

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026
Dydd GWener 23ain Ionawr 2026

This weekend marks the half way point of this half term already, 2026 is flying by! Work on the new cabin is progressing well, the children are all heavily invested in the progress, it is an exciting time for us. Delivery of the cabin is due in the next couple of weeks which we are looking forward to, thank you again for your cooperation with the disruption whilst this work takes place.

As we continue to work on our target of developing reading for pleasure amongst our learners, classes are looking to update their reading areas. If you have any comics, children's magazines or annuals that you no longer require please send them our way.

Thank you to those who ensure their children are in the correct uniform each day, your cooperation is appreciated. A reminder that ties are a statutory part of our uniform and children are expected to wear them every day. We have now had a delivery of ties so if you require one please let Miss Anna know.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

This week the children have been able to create their own challenges in some of the areas outdoors. This has resulted in some excellent work from all classes.

It is pleasing to see children choosing to work in areas they don't always choose and to see children working with lots of their peers to complete their chosen tasks.

Da iawn pawb, a lovely week of learning.



This week's Golden children are:

Grace, Mara, Esme, Hugo,
Riley, Talia, Isla, Harri,
Violet, Holly and Gareth.
Da iawn pawb!

Attendance

It has been a great week for attendance this week in the Discoverers and Innovators, da iawn pawb! Unfortunately the Investigators have recorded a number of illnesses this week, fingers crossed everybody is better next week.

Discoverers - 95.3%
 Investigators - 88.9%
 Innovators - 99%

Our attendance and punctuality information was shared on Seesaw this week, if you have any questions about this please get in touch.

The impact of regular absence:

Half a day off in a week = 90% attendance
 1 day off in a week = 80% attendance
 One and a half days off in a week = 70% attendance
 2 days off in a week = 60% attendance

Many people believe that 90% attendance is very good. However, over a whole school year, a pupil with 90% attendance would miss four weeks of lessons.

Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen

Today we celebrated Santes Dwynwen, Wales' Patron Saint of Love. Celebrated on January 25th, it's a cherished Welsh tradition for expressing love, often involving cards, gifts, and special meals. Dwynwen's story emphasizes themes of selfless love, compassion, and finding happiness through devotion to others, making her a beloved figure in Welsh culture. Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen hapus!



If you'd like to book a space for February half term holiday club please email cefnclwb@gmail.com or send a message on seesaw.

Hot dinners are £2.50 each, please let Miss Cherina know when booking if you'd like the hot dinner option.

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB				
Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	
Bake our own bread and butter	Junk modelling	Make our own fortune cookies	Lego building challenge	CLOSED
Board games		Chinese new year craft		
Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	
Just dance Film and popcorn	Make our own pancakes	Bake Chinese cookies	Oblec, kinetic sand and playdough	CLOSED

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB				
Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	
Morning Snack	Morning Snack	Morning Snack	Morning Snaco	
Fruit and Yogurt	Fruit and Yogurt	Fruit and Yogurt	Fruit and Yogurt	
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Tomato Pasta with cheese	Sausage Casserole	Chinese New Year Food	Chicken Fajitas	
Rice Crispy Treat	Doughnut	Chinese Dessert	School Cake	
Afternoon Snack	Afternoon Snack	Afternoon Snack	Afternoon Snack	
Ham or cheese sandwich	Pancakes	Toast and Toppings	Crackers and Cheese	

Discoverers

Another lovely week has flown by! This week the Discoverers received an email back with answers to their questions from our link school in Bangladesh. We have also received some more photos which we will be looking at next week. The children are enjoying finding out about Bangladesh and what a school day looks like for the children there. We have had a very creative week both indoors and out. The children have been busy in their outdoor learning sessions in the role play area, demonstrating some lovely imaginative play. Whilst inside we have been looking at Bangladeshi artwork and creating our own versions, some of these will be displayed in our class. The older children have been working on circuits during our PE lesson. All of the children participated so well and listened carefully to the instructions. Our focus this week in Welsh has been 'Pa liw?' The children have been practising the colours in Welsh and have worked really hard to learn the BSL signs for the colours. I have shared a video of the signs on Seesaw so you can practise these at home too. Our Nursery children have been experimenting using the iPads to take photos of each other as part of our digital topic work. They have also been counting sets whilst practising their Welsh colours, da iawn! Our older children have been busy working on measure and numbers to 100. I have been very impressed with Year 1 children this week, we have started to work on a story 'Cinnamon' they have made predictions about the story, looked at emotions within the story and even been spotting adjectives in the story. We will be continuing to work on this story next week. The older Discoverers have started to learn a Welsh song and poem for our Eisteddfod, they are doing a super job so far. Today the children have been celebrating Santes Dwynwen, finding out the story of Dwynwen and completing activities linked to the Welsh patron saint of love. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

The children have had a lovely week and have been enjoying learning about the country of Greece as part of their topic work. In their topic lessons, the children have been following an art tutorial online to sketch the Greek temple called the Parthenon. Some children have had the opportunity to make the temple in the construction area out of different materials and all the children have been learning about the differences between a Greek house and their own house in Wales!

In maths lessons this week, the children enjoyed an outdoor session on Monday, investigating 2D shapes in the school environment. They took photos of different 2D shapes and then imported their photos onto an app called PicCollage and then into their Seesaw journals.

In their language lessons this week, the children have been looking at the features of an informal letter as they will be writing to a child in the school in Crete that we have partnered up with. The children have been developing their understanding of vocabulary and have written their very own sentences.

We are developing our reading area within the classroom and are on the hunt for some new reading materials. If anyone has any old comics, books, annuals etc...at home that you no longer need, we would really appreciate them in our class. Thank you! Have a lovely weekend.



Innovators

Dosbarth Innovators have had another exciting and thoughtful week. On Monday, we continued developing our BSL storytelling skills by working in partners. Tuesday was a highlight as we connected with our pen pals in India for the first time, watching a video showing how they celebrate Diwali, which linked perfectly with our recent learning. We also sent an introductory email and are eagerly awaiting their reply. On Wednesday, the children continued working in groups on their shadow puppet Diwali videos, which are shaping up brilliantly. In language lessons, we have been crafting sensory poems inspired by our class book Cinnamon, and they are looking gorgeous - we can't wait to share them with you. On Thursday, our topic work focused on comparing a day in the life of a sponsored child in India with our own lives, leading to some eye-opening discussions about climate, food, clothing, access to clean water, and pets. We finished the week by celebrating Santes Dwynwen Day on Friday, designing digital cards using Adobe. Have a lovely weekend.



Affirmation of the Week

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

**"HOW MUCH GOOD INSIDE A DAY DEPENDS HOW GOOD YOU LIVE THEM!
HOW MUCH LOVE INSIDE A FRIEND DEPENDS HOW MUCH YOU GIVE THEM!"**

Clwb Cefn Playgroup

We have had a busy week in playgroup! We have been challenged to become builders and to use the construction area and "tools" to create our own "playgroup". The children have also liked watching the builders from our window and are excited to see all the equipment and large vehicles arriving. Continuing on the construction theme we used the blankets and large pegs to build dens under the tuff tray and tables, we put cushions inside and some of the children played musical instruments in the dens. We went outside at playtime and drew our own "playgroup" with the chalks. Well done everyone.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club we've been trying out our new routine of reading a book quietly before snack, they children seem to be enjoying this. We've also had lots of new games and puzzles this week, everyone has had a chance to try them out and have all had lots of fun learning the new rules and working together to play the games. The children have had fun designing their own santes dwynwen day cards and pictures, they used the paint pens and water colours to create these.

February half term timetable has now been added to seesaw if you'd like to book a space please email cefncw@gmail.com or message Miss Cherina on seesaw.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"FAINT O'R GLOCH YDY HI?"
"WHAT TIME IS IT?"

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 TIME IS IT?" Please ask your child to show you the sign.

Dates for your diary:

- 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
- Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day
- 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 - School reopens
- 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
- Tuesday 10th March - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 11th March - Parents Evening
- Friday 20th March - Wear red for Comic Relief
- Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter
- Monday 13th April - School opens for pupils