keep hold of them for a little longer but it is expected that children are collected by 3.10.

The Investigators and Innovators finish at 3.20, please ensure they are collected on time.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT!

As part of our work to develop reading for pleasure amongst our learners, staff are always on the lookout for those children caught reading when they aren't expected to be! Over the past couple of weeks we have caught/ been sent the below:



Please feel free to e mail in any photos you capture of your child 'Caught in the Act!'

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Williams will begin a phased return to work from next week, I'm sure you'll join us in welcoming her back - she has been greatly missed.

Mrs Janssens will continue to support us during this time, we are incredibly grateful to her for all of her support this year.

You may have seen two new faces around our school over the past couple of weeks. Miss Ford and Mr Viggers have joined us from Bangor University. They will be with us for the next few months, Mr Viggers in the Investigators class and Miss Ford in the Discoverers. Both have settled in really well and we are all enjoying having them as part of the Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog family.



Discoverers

This week has been a busy one! We really enjoyed welcoming our grown-ups into our class on Tuesday afternoon, thank you to everyone who was able to attend. The children enjoyed sharing our classroom with you and worked beautifully on all the different literacy activities. We have been completing assessments in class this week and I am very proud of all of our children, they are all stars and have made great progress since September. This week the children have been looking at their baby photos and have been guessing which baby photo was who! They enjoyed this task and talked about what they can do now that they were not able to do when they were babies. Our older children completed a timeline, where they had to order different pictures from a baby to an older person. We will be displaying all of the pictures in class next week with some topic related writing completed by our Year 1 children. Next week, we will be looking at our local community and learning about Autumn. All of our learners will be going on a walk in our local area on Tuesday afternoon. Next week we will be welcoming Mrs Williams back into class, we are all very excited to have her back. Mrs Janssens will continue to work with the children for the next few weeks too. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

The children have been busy working on some assessments this week. They have all tried their best on their assessments which they have done online chrome books. Apart from the assessments, the children have been introduced to the organs of the human body as part of their topic work. They have identified and labelled the main organs and will carry on learning about them next week. Tuesday afternoons reading session was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came. The children made some excellent wooden spoon book characters. It was lovely to see so many different characters! We have all been busy this week getting ready for next weeks Harvest Service. The children are doing well with learning their lines for the class poem and they are singing the songs so enthusiastically! We are looking forward to performing in front of you all next Thursday!

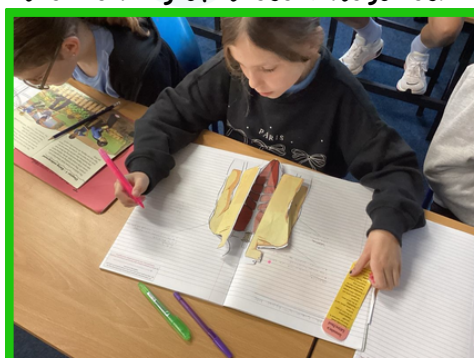
The children enjoyed their Forest School session with Miss Cherina yesterday afternoon. Everyone had the opportunity to explore the forest and then toasted marshmallows around the fire!

Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

This week the Innovators enjoyed their last Forest School session of the term, they were introduced to the bow saw and all worked really well in their groups to cut their own wood cookies. The class also enjoyed a netball session with Llio from the Urdd, practising the skills they have already, next week is their final session of Urdd PE. In class the Innovators have been developing their use of adjectives in sentences and have been using number lines to find differences in amounts in their Maths lessons. Today we completed work on racism, we sorted scenarios into different categories of racism and learnt more about the meaning of these categories.



This week we had our first Governing Body meeting of the year. Mrs Shannon Gage was appointed as the Chair and Mr Greg Parry the Vice Chair.

Mrs Martin shared this year's priorities with the governors which include developing reading across the school, developing assessment and monitoring processes and further developing the cross curricular skills of literacy, numeracy and digital competence.

Link Governors were agreed for the different areas of learning and dates will be arranged for governors to visit school to see these areas in practise.

From next week we will be introducing the members of our Governing Body via the newsletters so you know who they are.

Clwb Cefn Playgroup

In Playgroup this week we have enjoyed playing in the Autumn investigation station cooking up lots of Autumn food. We have celebrated "National stick day" with stick stories, stick painting and making our own stick men. We also had a lovely visitor, Mrs Jones came to read to us in Cymraeg. The children learnt some new Welsh words including "cath" cat, "llefyrth" milk and "dwr" water. Da iawn pawb!



Clwb Cefn After School Club

We've had a lovely week in after school club this week, we've spent lots of time outside while the weather has been dry.

The children have enjoyed playing in our outdoor areas, they've worked together to create their own water wall with the pipes and tunnels. Everyone has had lots of fun playing in our new role play area, we had lots of exciting meals being prepared in our cafe.



Affirmation of the Week

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

"EVERY DAY IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO GROW"

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 30: I have a right to speak my own language and to follow my family's way of life.

Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"BETH YDY DY ENW DI?" -
"WHAT IS YOUR NAME?"

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 "WHAT IS YOUR NAME?"
Please ask your child to show you the sign.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 21st October - Spooky Disco in the Neuadd Owen (3.30 - 4.30)
- Thursday 23rd October - Harvest Service in Capel Cefn (2pm)
- Friday 24th October - Fun Friday (children to wear Sports clothes)
- Friday 24th October - Break Up for half term
- Wednesday 5th November - Swimming lessons begin weekly for Investigators and Innovators
- Wednesday 5th November - Jambori for Years 1 and 2
- Thursday 6th November - Outdoor Classroom day
- Tuesday 11th November - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 12th November - Parents Evening
- Friday 14th November - Children in Need
- Friday 21st November - INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)