

Criw Cymraeg Spring/Gwanwyn 2 half-term update



Helo! Criw Cymraeg have been working hard to continue moving the school towards the Gwobr Arian / Silver Award for Cymraeg Campus throughout the second half of the Spring term. It is an exciting time as we are getting very close to having worked on all of our targets now and are hoping to be going for verification on our Arian award during the Summer term!

- Criw Cymraeg have continued their weekly Welsh assemblies and weekly meetings with Mrs Morris.
- **Brawddeg Cymraeg yr Wythnos** / Welsh Phrase of the Week has included some of the following patterns: **Sut wyt ti? Sut mae'r tywydd heddiw? Pryd mae dy benblwydd di? Ga i... & Wyt ti eisiau?**
- During our Welsh assemblies, we enjoyed learning about **Dewi Sant / Saint David, Y Tywysog Llywelyn / Prince Llywelyn & Y Ddraig Goch / The Welsh Dragon.**
- Blwyddyn 2-6 enjoyed a fantastic morning here with our visitors from our federation partner school Ysgol Yr Esgob to watch a theatre performance from company Mewn Cymeriad called Llywelyn The Last Prince. The children enjoyed participating in the show, sharing Welsh refreshments including Welsh Cakes and Cheese and Leek Scones, and working together to create some posters about Llywelyn Y Tywysog Olaf. It was lovely to see the children making friends, learning together and sharing what they had learnt about Llywelyn on their posters. This was organised as part of our whole school project this year to learn about our 'House Captain Heroes'. We spent some of the Autumn term learning about Owain Glyndwr in assemblies and in class and followed this up by learning about Llywelyn this term. The children also researched about Llywelyn, Glyndwr, Merfyn and Gwenllïan for their Eisteddfod homework too to add to their own understanding of these Welsh historical heroes. We will be looking to learn more about Gwenllïan and Merfyn over the Summer term in our assemblies.
- Dosbarth Glas enjoyed a fantastic Geography lesson on volcanoes through the medium of Welsh from visitor Miss Toone from Ysgol Maes Garmon where they were able to practice their Welsh language skills with each other and when conversing with their visitor.
- Dosbarth Melyn have enjoyed writing their own stories to explain How the Ddraig Goch came to be the Welsh Mascot and came up with some creative stories. They then used their Talk4Writing skills to create a story map for their dragon in Welsh and make a Chatterpix video of their dragon speaking. They worked on Posters informing others about Wales and developed their design skills further by making Ddraig Goch puppets.
- Dosbarth Glas created some excellent presentations sharing the Benefits of Learning Welsh and completed some detailed writing introducing themselves yn Gymraeg (in Welsh).

- Both classes enjoyed learning songs and poems for their Recitation pieces which they performed in the Eisteddfod and enjoyed making recipes using Welsh ingredients or designing artwork in the style of Rhiannon Art.
- Criw Cymraeg organised a wonderful Eisteddfod which we shared with our families and friends. We were pleased to be able to share our learning with our governor Mrs Ann Rowlands and our former Headteacher Mrs Catherine Howarth who helped with the judging and prize giving on the day. Criw Cymraeg worked extremely hard presenting the whole thing together at the front, whilst also participating in each of their sections! The whole school had worked so hard on their homework tasks outside of school and the work they completed in classes to enter into the competitions and the standard of work was excellent. We enjoyed singing, recitation performances, informative presentations and an incredible amount of certificates and prizes were given out. Our families and friends joined in singing the Welsh National anthem with us which was lovely.
- We enjoyed a monitoring visit from our **Governor Mrs Abby Pugh** where teaching staff were able to share the excellent work that children had completed in both English and Welsh within the LLC strand of the curriculum.
- The children worked hard to prepare a fantastic Easter service which they held in Saint Asaph Cathedral alongside the children from Ysgol Yr Esgob. As part of their service, they included the Welsh National Anthem which they enjoyed singing with their parents in such an historic and important building.
- Mrs Morris attended training within the Holywell Cluster for Welsh on the use of Talk 4 Writing to further develop children's Welsh Language skills and shared this with teaching staff.
- Miss Taylor completed training to further develop Welsh language skills which she will be sharing with other staff on a further training course in the Summer term focusing on Welsh language games and the use of the outdoors.
- Mrs Morris and Mrs Allen shared good practice with groups of Foundation and KS2 learners working on Tric A Chlic Welsh Guided Reading across two sessions. Foundation learners in Blwyddyn 2 shared how they complete their Tric A Chlic sessions with Mrs Allen, including how they use the Tric a Chlic games to support their reading and how they use iPads to support their learning including Welsh games such as Campau Cosmig. KS2 invited Mrs Morris and some of the Blywddyn 2 children into one of their Tric a Chlic sessions to look at how they could combine their Welsh reading skills and digital skills by making their own Welsh eBooks using the Tric a Chlic books with the SeeSaw app. It was great to see the children so confident with their Welsh reading and willing to share their learning with other staff and children during the sessions and it was a lovely experience for Blwyddyn 2 to have chance to work with some of the KS2 children on a joint project.
- Mrs Devitt our Digital lead worked with Criw Cymraeg to complete some digital training on the Chatterpix App to enable them to teach children in their own classes to support a whole school digital project. The children in Criw Cymraeg then worked with children in their own classes to share their learning and teach children how to use Chatterpix to record Welsh oracy tasks and then share

their completed work on SeeSaw with their classmates and families at home. We also looked at reviewing and reflecting upon our work by adding comments on SeeSaw using our Welsh language patterns. Children used their Talk 4 Writing skills to support their work.

- Criw Cymraeg welcomed Laura Randall from the Welsh in Education team for a learning walk around the school to share our progress so far towards the Arian / Silver award and to gain support from her with our next steps during Summer half term 1. The children enjoyed using their Welsh language skills to engage in conversation with our visitor and to further develop their confidence sharing their achievements with another visitor.

We are looking forward to our Summer term and hopefully working on the last of our Arian / Silver Cymraeg Campus targets before inviting external assessors into school to share all of our progress and achievements working towards the award.

Hwyl Fawr - Criw Cymraeg