

# Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

## Friday Newsletter



Friday 13th March 2026  
Dydd Gwener 13eg Mawrth 2026

Another week has flown by meaning we are one step closer to some nicer weather! This week it has been Expressive Arts week in school with classes taking part in different lessons linked to one of the 5 disciplines of Expressive Arts; Dance, Music, Drama, Art, Film and Digital Media. It has been lovely to see the work the children have produced through this area of learning, linked to their topics. Next week this term's topic 'The Future is Digital' will come to an end and classes will share their learning with you. A huge thank you to Julie, Alex's Mum, who made some lovely easter wreaths for us to help raise money for the Wales Air Ambulance, thank you to those who bought one and supported the cause too. The next two weeks promise to be really busy so please keep an eye on Seesaw and the website calendar to ensure you are up to date. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



**Cluster Eisteddfod**  
This morning we welcome Ella from New Directions to our celebration assembly. New Directions sponsored the Cluster Eisteddfod last week, without them the event wouldn't go ahead. This morning Ella presented every learner who attended, with a certificate, she also gave our singing group their certificates for winning their competition. Da iawn pawb!

### Forest School sessions

All classes have enjoyed a session in the forest this week, the Innovators used the saws and knives to create bows and arrows, they also used the clay to make faces on the trees.

The Investigators went on a lovely woodland walk to explore the full area, they had a nature scavenger hunt to complete on the way around, they also identified some of the different plants growing there. The Discoverers made seed bombs and scattered them around the woods, they also went for an explore and found lots of dens to play in.



This week's Golden children are:

Travis, Riley and Esme.  
Da iawn pawb!

## Attendance

We have recorded 9 lates this week, a reminder that we record minutes late for children arriving after 9am, please can we ask you to ensure children are here on time and ready to start their lessons for 9am.

Discoverers - 93.1%  
Investigators - 96.3%  
Innovators - 95.2%

## 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:



Children are invited to share book recommendations in our Friday assembly, we were inundated this morning! Please do encourage your children to bring in their books to share with their friends, the enthusiasm for reading across the school is high and we want that to continue.

A reminder that next Friday we are raising money for Comic relief, children are invited to come to school wearing something red for a donation.

A reminder to please respect the school's rules around seesaw and the use of the messaging function. Staff should not be receiving messages regarding incidents in school, questions about children or anything else that should be dealt with via e mail, phone call or meeting. Please use the methods above to contact staff should you wish to discuss anything.

## READING

Thank you to those who completed our reading questionnaire, we have analysed the results and are pleased with the feedback. We will be recording a couple of videos next week to show how to teach early reading as well as how to support learners who are on their reading journey. These will be shared with the relevant classes. If you have any questions about supporting your child with reading then please speak to their class teacher.

## FOOD and FUN

This year we are again running our very popular, free Food and Fun holiday programme. A link to register your child has been sent out on Seesaw, if you would like a place please complete this as soon as possible, we will be opening the programme up to those who don't attend our school from next week.

Thank you to all who brought in an Easter Egg this week, raffle tickets are now on sale with winners being drawn on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are £1 a strip, please send money in a labelled envelope if you would like to buy some.

## Discoverers

This week the Discoverers have been expressing themselves through the medium of dance. We have been watching different dances from Bangladesh and listening to the music. The children were keen to get started and put together their own routines using the moves that they had learnt. We had a lovely visit from Maisie the dog on Monday, the children all enjoyed getting to spend time with Maisie and chatted away to her. All of the Discoverers have been busy making something special for Sunday, they have been using their digital skills for this task- we hope you like them! Reception and Year 1 children have worked particularly hard on their maths this week. Reception have been working on subtraction and Year 1 have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They have been using the BBC Super movers videos to help them with this. Next week we will be putting our video together- the children have been busy taking different images for this and we will record some voice overs. I hope you all have a good weekend.



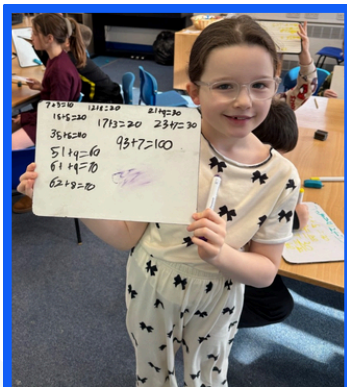
## Investigators

The children have been busy with their topic work this week by learning more about the local area. On Monday afternoon, we all went on a short walk around the village and took lots of photographs of the buildings such as Capel Cefn, Sinan Church, Mr and Mrs Jones' farm and an Elizabethan building called Plas Newydd that was built in 1583! Following this, the children will be using these photos to create a presentation that they will be sending to the school in Crete to show what our school and surrounding area is like.

In our LLC lessons this week, we have finished reading the story 'A Home for Spark the Dragon'. The children have completed their emotion graph and have retold the story using it.

Everyone enjoyed their forest schools session on Wednesday where we went on a scavenger nature hunt. In mathematics this week, the children have been looking at ways to add numbers together to make multiples of 10. We have played lots of games on mini whiteboards such as Bingo!

Have a lovely weekend!



## Innovators

Dosbarth Innovators have had another busy and engaging week. On Monday, we explored International Women's Day, creating presentations about why it is celebrated and learning about important women throughout history who have fought for equality and rights. In the afternoon, we enjoyed time in the forest, whittling, taking part in team-building games, creating clay faces on trees, and exploring the woodland. On Tuesday, we continued our International Women's Day learning by analysing illustrations by Amanda Allen Niday, using our inference skills to uncover the messages behind the images. In maths, we strengthened our place value understanding by creating human number lines and physically jumping forwards and backwards along them. We also continued developing our netball skills in PE. On Wednesday and Thursday, we celebrated Expressive Arts Week by exploring traditional Welsh tales, creating freeze frames to represent key moments in the stories, and then turning these into digital comic strips. The children developed their digital skills by removing and replacing backgrounds, adding elements to enhance the story, and including titles and captions. On Friday, we began a new language focus by exploring the key features of diary entries, looking at examples of famous diaries, and identifying what makes them effective. It has certainly been a busy week - have a lovely weekend.



## Affirmation of the Week

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

**"MISTAKES HELP US GROW"**

### Clwb Cefn Playgroup

In playgroup this week we enjoyed a few nice days playing outside in the mud kitchen area and the tunnel. We made blossom to put on the display board tree which is looking good. We have replanted some daffodils and picked some sunflower seeds out of the "Spring under wraps" luck dip which we have now planted. We are watering them and waiting for them to sprout before we take them home. We are continuing to enjoy a new Spring story every day and have learned a few new words including "migration" and "Spring Equinox" Well done everyone.



### Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in after school club, the children have enjoyed using the construction toys to build lots of different buildings, they worked together to decide on what they wanted to build. We have some time of the chrome books on Wednesday which everyone enjoys. They have also started to make some mother's day arts and crafts ready to bring home on Monday.

Just a reminder that after school club closes at 5:30pm, can you please make sure children are collected by this time.



### Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"GA I HELP OS GWELWCH YN DDA?"  
"CAN I HAVE HELP PLEASE?"

### 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 "CAN I HELP YOU?" Please ask your child to show you the sign.

### Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Kick It starts after school for 4 weeks
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Oliver Sykes (poet) visit for National Poetry Day
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Damian Harvey (Patron of Reading) visit
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Wear red for Comic Relief
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Innovators to Ysgol Bodfari for football competition
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Easter raffle to be drawn
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Own clothes day and cake sale for Wales Air Ambulance
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Film Friday
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Break up for Easter
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - School opens for pupils
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April - XPlore Science to Innovators
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Coffee Morning for St Kentigerns
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Innovators residential
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Break Up for half term