

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter



Friday 13th February 2026
Dydd GWener 13eg Chwefror 2026

What a busy half term we have had! The children (and staff!) are all ready for a rest, thank you as always for your support this half term. We have plenty planned after half term so please keep an eye on Seesaw and the calendar for up to date information.

We celebrated Dydd Miwsig Cymru in assembly this morning, a day to celebrate all genres of Welsh music. We listened to music from different Welsh bands and discussed the importance of talking about, and listening to, Welsh music. The children have been tasked with finding some more Welsh artists and having a listen to their music.

This week Mrs Pitt-Lacey visited all classes to deliver our new Cymraeg Cyflym sessions. This week she focussed on the Welsh alphabet and taught the children actions to help them remember, she also introduced some fun games. Mrs Pitt-Lacey is in every Wednesday next half term and will continue to visit classes and deliver these fun sessions.

If your children are coming to Holiday Club next week please can I ask you to continue to be mindful of the work taking place outside, work will be continuing so please park thoughtfully and be aware of the extra traffic.

A reminder that school reopens on Monday 23rd February, we look forward to seeing the children then. Wishing you all a lovely half term.

Menu change

The first week back there won't be a roast dinner on Thursday, instead it will be beef grill, chips and beans.

Forest School sessions

After half term all classes will be having Forest School sessions in the local woodlands. Sessions will be on the following days:

Innovators - Every other Monday starting on 23rd Feb, alternative weeks will be outdoor learning in school

Investigators - every Wednesday

Discoverers - every Friday

Children will need to come to school in old clothing, they need trousers and long sleeved tops. Please ensure they have wellies/ old trainers in school too as the ground is likely to be wet. Spare socks are also recommended.



This week's Golden children are:

Oliver, Travis, Jaxson, Ted, Cai, Hugo, Jane, Primrose and Amelia.
Da iawn pawb!

Attendance

Punctuality is much improved this week, thank you for your support with this. It has been an excellent week for the Innovators this week, a huge well done to them! The Investigators have been hit by a nasty stomach bug this week, we hope everyone gets better soon.

Discoverers - 91.6%
Investigators - 79.5%
Innovators - 98.9%

Caught in the Act

Please do keep sending in your photos of your children choosing to read, we love to see them! This week we have received the following:



A reading questionnaire was sent out via Seesaw this week, please can we ask you to take a minute to complete it. This will help us understand what we can do to further support you, as parents, as well as understand your child's attitude to reading.
Diolch.

PE

Now swimming has finished for the Investigators and Innovators please see below their PE days, please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days:

Innovators - Tuesday
Investigators - Friday

After school clubs

Next half term, starting Monday 23rd February we will be offering the following after school clubs:

Arts and crafts with Mrs Evans for Reception, Year 1 and 2
Gardening Club with Mrs Martin for Years 3-6

Both clubs will run every Monday next half term, finishing at 4pm.

KINDNESS DAY

This half term our value has been kindness and all children have worked really hard to show they have kind hands, kind words and kind hearts. We are really lucky in Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog to have incredibly kind, thoughtful children who demonstrate kindness every day.

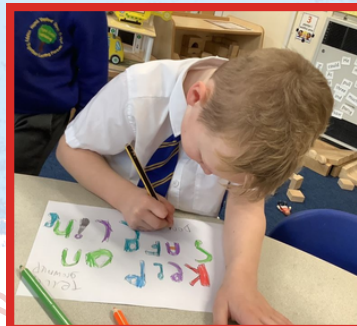
Yesterday we had a kindness day with all classes completing different activities linked to the theme. The Discoverers made and decorated cakes before delivering them to our neighbours, the Investigators made friendship bracelets and kindness flowers for their families. The Innovators were given a 'secret kindness mission' this morning, they also wrote compliments for each other and used the book 'Footpath Flowers' to design their own kindness stories.

What a lovely day.



Discoverers

I cannot believe that we are at the end of the first Spring half term! This week we have been learning about how to keep safe online. All of the Discoverers listened to a story and talked about the importance of telling a grown-up if they come across something they are unsure about. The children were very sensible when talking about 'stranger danger.' Our older children made some lovely colourful posters which shared very important messages. All of the children have helped to make cakes this week, which we then delivered to the local community as an act of kindness. This half term we have been focusing on our school value, kindness. The children designed labels for the cakes and each label had a kindness quote included. This week we welcomed Mrs Pitt-Lacey into our class to work on the Welsh alphabet with the children. She taught them lots of actions to help them remember the sounds and played games. We are already looking forward to the next session! After half term we will be learning about Chinese New Year, with lots of lovely activities planned. I hope you all have a lovely half term, let's hope the rain stops!



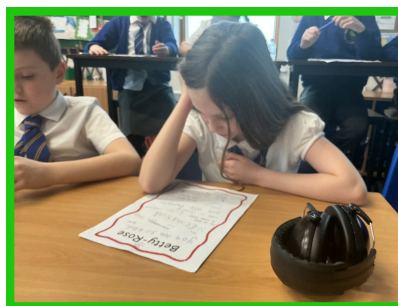
Investigators

The children have had a very busy last week before the half term holiday. They have continued to find out about Greece and have had their letters sent off to the school in Crete that we have partnered up with. In mathematics this week, the children had a standalone lesson on Monday to recap how to use a written method to solve subtraction sums. They all showed an excellent understanding of how to use a written method. In their Abacus maths lessons, the children have started their second workbook and have been learning about Place Value. Everyone enjoyed their last swimming and PE lesson at Denbigh Leisure Centre on Wednesday. They had some free fun time in the pool and in their PE lesson took part in some circuit training activities. Yesterday afternoon, the whole school took part in a 'Kindness' afternoon. In our class, the children made a kindness flower and a friendship bracelet. They ended the afternoon by taking part in a compliments game. Enjoy your half term holiday!



Innovators

Dosbarth Innovators have had a fantastic and meaningful week to round off the half term. On Monday, we enjoyed outdoor learning and continued practising our group poem for the Eisteddfod. In maths, we moved on to drawing different angles, building on our recent work. In language, the children have been working hard on their hot task - writing a non-chronological report about India - and they have produced some truly excellent pieces of work. On Wednesday, Mrs Pitt-Lacey visited to share some of the Welsh work she has been completing during her sabbatical. We explored the Welsh alphabet together and practised decoding Welsh words. We also replied to our pen pals and shared a poster we created featuring basic Welsh words and phrases. Thursday was our whole-school kindness celebration, where each Innovator was given a secret kindness mission for the day. In the afternoon, we completed compliment frames for one another, and it was wonderful to see the children's reactions when reading the kind words written about them. We also explored the wordless book Footpath Flowers, discussing its moral about noticing the good in everyday life and spreading kindness, before creating our own wordless stories based on the same theme. On Friday, we celebrated Dydd Miwsig Cymraeg by exploring Welsh artists and discussing the importance of Welsh music. Have a wonderful half term.



Affirmation of the Week

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

"CREATIVITY IS INTELLIGENCE HAVING FUN"

Clwb Cefn Playgroup

This week in playgroup we have still been interested in the builders outside our window. We were a bit concerned that the builders were climbing on the roof! As the roof is triangular in shape we have become interested in all sorts of shapes in our environment. We took large card shapes outside for reference and then looked around the playground to see what shapes we could see. We found lots of squares, circles and rectangles, though not so many triangles but we also found a hexagon and an octagon. We have introduced a new cutting station which some children have already tried out. This helps with hand eye coordination and fine motor skills. We made frozen yogurt for snacks yesterday which went down very well and also sampled the jelly we made last week during our science experiments, well done everyone.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club the children have enjoyed using the construction toys to create their own buildings, they used the magnets, wooden blocks and Lego. They've also enjoyed some time outside with the chalk, hula hoops and beanbags. On Wednesday they chose to play games together on the chromebooks. We finished the week off with some new wooden board games, everyone really enjoyed this.

We're looking forward to holiday club next week, we have lots of exciting activities planned.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"DYDD SAN FFOLANT HAPUS"
"HAPPY VALENTINES 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 "HAPPY VALENTINES DAY"
Please ask your child to show you the sign.

Dates for your diary:

- 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
- Monday 2nd March - Innovators to Denbigh for Saint David's Day parade
- Tuesday 3rd March - Full Governing Body meeting
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- 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
- Tuesday 24th March - Innovators to Ysgol Trefnant for football competition
- Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter
- Monday 13th April - School opens for pupils