

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 7th November 2025
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Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term, we hope you all had a lovely half term break. This half term is always a busy one, I have included our Christmas dates in this newsletter, please have a look and pop them in your diaries. A reminder that key dates can also be found on the calendar on the school website.

This morning I shared our Governor's report to parents for last academic year, a huge thank you to our governors for their continued support. If you have any questions about the report the Governors can be contacted via school or their governor e mail addresses on the school website. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

We are seeing more and more children arriving to school without their school ties, a reminder that a school tie is part of our school uniform and children are expected to wear one every day. We have stock in school so please let Miss Anna know if you need to order one.

We have limited appointments left for Parents Evening next week, if you haven't yet booked one please get in touch as soon as possible.

Monday marks the beginning of this year's Anti Bullying Week. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to help us to raise awareness of bullying as well as to show kindness and respect to each other. School uniform is to be worn as normal please.

Yesterday a letter was shared regarding the administration of medicine during the school day. Please have a look at this on Seesaw and get in touch should you have any questions.

Yesterday the whole school celebrated 'Outdoor Classroom Day' with all classes spending a lot of their lessons outside in the different provision areas.

We saw some amazing work, excellent teamwork and children supporting each other to complete tasks. Da iawn pawb.



This week's Golden children are:

Riley, Hugo, Cai, Caiser, Eddie, Aurora, Betty-Rose and Amelia.

Da iawn pawb!

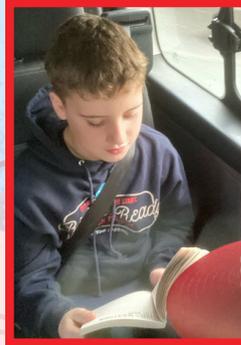
Attendance

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 - 93.9%
Investigators - 97.7%
Innovators - 96%

CAUGHT IN THE ACT!
This week we have three reading superstars to celebrate!

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



Affirmation of the Week

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

"LAUGHTER IS CONTAGIOUS"

Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week in Playgroup we have had a bonfire and firework theme. We started by painting our hands to make a bonfire picture on black paper. We made edible sparklers which we enjoyed at snack time. We have enjoyed taking part in the outdoor dance challenge to make up a firework dance, we had firework music and added some colourful streamers to help us when we tried it for a second time. We completed some pencil control firework sheets that we have put on display in our "Art Gallery" and will be making bonfire biscuits and having a campfire sing song today. What a great week we have had. Well done everyone.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we have enjoyed lots of creative activities relating to bonfire night. We spent some time outside making our own chalk fireworks and we used the construction area to create our own bonfire display. Everyone has had fun playing with the role play toys, the board games, the colouring and drawing on the board. Yesterday we took it in turns to melt some chocolate and make our own edible sparklers with bread sticks and sprinkles.

Just a reminder that we ask for fees to be paid upfront for after school club, if these are not paid by a Monday morning unfortunately your child will be unable to attend after school club.



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.

This week we have our Vice Chair of Governors, Greg Parry.

"Hello, I'm Greg. I'm proud to serve as Vice-Chair of Governors at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog. My professional background is in leadership development and performance psychology. I work with the NHS and universities on high performing teams, change management, strategy implementation, and capability building, and I am a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Alongside this work, I am a non-executive director of a company, and I run a management consultancy, supporting organisations to lead well and deliver sustainable improvement.

I am passionate about helping children thrive and about creating a safe, inclusive, and ambitious environment where every pupil develops confidence, character, and a love of learning.

I look forward to continuing to support our school, staff, and pupils in the year ahead."



Discoverers

The Discoverers have had a lovely first week back in school after half term. We have made some changes to our timetable which means that the children now have daily access to our outdoor area. The children are enjoying working together on challenges using problem solving and communication skills whilst developing their independence. This week the children have been learning about our bodies, they have been labelling parts of the body and learning body parts in Welsh too. Our children have been very excited this week to share their experiences of different firework displays. We learnt about the Gunpowder plot and children completed various activities linked to this. Our Nursery children created their own firework displays, whilst our older children recorded how to keep safe on Bonfire night. On Thursday all of the Discoverers spent a large proportion of their day outdoors to celebrate Outdoor Classroom day. We hunted for bugs, sorted leaves and built obstacle courses. All of the children had lots of fun and had some great ideas. Next week we will be learning about how to keep our bodies healthy, this will include tasting different fruits. On Monday we will be talking about Anti-bullying and look forward seeing all of the children's odd socks! Have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

It has been a busy week after the half term holiday! The children have been busy with their topic work and have enjoyed the new outdoor learning sessions which have been taking place in the afternoons.

In maths this week, the children have been learning about the greater than and less than symbols and have compared numbers to each other. They have shown a very good understanding of the work. With Mr Viggers, they used their senses in a Science lesson on Tuesday to explore the school playground and find objects that made them use some of their senses.

As it has been bonfire night this week, the children designed their very own firework chalk painting and enjoyed learning about different vocabulary associated with fireworks in our Outdoor Classroom Day lesson yesterday. In the afternoon, they looked at some examples of work from the artist Andy Goldsworthy and then went outside onto the school field to design their very own piece of art work using a variety of natural materials.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. The children will be taking part in lots of activities to raise awareness of this. They will need to come to school on Monday in a pair of Odd Socks for Odd Socks Day!

Enjoy your weekend.



Innovators

This week in the Innovators class, we have enjoyed a variety of exciting learning experiences. On Monday, we took part in independent outdoor activities linked to Bonfire Night and explored the story behind the celebration through our morning challenges. In our topic lessons, we began learning about the brain, discovering its different parts and what each one does. On Thursday, we celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day by taking our maths and literacy lessons outside. In maths, we became human clocks to consolidate our knowledge of time, and in literacy, we designed biography timelines in the playground. To round off the week on Friday, we took part in a drama session inspired by the book My Brain is a Home, where we became the different characters that live inside our minds and role-played how each might react in different situations. It has been a week full of curiosity, creativity, and teamwork. Next week, we look forward to deepening our understanding of the brain and perhaps even beginning to think about our Christmas concert (can you believe it?!).



CHRISTMAS AT YSGOL CEFN MEIRIADOG

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - OWN CLOTHES DAY IN
EXCHANGE FOR BOTTLE ITEMS FOR THE FAIR

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - OWN CLOTHES DAY IN
EXCHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR THE FAIR

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAIR (3.00 - 4.30)

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER - INVESTIGATORS & INNOVATORS
CONCERT @ 1.30PM IN SINAN CHURCH

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER - INVESTIGATORS & INNOVATORS
CONCERTS @ 9.30AM AND 1.30PM IN SINAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER - DISCOVERERS CONCERTS @
9.30AM AND 2.00PM

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DINNER

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
(DONATIONS TO ST KENTIGERNS)

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER - ELFRIDGES

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY (PARTY
FOOD FOR LUNCH)

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER - FULL TIME PUPILS TO
PANTOMIME

On Sunday our Head and Deputy Head pupils will be accompanying Mrs Martin to the Service of Remembrance at St Asaph cathedral. They will lay a poppy wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of our whole school community.

Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"DIWRNOD COFIO" -
"REMEMBRANCE DAY"

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 "REMEMBRANCE DAY"
Please ask your child to show you the sign.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 10th November - Odd Socks day
- Tuesday 11th November - Year 5/ 6 Netball Competition
- Tuesday 11th November - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 12th November - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators
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- Friday 14th November - Children in Need
- Wednesday 19th November - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators
- Thursday 20th November - own clothes day in exchange for bottles for the Christmas Fair
- Friday 21st November - INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)
- Wednesday 26th November - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators
- Friday 28th November - own clothes day in exchange for Christmas items for the Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 2nd December - Christmas Fair, 3.00 - 4.30