

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026
Dydd Gwener 1af Mai 2026



This week has been all hands on deck to get the new Community Cabin ready for opening next week, please see below for further information.

It has been a busy week of outdoor activities this week with all classes making the most of the lovely weather and taking their learning outdoors. We have had some excellent visitors into school this week to support the children's learning, it is always a pleasure to welcome visitors into school and we are lucky that we do this regularly.

A reminder that Monday is a bank holiday so we are closed, wishing you all a lovely, long weekend.

After months of discussions, planning and building we are delighted that the new Community Cabin is complete and will be open from next week. We are very grateful to Denbighshire County Council for funding the project and to Pen Y Bryn for managing the build - it will make such a difference to our school community. This week has been a week of numerous deliveries, relentless building of flat pack furniture and decorating and organising but we are finally there. A huge thank you to the staff who have worked so hard to get the space ready as well as those who volunteered this week to help us - we couldn't have done it without them.

As of Tuesday the cabin will be open for Playgroup and After School Club, further information regarding the organisation and running of this has been shared on Seesaw so please keep an eye out for that. Breakfast Club will run from the cabin from Monday 11th July, children will not be permitted to enter the school building before 8.45am so please can they be dropped at the Cabin for Breakfast Club and staff will take them into school for the start of the school day. There are still some jobs to be done and these will happen over the coming weeks but we are thrilled that the children will be able to use the facilities from next Tuesday.



This week's Golden children are:

Cooper, Betty-Rose, Grace, Livi, Primrose, Federico and Esme.
Da iawn pawb!

Attendance

Discoverers - 92.4%
Investigators - 95.8%
Innovators - 99.05%

Punctuality

Discoverers - 1 late
Investigators - 5 lates
Innovators - 2 lates



No Mow May

As a school we have a designated area (The Hedgehog Highway) that we leave to grow long during the summer, this encourages wildflowers to grow and helps the pollinators who visit us.

No Mow May is an initiative to not cut the lawn/parts of the lawn to help the butterflies and bees and to let the wildflowers grow. If you choose to take part at home please share photos on Seesaw. Diolch.

Year 4, 5 and 6 residential

The kit list has been reshared on Seesaw along with further information regarding the trip. If you have any questions please get in touch next week.

We are looking for a Community Governor to join our hard working Governing Body. If you are keen to support your local school and think you have what it takes to help make a difference in the lives of our children then please get in touch for an application form or for more information.

We are looking for volunteers to help us tidy up the school grounds. If you can spare an hour or two on Saturday 16th May between 9am and 12pm please let us know. Jobs that we need to do include painting, strimming, building and sanding. There is a lot to do and unfortunately we just don't have the time in the school day to tackle them. Your support would be very much appreciated, please see the poster on Seesaw for more information.

If you can join us please get in touch, thank you.

We have a child in school with a nut allergy. Can we please you to ensure that your child does not bring any nuts into school for snack or any snacks that include nuts. Thank you for your support with this.

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Key Safeguarding Contact Numbers:

- Police (Immediate Danger): 999
- Non-Emergency Police: 101
- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 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): 0808 8010 800

Discoverers

We have had another lovely week in the Discoverers and everyone has been very busy! This week the children have been focusing on plants. The children have been learning what plants need to thrive, they have been labelling diagrams both inside and outside. There has been measuring of plants, and lots of lovely role play and imaginative play. The children continue to look after the worms and tadpoles in class, they have been observing the differences in the tadpoles. This week our older children have set up a little experiment, they are trying to find out the best growing conditions for plants. They have made simple predictions and talked through their ideas, showing an excellent understanding. Our Nursery children have learnt a new sound this week, 'f' flower as well as working on a large tissue paper flower for our new display. The children have been using the new language patterns that we have been working on in Welsh through their topic work, which has been lovely to hear! Next week we will continue to learn about plants before we move on to our environment. I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend!



Investigators

The children have been working hard throughout the week and have this week been learning about the Pyramids of Giza and Ancient Egypt as part of their topic work. They have been completing some outdoor independent challenges in small groups. These tasks have included creating the Pyramids in the sand pit, choreographing an Egyptian dance and going in the mud kitchen area to create a mixture to prepare a body for mummification! Next week, the children will be continuing to learn about Ancient Egypt with a science theme looking at the types of rocks that were used for the pyramids. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed a visit from Johnny Baxter from the DMC. Johnny provided the children with a samba drumming workshop which they all thoroughly enjoyed. The children had the opportunity to play 4 different Brazilian instruments and kept a steady beat when playing some samba! He will be returning in just over two weeks time to carry on with this.

You may have seen a photo on SeeSaw yesterday of a new bookcase that we have in the classroom. If anyone has any unwanted fiction or non-fiction books as well as comics/magazines, we would be very grateful for them. Enjoy the long weekend!



Innovators

The Innovators have produced some wonderful astronaut art this week, using shading skills and working with a range of media. The results are very atmospheric and effective! We also carried out an experiment for Xplore Science who will visit us next week to find out how we got on. The children took on different roles during the course of the session and collaborated well. In Literacy, we are beginning to learn about debate and persuasive speech. The class worked maturely to think about their opinions on a range of topics and were able to respond to others appropriately and thoughtfully. We loved seeing Angela and Dasher the hearing dog on Thursday when they came to help us to develop our BSL. Well done everyone!



Affirmation of the Week

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

"EVERY DAY IS A LEARNING DAY"

Clwb Cefn Playgroup

Another lovely week that has meant we could play outside on the field

We use an obstacle course that some older children had made. We then adapted it so that we could use it safely. We were able to practice our balancing, "risk taking" and ball skills too.

We have continued to enjoy playing with the baby dolls and the baby carriers, we are trying our best to dress and undress the dolls and to care for them. Well done everyone.



Clwb Cefn After School Club

We are excited to be opening the Community Cabin next week, please see Seesaw for further instructions and information.

We haven't had much uptake for Holiday Club over May half term and may not be able to run on some days unless the numbers increase. Please let us know asap if you require any childcare Mon - Thurs of May half term.

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 "THE SUN IS SMILING"
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:

"MAE'R HAUL YN GWENNU"

"THE SUN IS SMILING"

Dates for your diary:

- 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
- Tuesday 19th May - Reverend Ginny to Discoverers
- 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
- Thursday 2nd July - 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