



Week Ending:  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ddraigsupport5@hwbcymru.net)

## This week...

We have continued to learn more about Diwali, the Hindu 'Festival of Lights'. To help us understand the important parts of the celebration we made and decorated pinch pot diya lamps from salt dough and uploaded a photo onto Seesaw; designed mehndi patterns; made a Diwali greetings card by following step-by-step instructions; tasted a poppadom and mango chutney; listened to traditional Indian music; created a firework picture; and finally, used information from our own mind map of Diwali to write about the festival- PHEW! We also followed the Diwali theme in our Dance lesson by acting out parts of the story through movement and response to music. We have continued to practise our letter sounds and have introduced the sounds l, h and sh. We had a great time in Forest School finding out about how to build shelters from natural materials for different animals. We had to learn how to tie knots and worked in pairs to build tripod shelters. We talked about camouflage and how to disguise the shelters from predators. Something that we'd all been looking forward to this week was writing our letters to Father Christmas! We looked at the structure of a letter and had a go at writing some words all on our own and tried to 'read back' what we had written. We also had to write Father Christmas' address on an envelope, being very careful to write our words clearly for the postman to read. Some of us knew our own address and we talked about why it's important to know where we live. We are going to walk to Llantwit Major Post Office to post our letters very soon. Please remember to send in a first class stamp before Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November if you have not already done so.



The children will be taking part in their third session of Forest School experiences led by Mrs Julia Price @walkinthewild on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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)**