



Week Ending:
Friday 23rd 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...

In maths, we have measured the length and height of objects by direct comparison and discussed the need for a more accurate way to measure using non-standard units, such as cubes and paper clips. In Forest School, we placed sticks and leaves in order of length and later we measured classroom objects using the same unit (cubes) to find the longest/shortest item. We used the language of comparison, e.g. long, longer, longest; short, shorter, shortest; tall, taller, tallest. We also continued practising the correct letter formation of the Caterpillar Letters group-this week focusing on g, q, s, f and e. (Please see the 'How to' videos on Seesaw to support practise at home). In Welsh, we have been learning to recognise the colours and expressed our likes and dislikes, using the phrases: 'Dw i'n hoffi...!'/ 'Dw i ddim yn hoffi...'. We played team games such as 'Sblat!' and read stories to help reinforce the new vocabulary. We collected class data on our favourite colours by asking our friends, 'Pa liw wyt ti'n hoffi?' (Which colour do you like?) and used the information to create a block graph. In Dance we were thinking about Autumn weather and how the wind helps to move and transport. We had to imagine ourselves as a stunt kite making quick, sudden turns and spins and then enact the spiralling helicopter action of sycamore seeds and the light, floating movements of dandelion seeds before putting the movements together in a sequence of contrasting steps and actions. It's been yet another busy week and we'd like to wish you all a safe and happy half term break!

Home Learning

The Home Learning activity grid is available to view on **Seesaw**. The children can choose from nine literacy activities centred around different aspects of reading. It is hoped that the children will complete one activity per week throughout the half term and upload any of their learning to Seesaw. This could be in the form of a photograph, video clip, PDF or using the tools on the Seesaw app itself. As it's the half term break, perhaps you could find some time to give them a go!



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).
- Monday 2nd November** - Inset Day (school is closed to all children)

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)