

# Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

## Friday Newsletter



Friday 24th October 2025  
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Thank you to all those who attended our Harvest Service yesterday, it was lovely to see the chapel so full. The children performed brilliantly as always, a huge thank you to the staff for their hard work and to you all for the donations to the food bank. This half term has flown by although I have no doubt that everybody is ready for a rest! Thank you as always for your support this half term, we are very grateful to you all. School reopens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for the second half of the Autumn Term where we will be hurtling into the season of glue, glitter and all things Christmas! Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

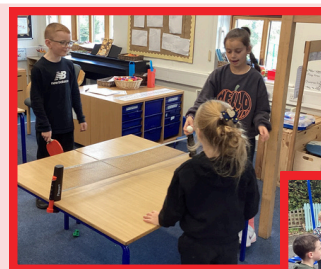
Parents Evening appointments are now available to book. Please email or ring Miss Anna to book your slot.

Today we have said goodbye to Miss Lisa who is leaving us to start a new job after half term. We'd like to thank Miss Lisa for all of her hard work and support this year, we will all miss her very much. Diolch Miss Lisa!

A member of the local community has been in touch asking me to advertise the following: 'Domestic help needed on a weekly basis in three homes locally, between the hours of 9 and 3'.

If anybody is interested in this role or would like more information please let me know and I will put you in touch with them. Diolch.

This afternoon our Wellbeing Ambassadors organised 'FUN FRIDAY'. All classes enjoyed playing tennis, netball, football, table tennis, hockey and dance. The children worked really well together with our older learners supporting the younger ones with new sports. A lovely way to end the half term! Da iawn Ambassadors.



This week's Golden children are:

Ralph, Isla, Shelby, Holly, Livi, Jane and Georgia.

Da iawn pawb!

Please can we ask that you do not block the staff car park when dropping off and collecting your children. The car park is in use throughout the day and access is needed so your cooperation in this would be appreciated.

### Attendance

A much better week in the Investigators and Innovators this week, da iawn pawb! Holidays have, unfortunately, affected the Discoverers attendance this week. We have also recorded 14 lates this week, this is really high for us and, again, I'd please ask you to ensure your child is in school on time. Even those who arrive just arrive 9am are missing some activities in class and are also disrupting their class when they arrive.

Discoverers - 88.8%  
Investigators - 97%  
Innovators - 94%

### 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! This week we have two reading superstars to celebrate!

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



### FOOD BANK

This morning our Head Girls accompanied Mrs Martin to the Food Bank to drop off our donations. The girls were given a little tour and found out more about this really important service. They helped to weigh our donations and put some on the shelves ready for collections. We donated 48kg of food, thank you to all who donated.

### Meet the Governors

As stated in last week's newsletter, the Governing Body met for their first meeting of the year last week. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing you to each member so you have more awareness of who they are.

We are beginning this week with our Chair of Governors, Shannon Gage.

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself and share a bit about my background and experience. I have had the privilege of serving as a school governor for over 23 years, working with various local primary and secondary schools. Throughout my tenure, I have held the position of chair for many years and am currently serving as the vice chair at a local high school.

In addition to my governance roles, I was an active member of the Denbighshire school budget forum, where I held the vice chair position. This experience has provided me with significant expertise in school finance and school performance.

My passion lies in helping to provide the best-rounded education for all learners. I am committed to ensuring that every student has access to the resources and support they need to succeed.

I look forward to working with you and contributing to the continued success of our school.'



## Discoverers

The Discoverers have completed their first half term and I would like to say how proud I am of them all! What a super 8 weeks of learning we have had and so much progress has been made, da iawn. This week the children in Year 1 have been learning about 2D shapes. They have been able to talk about the different features and completed a sorting activity together. Our Reception children have been working hard on simple addition and forming and recognising numerals to 10, they have shown great determination and perseverance. This week the Discoverers listened to a bible story about sharing and being kind and we linked this to Harvest. One of our independent tasks this week was designed to develop fine motor skills and provide a sensory experience. The children enjoyed using the tweezers to move conkers in the Autumn coloured rice. A big thank you to those who were able to join us at the Harvest service, I thought all of our children did a great job. This week we have welcomed Mrs Williams back into class and it has been so lovely to have her back. I hope you all have a lovely half term.



## Investigators

The children have enjoyed the last week of this first half term and have taken part in lots of activities related to their topic and for other celebrations such as Harvest. I was very proud of every one of them in yesterday's Harvest Service. They all sung with such enthusiasm. It is lovely to see them perform in front of you all with such enjoyment.

In maths lessons this week, the children have been focusing on 2D shapes, lines of symmetry and Carroll Diagrams. They have shown a very good understanding of all three of these. In our topic lessons, the children have used their measuring skills and have worked with a partner using a tape measure to measure different parts of their body in centimetres. They will be creating a bar chart of their results after the half term holiday.

In English lessons, the children have focussed on using present tense language so that they can use this when they write their full autobiography about themselves when they return after the break.

Enjoy your half term holiday!



## Innovators

What a fantastic end to our first half term together! On Monday, we developed our BSL skills and had great fun signing along to some poems. In topic, we explored what the lungs do and created our own lung models using straws, cocktail sticks, and raisins. In maths, we used Mount Everest as inspiration for some mountain-themed problem solving.

We've also been busy preparing for our Harvest Service on Thursday, where the children did a fantastic job performing and sharing their work. On Friday, we reflected on our half term - celebrating what we're proud of, what we found tricky and sharing ideas for next half term. We finished with our very own Costa Coffee Reading Café, where the children made drinks, enjoyed sweet treats, and got lost in a good book. It's been a brilliant first half term getting to know the class and seeing them dive into our Me, Myself, and I topic.

Have a wonderful half term break!



## Building work

You may remember some time ago I informed you about the new community cabin that will be built to replace the current gazebo. This cabin will be the new base for Breakfast Club, Playgroup, After School and Holiday Club and is much needed. I am thrilled to let you know that work is finally going to begin. Over half term the current structure will be demolished and work on the new building will begin in January with a completion date of the end of March. There will, of course, be some disruption during this time but I'm sure you will agree it will be worth it. I will keep you informed of developments once I have more information.

### Clwb Cefn Playgroup

We've had a spooky week in Playgroup this week. We made "cornflour gloop" which was very strange and runny when we picked it up but hard when it was in the tray. We decorated bats with all sorts of glittery items. We put "wiggly worms" in the tuff tray and enjoyed a slimy sensory experience with cooked spaghetti. We had our own Halloween party with party music for dancing, face painting and balloon games. Today we will be creating volcanos in a cauldron and spooky spider biscuits for snacks. Da iawn pawb!



### Clwb Cefn After School Club

We've had a lovely week in after school club this week, our pumpkin carving session was a great success and all the children enjoyed themselves, we had lots of creative ideas and all the children behaved really well, the older ones even helped the younger ones with the carving. We've also had fun playing with the magnets, the dolls and barbie's and the small world toys.

We're looking forward to holiday club next week, just a reminder that fees for this will be added to parentpay today and need to be paid by Monday please.



## Affirmation of the Week

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

**"WE ONLY HAVE ONE LIFE, WE NEED TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT"**

### 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 31: I have the right to relax, play and take part in cultural activities.

## Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

**"CALAN GAELF HAPUS" -  
"HAPPY HALLOWEEN"**

## 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 "HAPPY HALLOWEEN"  
Please ask your child to show you the sign.

## Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Swimming lessons begin weekly for Investigators and Innovators

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Jambori for Years 1 and 2

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Outdoor Classroom day (own clothes to be worn)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5/ 6 Netball Competition

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November - INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators