

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026
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Happy New Year! Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

Welcome back to you all, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed spending quality time with your families. It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back to school this week, they have settled into this term's topic really well and enthusiasm and excitement levels are high! This term our topic is entitled 'The future is digital', each class has linked with a school in a different country and they will spend the term finding out about that school, the culture and the country whilst also preparing digital work to share with their new friends about life in Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog. It promises to be a great term and we look forward to sharing the children's work with you.

Hopefully we have seen the last of the bad weather now but, should anything change, you will be notified via Seesaw as soon as possible. Please also check the Denbighshire website for up to date information on school closures.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

A reminder that a tie is part of our school uniform and children are expected to wear one every day. We have a large number of children who regularly come to school without a tie. We have a stock of ties in school should you wish to purchase one, please contact Miss Anna. I'd appreciate your cooperation with ensuring your children are dressed in the correct uniform for school.

The children have wrapped up warm to complete some of this week's outdoor learning challenges. Some have been based on the theme of winter whilst others are linked to a story. As always there has been some excellent teamwork and problem solving on display and some great work produced.

A reminder that children go out daily so need to be dressed appropriately with coats, hats, scarves and gloves.



This week's Golden children are:

Georgia, Freya, Esme,
Federico, Talia, Evan,
Harry & Ted.

Da iawn pawb!

Attendance

The Investigators and Innovators have started the term strongly with both classes having excellent attendance this week. Unfortunately the same can't be said for the Discoverers, fingers crossed for an improvement next week.

Punctuality is much improved this week too, thank you for your cooperation with this.

Discoverers - 84%
Investigators - 98.5%
Innovators - 95%

This week we introduced our value for this half term 'Kindness'. In assembly on Tuesday we watched a video called the kindness boomerang and talked about the importance of being kind to everyone and how kindness is rewarded with kindness. We have a new certificate in Friday assemblies for the Kindness Champions, awarded to children by our Head Girls to anyone showing kindness to others. We ended assembly this week agreeing that we are looking for three things moving forwards; KIND HANDS, KIND HEARTS and KIND WORDS. We have extremely kind children in Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog and have no doubt this will be an easy task for many.

We have been fortunate to receive a grant from the Thomas Howells Foundation to purchase a new reading scheme for school. This has now arrived and we have hundreds of lovely new, modern books for the children to read. This has meant that we have an abundance of obsolete books ranging from Level 0 to 11, free to anyone who can make use of them. They will be out on the yard at the end of the day today and again on Monday before going in the bin so please do help yourselves to as many as you'd like.

On Tuesday the Investigators enjoyed an expressive arts session with Fran who visited us from the Denbighshire Music Cooperative. The children enjoyed a singing session with her and developed their understanding of rhythm and pitch. They also experimented with a bit of beat boxing!



Teacher led after school clubs will begin next week on the following days:

Reading Club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with Miss Cole every Thursday until 4pm
Games Club for Years 3 - 6 with Mr Roberts every Monday until 4pm

No need to book a place but please ensure your child knows they are attending.

Meet the Governors

This week we are introducing of our Community Governors, Mike Lovegrove:

"I am a local Community Councillor for Cefn Meiriadog and was nominated by the Council to be their representative for Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog. Previously I had been a School Governor at St Winefride's Primary school in St Asaph, where our five children attended, for a number of years until it closed and was replaced by a housing estate.
Ironic.

So I have experience with the needs of small local Primary Schools, dealing with tight budget constraints, staff changes/recruitment and the education needs of young children.

Our eldest (now 47) started nursery school in Dodoma, Tanzania, when we were working out there in the early '80s. So we have long had an interest in early years education and also my wife Sue, spent more than 30 years in FE and Sixth form (yrs 12/13) education. Our grandchildren are all now in Primary and Secondary schools in the UK and Australia."



Discoverers

Welcome back to the Spring term! It has been so lovely to welcome everybody back into class after a lovely Christmas break. This term our new topic is 'The Future is Digital' and we have been very lucky to be linked with a school in Bangladesh. The children will be developing their ICT skills to share information about our school whilst finding out information about our partner school. The children have started the topic by using the internet with support to find out information about the country to complete a fact file. They have been very interested and are keen to learn more. We have set up an exploration area, where the children have access to the world map, and atlases to help them to find Bangladesh on the map. Our Nursery children have started to create the flag of Bangladesh which will be displayed in class. The older children have begun to use the chrome books this week and have been learning how to login to their individual Hwb accounts and were delighted when they could send each other emails! Some children are now logging on independently, which is great progress. The children have decided that they would like to create a video which will be sent to our partner school, explaining what a school day looks like for us at Cefn Meiriadog, this will also be shared with you at the end of the topic. In other areas of learning the children have worked so hard this week, which has been amazing! Our Nursery children have learnt a new sound 'n' and Reception children have been working on 'th' and 'z' as well as writing a recount of their holiday news. Year1 have been comparing numbers this week and have now started working on coin recognition, whilst Reception have been ordering days of the week and sequencing their day. Next week we will continue to find more information out about Bangladesh and begin to look at any similarities and differences to Wales. I hope you have a lovely weekend and stay safe in the storm!



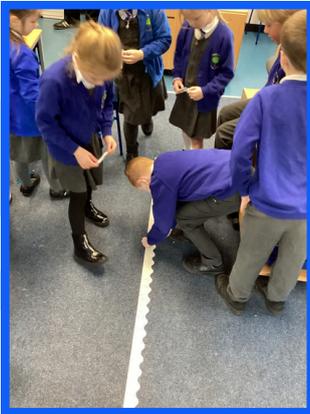
Investigators

It has been a lovely first week back for the children after the Christmas holiday. They have all settled back in the classroom and have started their new topic for this Spring term which is called 'The Future is Digital'.

In this topic, the children will be finding out about the local area of Cefn Meiriadog and will be developing their ICT skills to share their work and information with you. They will also be finding out about what life is like in Greece as we have made contact with a primary school on the island of Crete. The hope is that the children will be able to email the children from this school so that they can share information about both countries with one another. Watch this space!

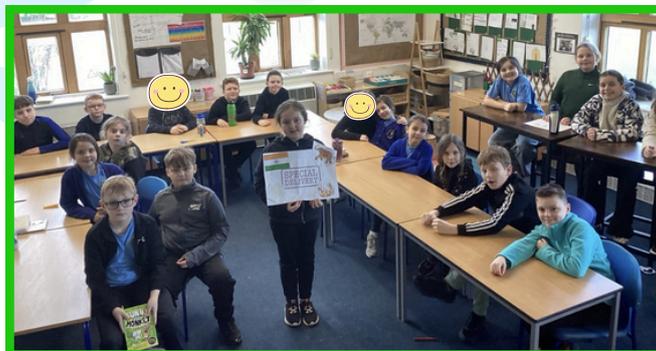
In our first topic lesson on Wednesday, the children used their map skills to locate Greece on a World map and then used an atlas to help them label various Greek islands and the surrounding countries. On Tuesday, we were all treated to a singing lesson with Fran from the Denbighshire Music Cooperative. The children learnt about rhythm and pitch and experimented with a little bit of beat boxing! It was a lot of fun. In our Language lessons this week, the children have written a short diary to recap their Christmas holiday and looked at punctuation marks as they will be using a range of them in their writing tasks this term.

Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

Dosbarth Innovators have had a great first week back, settling quickly into learning routines. In language, we have begun exploring our new class text Cinnamon, analysing the front cover, making predictions, and identifying how the author uses the senses to help us imagine the story - all in preparation for writing our own sensory poems over the coming weeks. In maths, we launched our new fractions unit using practical, hands-on activities to build strong understanding. Most excitingly, we were introduced to our new topic for the term, The Future is Digital and discovered that we will be partnering with a primary school in New Delhi, India. The children will be creating a digital video to teach their new pen pals about Wales, our culture, and traditions, while also learning about life in India. This week, we shared questions we would like to explore about India and began locating it on a world map and learning about its physical geography. We are looking forward to another week of learning ahead! Happy Friday!



Affirmation of the Week

This week's affirmation of the week, as chosen by our Head Girls, is:

"ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST, EVEN IF IT IS SECOND BEST"

Clwb Cefn Playgroup

We have had a lovely first week back at Playgroup. We have taken part in the small world outdoor challenge to build shelters for the animals that we found there. The children enjoyed using their imaginations and construction skills for this challenge and made sure that their animals would be warm and dry by adding a roof and a door and even some steps. We have started to read the book "Jack Frost" ready for our new topic of winter next week. We have enjoyed playing in the different areas of the room including the kitchen and construction areas. We have been identifying our own names and also tried copying our names on the white boards. Well done everyone.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

We've had a lovely first week back after the Christmas break, everyone has enjoyed telling us how they spent their time. This week we've enjoyed making our own holiday news poster, we've made a snowflake sun catcher with lots of winter colours, these will look lovely on our walls. Everyone has also enjoyed playing with the dolls, barbie's, the building magnets and the role play toys. Yesterday the children decided to set their own school up, we had lots of different lessons going on, all the children seemed to enjoy this.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"BETH SY'N BOD?" -
"WHATS THE MATTER?"

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 "WHATS THE MATTER?"
Please ask your child to show you the sign.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 14TH January - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators
Thursday 15th January - World Religion Day (Whole school enrichment day)
Wednesday 21st January - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators
Wednesday 28th January - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators
Wednesday 4th February - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators
Thursday 5th February - Innovators athletics competition in Myddleton College
Wednesday 11th February - Swimming for Investigators and Innovators
Thursday 12th February - Kindness day (Whole school enrichment day)
Friday 13th February - Break up for half term
Monday 23rd February - PC Manus to the Discoverers
Friday 27th February - INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd March - Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 6th March - Cluster Eisteddfod in Denbigh High School
Monday 9th March - Expressive Arts Week
Friday 20th March - Wear red for Comic Relief
Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter
Monday 13th April - School opens for pupils