

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026
Dydd Gwener 17eg Ebrill 2026

Welcome back to the Summer term, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This term is always a favourite amongst the children, we have plenty to look forward to including trips, sports events and plenty of topic related fun. This term the whole school topic is 'Awe and Wonder', this is a Science and Technology focussed topic with classes exploring Space, the natural world and much more.

As always, this half term is already looking to be a busy one so please keep an eye on Seesaw for up to date messages and information. The school calendar is also kept up to date, you can subscribe to it via the following: <https://www.cefnmeiriadog.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=13&viewid=1>, this will ensure you have the most up to date information.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Over the Easter break some of our learners joined Mrs Evans and Mr Roberts at St Asaph cathedral for the Maundy Thursday event. The children met the King and Queen and had a lovely morning, one I hope they won't forget for a long time.

The children represented our school wonderfully, Mrs Evans and Mr Roberts were incredibly proud of them all.
Diolch pawb and da iawn!



The children have had new challenges in their outdoor areas this week and have enjoyed getting stuck into them. They are developing a range of skills during their outdoor learning sessions and all have progressed really well with these since September. This week children have enjoyed working together to build a bridge, minibeast hunts, creating dances and creating recipes in the mud kitchen.



This week's Golden children are:

Betty-Rose, Skyler-Rose, Oliver,
Livi, Federico and Eddie.
Da iawn pawb!

Attendance

Discoverers - 96.3%
 Investigators - 91.6%
 Innovators - 99.05%

After School Club

This half term we are offering the following after school clubs:
 Football with Mr Roberts on a Monday for Years 3-6
 Sports Club with Mrs Martin on a Tuesday for Reception - Year 2
 Clubs will run until 4pm and both will start next week (week beginning 20th April)



On Saturday Hannah and Kate (Mrs Williams' daughters) completed the Sheultra 50km Ultra Marathon to raise funds for the Wales Air Ambulance. They've asked me to thank you for your support and generosity in helping them raise nearly £5000 for the charity. Well done to them both!



On Thursday we are holding a Coffee Morning to raise money for our local hospice, St Kentigern. If you are free to join us for a brew and a cake please pop along, children will be able to join you for a drink of juice if you do attend. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation please send any money in a labelled envelope. Please spread the word; grandparents, neighbours, family members all welcome.

A reminder that our PE kit is a sky blue t shirt, black shorts/ trousers and trainers. Please can we ask that all children come to school dressed in the correct kit for PE, diolch.

Already this week we have had a number of uniform items go missing. Please can you ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name, this makes it so much easier to return items to the correct owner.

Work on our new Community Cabin is nearing completion, it is hoped that we will be able to begin using it by the middle of next month. Thank you all for your cooperation during the disruption, it has been greatly appreciated. The cabin is looking great and will be a real asset to our school. We are looking forward to sharing the finished build with you.

FOOD and FUN

Places are now very limited for this year's Food and Fun FREE Summer Holiday programme. The link to fill the form in can be found on Seesaw and Facebook, if you haven't completed it yet please do so as soon as possible.



SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Key Safeguarding Contact Numbers:

- Police (Immediate Danger): 999
- Non-Emergency Police: 101
- NSPCC Helpline: 0800 800 5000 (Mon-Fri 10am-4pm)
- Childline: 0800 1111 (24/7)
- Denbighshire Social Services: 01824 712200 (Daytime) / 0345 053 3116 (Out of hours)
- Live Fear Free Helpline (Domestic Abuse/Wales): 0800 8010 800

Discoverers

Welcome back to the Summer term! The Discoverers have had a really busy week starting our new topic 'Awe and Wonder.' All of the children are very engaged and have been very curious in their learning this week. We began our week by introducing our school value for this half term, independence. During the course of the half term the children will develop their understanding of this area and how we can use independence in our learning. On Tuesday, the children completed some shape work, where they used shaped to create pictures, found shapes in their environment and named the shapes they were using. On Wednesday, we had some new arrivals in our class in the shape of tadpoles! The children have been observing them very closely! We have had lots of discussions about being respectful to living creatures. I would like to thank Ettie's family for providing the tadpoles and the tank. The children have found out all about the lifecycle of a frog and we are waiting for the tadpoles to turn into froglets-fingers crossed! The Discoverers enjoyed a bug hunt, where they worked together to find as many different bugs as possible. There were some lovely examples of super vocabulary being used during this session, I was very impressed. The children have been introduced to the 5 senses in Welsh this week and have remembered actions and words to help them remember these. We will be building this next week, so that children can incorporate this language into their topic work. Next week, we will continue to work on what lives beneath our feet. We are awaiting an arrival of a new wormery, which will be exciting.



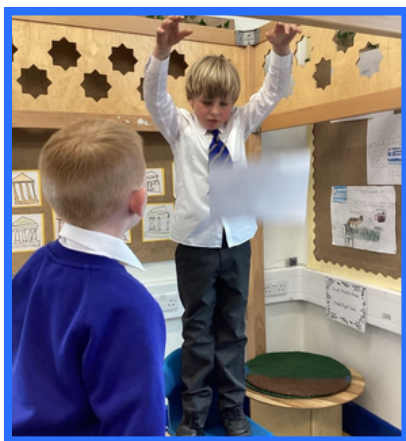
Investigators

It has been a great start back after the Easter holidays and the children have started their new topic called 'Awe and Wonder'. They have enjoyed starting to learn about manmade wonders of the World and have focused this week on The Leaning Tower of Pisa. In our topic lessons, the children have been using their DCF skills to create a poster or a presentation about the wonder on Adobe Express. Other children decided that they wanted to go into the construction area to make their very own leaning tower and everyone enjoyed taking part in an art tutorial online to draw the tower.

In other lessons, we have started a new class book called 'The Magic Hat Shop' by Sonja Wimmer. We have read the opening pages of the book and have started to write notes about some of the characters in the story. Please can the children bring in a hat/cap so that we can create a classroom display of them.

In mathematics this week, the children have been learning about rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and have been learning how to tell the time on an analogue clock. They have started to link digital time to a clock.

Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

The Innovators have had a super start to our Awe and Wonder topic this week. Our focus in the Innovators will be on space, and we are looking forward to finding out more about our place in the universe. We have had lots of interesting discussions so far and have also enjoyed beginning our class book, The Jamie Drake Equation. Our Welsh Learning is all about the senses, and we will be weaving this into our Awe and Wonder learning throughout the half term. The children enjoyed meeting Angela and Dasher, who came to help the children learn more about BSL and the children had lots of fun learning the BSL signs for their hobbies! On Friday we also had a brilliant Xplore Science session. We are looking forward to an exciting half term!



Affirmation of the Week

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

"YOU CAN DO ANYTHING WHEN YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT"

Clwb Cefn Playgroup

In playgroup this week we have enjoyed the outdoor area as often as the weather has allowed. We played on the trim trail practicing our balancing skills. We read the story "Follow my leader" which lead to multiple games of this at playtime with everyone taking a turn at being the leader. The children found some creepy crawlies on the playground, and have seen lots of buds and shoots appearing on the plants outside and so we have created our own bug hotel and flower garden with a potting shed in our role play area on the decking. Well done every one.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

This week in afterschool club the children have settled back into their routine after the Easter break, they have spent some time building with the construction toys, playing with the board games, the role play toys and the dolls. They have also enjoyed some time outside using the chalks to create their own spring pictures.

Can I please remind you that after school club fees need to be paid upfront, could all outstanding accounts be brought up to date as soon as possible. Can I also ask that if your child is booked into after school club and won't be attending that you let me know. Thank you

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 "SUMMER"
Please ask your child to show you the sign.



Cymraeg Campus - Criw Cymraeg

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

"SUMMER TERM"
"TYMOR HAF"

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 23rd April - Coffee Morning for St Kentigerns
Wednesday 29th April - Denbigh Music Cooperative to Investigators
Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th May - Years 3 - 6 athletics competition
Friday 8th May - XPlore Science to Innovators
Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th May - Innovators residential
Monday 18th May - Denbigh Music Cooperative to Investigators
Friday 22nd May - Break Up for half term
Thursday 11th June - Bikeability Year 6
Wednesday 17th June - Year 6 Leavers photo
Wednesday 17th June - Denbigh Music Cooperative to Investigators
Tuesday 23rd June - Innovators to Ysgol Trefnant for Small schools netball tournament
Wednesday 24th June - Sports day (Discoverers am, Investigators & Innovators pm)
Tuesday 30th June - Summer Fair (3.00 - 4.30)
Wednesday 1st July - Reception to Year 3 school trip
Friday 3rd July - Reports out to parents
Tuesday 7th July - drop in parents evening
Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers party
Thursday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers Service
Friday 17th July - break up for the summer
Monday 20th July - INSET day