

# Ysgol Meifod Newsletter 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

1. **Village panto** - Thank you for raffle prizes. The panto and the raffle went very well. A grand total of **£134** was raised. The classes will be asked this week what they want to use this and the Winter Fair money for. We will let you know.



2. **Rich tasks** – At the end of our last topic we set the pupils challenges. They approached them with the skills of problem solving, resilience and teamwork to name but a few.

What they did was not only a great success, but also a great example of the challenge and independence that Estyn and the Welsh Government want all schools in Wales to show.

Great work Ysgol Meifod!!!

Class 1 – To make something that moves without touching it.



Class 2 – To research and make music from a country in our world. This challenge enabled the pupils to use ICT, instruments, teamwork ...





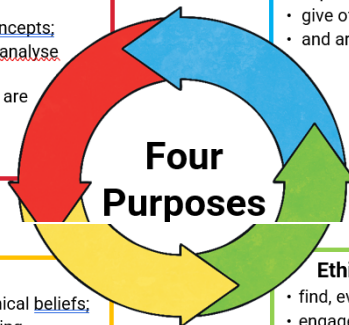
Class 3 – To research and present information on a country of your choice from anywhere in the world. The work they did covered most of these skills from the 4 purposes.

**Ambitious, capable learners who:**

- set themselves high standards and seek and enjoy challenge;
- are building up a body of knowledge and have the skills to connect and apply that knowledge in different contexts;
- are questioning and enjoy solving problems;
- can communicate effectively in different forms and settings, using both Welsh and English;
- can explain the ideas and concepts they are learning about;
- can use number effectively in different contexts;
- understand how to interpret data and apply mathematical concepts;
- use digital technologies creatively to communicate, find and analyse information;
- undertake research and evaluate critically what they find and are ready to learn throughout their lives.

**Enterprising, creative contributors who:**

- connect and apply their knowledge and skills to create ideas and products;
- think creatively to reframe and solve problems;
- identify and grasp opportunities;
- take measured risks;
- lead and play different roles in teams effectively and responsibly;
- express ideas and emotions through different media;
- give of their energy and skills so that other people will benefit;
- and are ready to play a full part in life and work.



**Healthy, confident individuals who:**

- have secure values and are establishing their spiritual and ethical beliefs;
- are building their mental and emotional well-being by developing confidence, resilience and empathy;
- apply knowledge about the impact of diet and exercise on physical and mental health in their daily lives;
- know how to find the information and support to keep safe and well;
- take part in physical activity;
- take measured decisions about lifestyle and manage risk;
- have the confidence to participate in performance;
- form positive relationships based upon trust and mutual respect;
- have the skills and knowledge to manage everyday life as independently as they can;
- face and overcome challenge;
- and are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

**Ethical, informed citizens who:**

- find, evaluate and use evidence in forming views;
- engage with contemporary issues based upon their knowledge and values;
- understand and exercise their human and democratic responsibilities and rights;
- understand and consider the impact of their actions when making choices and acting;
- are knowledgeable about their culture, community, society and the world, now and in the past;
- respect the needs and rights of others, as a member of a diverse society;
- show their commitment to the sustainability of the planet;
- and are ready to be citizens of Wales and the World.





They went all over the world and presented their work in amazing ways!

3. **Swimming** - We are looking to arrange another block of swimming before Easter. More news this week.
4. **URDD** - we are practising the singing and recitations.
5. **Attendance** - A **new attendance policy has been set by Welsh Government. It has come through Powys and been agreed in the Llanfyllin Cluster of schools.** Staff and governors have reviewed it last week. Below are the main points. The full policy is attached. **This will be our policy from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.** We thank you that you are very good at supporting attendance and letting us know. Please ensure these new rules become a part of your routine. Thank you
  - Parents must notify the school by 9am on the first day of your child's absence by email or telephone.
  - If the school has to call you after 9am and you do not answer, or if a child arrives after 9:30am without calling first, then this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and Powys Education Welfare will see it through the on-line register.
  - If you are going to be late (after 9am) just email or phone ahead to let us know, so that this does not count against your child in the register, otherwise a late will be recorded.
6. **Dates for your diary** – There will be the dates for the remainder of the school year out later this week.

5 Feb 3-7 <sup>th</sup>		4 <sup>th</sup> Hearing Vision Measure - Reception	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> <b>3:30pm Friends of Ysgol Meifod</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Music Day Dawnsio Werin Workshop	
6 Feb 10-14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mental Health Week</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day			14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Friends – Cake bake</b>  Valentine's Day	
7 Feb 17-21 <sup>st</sup>			19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> <b>3:30-5pm Friends DISCO</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Feel Good Friday</b>	Saturday 1st St David's Day

## Half – term

1 Mar 3-7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b>  3 <sup>rd</sup> Mr Phormula music workshop a.m.			6 <sup>th</sup> World Book Day	7 <sup>th</sup> 2:15pm School Eisteddfod	
2 Mar 10-14 <sup>th</sup>						Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Eisteddfod (Llanfyllin)
3 Mar 17-21 <sup>st</sup>		18 <sup>th</sup> <b>Parent's Evening (1)</b>		20 <sup>th</sup> <b>Parent's Evening (2)</b> <b>Red Nose Day</b>	Non-pupil Day School closed for staff training	