



Week Ending:
Friday 16th October

Dosbarth Thaw ~ 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.



•**Word Walls** - Please help your child to practise the sight words, as we will review them regularly. These words are 'look & say' words and should be recognised and read instantly, without decoding. As a further challenge, your child could also learn to spell the words to aid writing fluency.

This week...

For this week's Forest School activity, we read 'Leaf Man' by Lois Elhert and took ideas from the illustrations in the story to create our own leaf characters. As our recent focus for Literacy and topic work has been Autumn and seasonal changes, we used a writing frame and our knowledge to compose a poem called, 'Signs of Autumn', comparing and contrasting Summer with Autumn. We also learned about the different parts of a tree - their names and functions. We talked about the life-cycle of a tree from its beginning as a seed, to a sapling and to becoming a fully-grown, mature tree. We labelled a diagram of a tree and wrote about the role of each different part, using our 'Fred Fingers' to help us spell any tricky words. This week we looked at the formation of some of the Caterpillar Letters - c, o, a, d. We had to think about the letter shape, letter size and taking care to sit the letters on the line. (Please help us to practise at home by watching the 'How to' videos uploaded onto Seesaw.) On Wednesday, 'Atomic Andrew' from 'Mad Science' delivered a fantastic online 'special assembly' and demonstrated how chemical reactions can cause objects to move, expand and explode. We even had an opportunity to try out one of his experiments in the classroom and made a rocket launch into the air! (If you'd like to see what happened, please see the video on Seesaw.) Towards the end of the week, we enjoyed playing some class and team games to practise our understanding of Welsh action commands and colours.

Thank you for helping your children contribute to our 'Woodland Wonders' interest table display in the outdoor classroom. The children have been very excited to share their 'finds' with their friends and have shown a keen interest in taking close study of the autumn leaves, seeds and fruits.

Communication

- Seesaw** - The Home Learning Grid and the weekly class newsletter are available to view on the app. Please check regularly for class notifications throughout the week.
- Twitter** - Photographs of your children and updates on class activities are uploaded to **@ysgolyddraig**. Look out for **#Thaw**.
- Website** - www.ysgolyddraig.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

Every Monday - Please bring a pair of wellies (or suitable alternative footwear) for our outdoor learning activities. Please ensure that you have suitable clothing for wet weather, e.g. a coat and waterproof trousers (if possible).

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

Diolch yn fawr.

Mrs Burmingham (Class Teacher), Mrs Buxton & Mrs Burch
(Class LSAs)