

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog

Friday Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026
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What a hot week! Although I'm sure many of us have been pleased to see some sunshine, I'm sure we're all in agreement that it would be better just a few degrees cooler! A big thank you to the staff this week who have worked hard to try and keep the children as cool as possible, hopefully the fun of the water sprinkler and ice lollies has made up for how hot they have been!

This week most of our Year 6 learners have spent three days in Emrys ap Iwan as part of their transition programme, we all hope they've had a good time and can't wait to hear all about it on Monday!

Next week is a busy one with Mud Day, the Summer Fair, school trip and Sports Day, fingers crossed the weather is on our side!
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

On Tuesday our Year 6 learners took part in a small schools Netball tournament at Ysgol Trefnant. They have all really enjoyed playing netball this year and it was lovely to see them all play with so much confidence throughout the afternoon.

The group played three matches against Ysgol Trefnant, Ysgol Bodfari and Ysgol Llanbedr and came second overall.

It was a lovely afternoon and, as always, they represented our school so well.



On Wednesday we had moving up afternoon where those learners moving up a class in September got to spend the afternoon with their new teachers and classmates. We also welcomed our new Nursery learners in for the session. It was a great afternoon, with everybody reporting back positively and all excited for September.

The weather forecast is definitely cooler for next week but, if needed, please can children continue to have their sun hats, sun cream and water in school. They have been really sensible keeping themselves as safe in the sun as possible this week but having all of the above certainly helps. Thankyou.



This week's Golden children are:

Isla, Jane, Eddie, Mara, Esme and Dante.

Da iawn pawb!

Excitement is definitely growing for this year's Mud Day, especially for those who love the mud! We are looking forward to a fun, mud filled day!

As per yesterday's message on Seesaw, please can you ensure that all children have all of the items on the list for Mud Day on Monday. Children won't be able to take part without them.



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

This year's Summer Fair will be held next Tuesday on the school field from 3pm. The Investigators and Innovators can be picked up at 3pm to attend the fair or, if not attending, they can be collected from their classes at 3.20pm as normal.

Thank you for the donations for our tombola stalls and to those who have offered to provide cakes for the cake stall - we really appreciate your support.

We look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday.

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

As you will have read this week, the Governing Body have appointed Mrs Lucy Catherall as our new Headteacher following a thorough interview process. Mrs Catherall will take up her position in January 2027 but will be in to meet everybody before the summer and is hoping to call in regularly throughout the Autumn term prior to starting.

Mrs Evans will be Interim Headteacher for the Autumn Term and, I'm sure you'll agree, the school will be in very capable hands.

Further information regarding staffing and the structure for September will be shared before the summer break.

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

Wow! It has certainly been a hot one this week, the children have coped really well in the heat. The water sprinkler and ice lollies really helped to keep everyone cool and were lots of fun. We have spent our afternoons at the bottom of the field in the shade with different activities, everyone has worked well together. All of the children had a successful moving up afternoon on Wednesday, it was lovely to have our new Nursery children in class for the whole afternoon. Thank you to our current Nursery parents who were able to attend the information meeting. This week the children have been finding out information about a planet of their choice, they were able to complete this in small groups to help develop collaborative skills. Some of our children have been painting the planets in the solar system to help them remember the different planets. In Maths, Year 1 have been working on weighing items in the classroom and capacity, whilst Reception children have been working on one more and one less. Next week is another busy one! Please remember that we will be celebrating mud day on Monday. We are also looking forward to our school trip to Greenwoods Forest Park. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Investigators

It has been a very enjoyable but hot week in school this week! The children have coped very well with the exceptional heat that we have had.

On Monday, we carried on with some more work about the Great Barrier Reef as part of our topic work. The children continued with their sea creature Fact file on JIT and some children finished their oil pastel coral reef drawing by painting over it with watercolours. Another activity that some children started was to create a coral reef scene in the style of the artist Henri Matisse. The children used tissue paper to create a coral reef scene in the style of his famous 'The Snail'.

On Wednesday, everyone enjoyed their Moving Up afternoon. The year 3 children enjoyed spending time with Mrs Pitt-Lacey and the Year 2 children were brilliant by helping the Year 1 children feel relaxed and welcome in our class. The children worked together with them on some different activities. One group worked with them outside to create a portrait of each other by using natural materials, another group used JIT to take a photo of themselves on the Chromebook and write a sentence about each other and another group created a self portrait of themselves in the style of Pablo Picasso!

Yesterday, the children enjoyed den building with Miss Cherina at the bottom of the field for their forest school session and cooled themselves down with a run through the sprinkler and an ice lolly!

Enjoy your weekend!



Innovators

The Innovators have done so well in the heat this week. The netball tournament at Ysgol Trefnant was great fun and we were very proud of Year 6. The class size was a little smaller during the latter half of the week as most of Year 6 went on their transition days, so Year 4 and 5 have taken the opportunity to spread out and get comfortable on some of our softer seating in the classroom, and tried to keep as cool and relaxed as possible. The children's Mission to Mars writing is coming on brilliantly and I can't wait to share their final narrative pieces when they are complete. The class have enjoyed working digitally during Topic sessions, and the Sphero Indi bots were a great success. The children worked collaboratively to navigate through the solar system and avoid the dangers, such as unexpected asteroids. They also coded Microbits to work as pedometers in order to support astronaut fitness training. In Maths, the grid multiplication method and written division has been the focus. Moving up afternoon was lovely and the children all designed a birthday card, so that everyone will be able to open a card on (or around) their birthday next year sent to them by their friends in the Innovators.



A reminder that we don't have a full time secretary in school so there are times where staff are not available to answer the phone. If this is ever the case please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

Affirmation of the Week

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

"BE YOURSELF, EVERYONE ELSE IS ALREADY TAKEN"

Attendance

Discoverers - 89% (4 Lates)
Investigators - 78% (7 Lates)
Innovators - 90.9% (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 "HOT 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:

"HAF POETH"
"HOT SUMMER"

Dates for your diary:

Monday 29th June - Mud Day!
Tuesday 30th June - Summer Fair (3.00 - 4.30)
Wednesday 1st July - Reception to Year 3 school trip
Thursday 2nd July - Sports day (Discoverers am, Investigators & Innovators pm)
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 2nd September - INSET Day
Friday 23rd October - Break up for half term
Monday 2nd November - School reopens for all learners
Friday 27th November - INSET Day
Friday 18th December - Break up for Christmas
Monday 4th January - INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January - School reopens for all learners