

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026
Dydd Gwener Sed Mehefin 2026

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic one, the busiest half term of them all! We have lots going on over the next few weeks and plenty to look forward to. This half term is always bittersweet as we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6, we do, however, have plenty planned to make sure they leave with lots of lovely memories.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



This half term the Investigators and Nursery will be having weekly Forest School sessions. This week the Investigators explored the forest and demonstrated that they had remembered all of the rules and skills learnt previously. Nursery stayed on site for their first session and all had a lovely time around the fire pit.

Our Summer Fair will be held on Tuesday 30th June from 3pm on the school field. We have another non uniform day planned in exchange for items for the bottle tombola, please see the date at the end of this newsletter.

We are now looking for prizes for the raffle so if you know anyone/ any business who may be willing to support us please get in touch.

We will also need volunteers to help us set up and man the stalls so, again, if you are able to help please get in touch.

Thank you.

A reminder that children are not permitted to bring any items into school that they do not need. This includes toys, teddies, dolls and make up.

Can I also remind you that children should not bring anything into school that could cause harm to another child. This includes sharp items, items made of glass, medicines that haven't been given to a staff member, belts, anything that could be deemed a choking hazard. Thank you for cooperation with this.



This week's Golden children are:

Maddison, Grace, Peyton, Enzo, Primrose and Amelia

Da iawn pawb!

Sports Day

House colours were shared on Seesaw yesterday, please can children come to school wearing their house colour for Sports day.

Sports Day will take place on Thursday 2nd July

Discoverers – 9.30am start (Nursery children will be taking part, if they do not attend Playgroup on a Thursday you are welcome to bring them along for the event)

Investigators & Innovators – 1.30pm start

On Monday 29th June we will be celebrating International Mud Day at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Mud Day is a day to encourage children and adults to get outside, connect with nature, and embrace the joy of playing in the mud

MUD DAY 2026!

We will have a variety of mud related activities available for the children to enjoy and get as muddy as they like!

On the day all children will need to come to school in clothes you are happy that they get muddy along with the following:

- spare clothes, including underwear
- spare shoes
- a towel
- a carrier bag for dirty clothes
- wet wipes/ a cloth

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a Richard Scarry book. However, reading is so much more than that. To help them understand why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? and draw up reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a library, visit independent, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifted book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, make sure you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and more importantly, how to reward it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to swap their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. Have often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can explore audiobooks, transcripts, and track their reading goals with resources like Polyvinyl and pop-like bookshelves for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost that piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All for' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of every day life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

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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 last half term of the school year! The weather has not been on our side this week, we were not able to get onto the field to practise sports day this week, but we practised egg and spoon and javelin throwing. The children were excellent during this session and were helping each other to develop their throwing techniques. This week we have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We have had our caterpillars arrive and we will be transferring them in to their net next week, where children can watch the changes that happen. All of the Discoverers have listened to the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to help the children understand the life cycle of a butterfly. We have also been working on the days of the week in Welsh along with signing the days of the week in BSL. Reception children have been developing their understanding of number bonds to 10 and Year 1 have been working on partitioning. All of our children have been working on Read, Write Inc this week, including Nursery children learning 'r'. Our school value for this half term is resilience, the children have been talking about ways that we can show this, I was very impressed with their responses. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

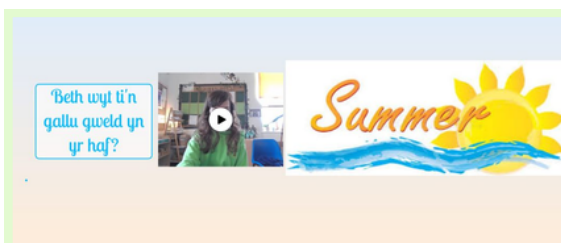
The children have had a busy first week back after the half term holiday and have continued their journey of Awe and Wonder by starting to investigate the natural wonders of the World. This week they have been learning about the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) and have spent some afternoons this week creating some artwork and using their literacy skills to write some descriptions of the phenomena. Outside this week, everyone enjoyed the first Forest Schools session of the new term. The children had the opportunity to explore the area and use their skills that they have learnt so far this year. They particularly enjoyed playing a game called 'hunter' at the end of the session. In our LLC lessons this week, we have started a new book fizz book called 'Every Child a Song'. The book was written for the 30th anniversary of the UNCRC and teaches the children, through a story, about their rights as a child. So far this week, the children have sketched an alternative front cover for the book, have written about a special object of theirs and have worked with a partner to discuss and sort out statements about good and bad things and wants and needs. In mathematics this week, we started on Monday with a lesson outside looking at 2D shapes that could be made in a square by using masking tape to make straight lines and colouring in the different sections. In our Abacus lessons, the children have been learning about pictograms, arrays and counting in multiples of 2, 3, and 5. We welcomed Miss Imogen Mills to our classroom yesterday. Miss Mills is currently studying at Chester University and will be spending the next 4 weeks with us. We hope she enjoys her time with us.

Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

This week the children have been working hard in Literacy to draft and publish their final balanced arguments. They edited and peer assessed their writing maturely, and worked well to achieve the success criteria. They also created some beautiful artwork inspired by Van Gogh's Starry Night to accompany their writing. The class have been enjoying developing their BSL this week, and it was lovely to have Miss Angela on Thursday helping us with our sign language. She is very impressed with the children's finger spelling in particular (she even said they are the best finger spellers out of all the schools she visits!). Keep a lookout on Seesaw for a video Angela and Debbie have kindly recorded to support the use of BSL in school with simple Welsh phrases that the children can use day to day. In Maths, the class have been converting units of measurement and have been able to create conversion graphs for distance. They enjoyed PE this week, which was netball on the yard due to the wet grass preventing them being able to safely do athletics. Well done everyone!



Affirmation of the Week

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

"I CAN BE CREATIVE EVEN WHEN ITS NOT PERFECT"

Attendance

Discoverers - 89% (3 Lates)
Investigators - 97.4% (6 Lates)
Innovators - 92.3% (1 Late)

If you have a holiday planned please ensure you fill in an absence request form (available from Miss Anna) so we can code any absences correctly. A reminder that holidays are not authorised, as per our policy, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

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 is the weather today?"

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:

"Sut mae'r tywydd heddiw?"
"What is the weather like today?"

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 9th June - Cricket sessions for Investigators and Innovators
- Tuesday 9th June - New Nursery Stay and Play @ 2pm
- Thursday 11th June - Bikeability Year 6
- Tuesday 16th June - New Nursery Stay and Play @ 2pm
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 6 Leavers photo
- Wednesday 17th June - Denbigh Music Cooperative to Investigators
- Friday 19th June - Non Uniform day in exchange for bottles for the bottle tombola
- Tuesday 23rd June - Year 6 to Ysgol Trefnant for Small schools netball tournament
- Wednesday 24th June - Moving Up afternoon
- Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th June - Emrys ap Iwan transition days
- Monday 29th June - Mud Day!
- 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
- Friday 3rd July - Musical instrument showcase for parents @ 9.15 (for all pupils learning an instrument)
- Tuesday 7th July - drop in parents evening
- Wednesday 8th July - Discoverers Coffee Morning @ 9.15am
- Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July - St Brigids transition days
- 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
- Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day
- Wednesday 3rd September - INSET Day