



Week Ending:
Friday 13th November

Dosbarth Hensol ~ Class News at
Ysgol y Ddraig

Reminders

•Gate opening & closing times:

Morning - 8.30-8.45am

Afternoon - 2.50 - 3.05pm

Please arrive and leave promptly as we are trying to keep the number of people on the school site to a minimum. If the gate is closed, you will need to go to the main entrance.

•P.E. Kit - P.E days are on **Tuesday (indoor)** and **Thursday (outdoor)** every week. The kit should include a white T-shirt, black shorts/ leggings/joggers, school jumper and trainers or plimsolls. All children should wear their P.E. kit to school on these days. Due to Covid-19 guidelines, P.E. kits will not be kept in school this term.

•Snack Money - Children are invited to bring their own healthy snack to school on a daily basis or can purchase a piece of fruit for £1 per week. The payment of £1 per week should be made via **Parent Pay**. Please contact Mrs Jones or Mrs Rees in the school office if you require any further information or support.

•Water Bottle - Children can keep a water bottle in the classroom for taking regular drinks throughout the school day. (This is in addition to any drink that they may bring for their lunch.) Please note that only water/flavoured water is permitted - No squash, juice or fizzy drinks, thank you.

•Labelling Property - Please ensure all clothing/ lunchboxes/water bottles ... are clearly labelled.

Communication

•Seesaw -Please can we remind families to log in to your child's Seesaw account. This is where we will be able to communicate with you by sharing our class letter, announcements and some Home Learning activities. It's important to us that home and school can work together in partnership and Seesaw can help us to do this. If you have any technical questions or difficulties logging in/navigating the platform you can email ddraigsupport5@hwbcymru.net

This week...

We have been learning about money - naming and sorting the different coins, ordering by value, counting and creating different amounts using 1ps. We will be developing our knowledge of money next week and it would help our understanding if we could continue practising our new skills at home. We have continued to practise the correct formation of letters and have introduced the sounds b, f and l. This week saw the start of the Hindu 'Festival of Lights' called Diwali. We have begun to find out about the five day festival and drew some comparisons with our Christmas traditions. We read the traditional story of Rama and Sita, watched a video clip showing Hindu children preparing and celebrating the festival with their family and worked in our groups to create a mind map - noting some of the important features of Diwali - in preparation for our writing activity next week. We enjoyed our first Wednesday in Forest School with Mrs Price. We all had great fun making a leaf poppy for Remembrance Day and a pretend sparkler for Diwali from some of the natural materials found in the woodland. On Friday, we all dressed up in our rainbow coloured clothes and took part in some fun activities to help raise money for the Children in Need charity. We used our pennies and tuppences to cover as many Pudsey pictures as we could and made a Pudsey Penny Snake on the floor - it was VERY long! Then, we had to count all of the money to find the total amount of pennies and tuppences that we had managed to collect for Pudsey. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We managed to raise a fantastic £8.45 which will be added to the whole school collection.



The children will be taking part in their second session of Forest School experiences led by Mrs Julia Price @walkinthewild on **Wednesday 18th November**. Please remember to bring suitable clothing and footwear for the activities- a pair of wellies (or alternative footwear) and suitable clothing for wet/cold weather, such as a warm, waterproof coat and waterproof trousers (if possible).

•Twitter - class updates are uploaded to **@ysgolyddraig**. Look out for **#hensol**

•Website - www.ysgolyddraig.co.uk

If you have any queries relating to your child's learning or otherwise, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Diolch yn fawr.

Mrs Ewings (Class Teacher) & Miss Rose (Class LSA)



As it's getting closer to that exciting time of year, we are preparing to write a letter to Father Christmas.

To help make it an authentic experience for the children, we are planning to walk to the Post Office in Llantwit Major to post our letters to Father Christmas.

Complying with Covid-safe guidelines for schools, three-four members of staff will accompany small groups of children on separate journeys throughout the afternoon. Further information will follow soon.

To cover the cost of postage, please could you send a first class stamp into school to attach to the envelope by Friday 20th November.

Many thanks.