



Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig Week Ending: Friday 23rd November

Reminders

• **Reading Folders & Books** - Please return the book bag, reading book and reading record on the day allocated to your child. Please remember that reading books cannot be issued without a folder to protect them.

• **Outdoor clothing** - As the weather has become much colder recently, please ensure that your child has suitably warm clothing for outdoor learning and play. Hats, gloves and a scarf could help to protect your child from the effects of the cold and prolong their enjoyment of being outdoors. Many thanks.

• **Toys** - Please could you support us in dissuading the children from bringing small toys into school. Thank you.

• **PE Kits** - Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school, for both indoor and outdoor activities. P.E days are on Monday and Thursday every week.

• **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 20p per day (£1 per week, paid in advance).

• **Water Bottle** - Please note that only water/flavoured water is permitted - No squash, juice or fizzy drinks, thank you.

• **Twitter** - Photographs of your children and updates on class activities are uploaded to @ysgolyddraig. Look out for #Thaw.

• **Website** - www.ysgolyddraig.co.uk

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 Birmingham (Class Teacher) and Mrs Roberts (Class LSA).

This week...



This week, we have written facts about owls using the information from our research work completed last week. We described the special characteristics of an owl, its habitat and diet and tried to extend our sentences using connectives.

Following on from our 'Pennies for Pudsey' activities last week for 'Children in Need', our maths work has been centred on learning to recognise the different coins in British currency and beginning to understand and compare their value. Some of the activities included coin rubbings, ordering coins from the smallest to the greatest value and sorting coins into sets to show coins with a value less than or greater than 10p. We also started to make different amounts of money to buy items in our class shop.



In our creative movement lessons, 'Starry Skies', we have been learning to perform dance movements using simple patterns in response to Handel's 'Music for the Royal Fireworks'. This week, we continued to practise mirroring our partner's actions - using different pathways and jumps. Together we created a firework display dance and evaluated each other's performances. We had lots of fun pretending to be exploding fireworks!

Continuing our Anti-bullying Week activities, we talked about 'friendship' and how to help our friends when they are in need. We considered two BIG QUESTIONS: 'When might our friends need our help?' and 'How can we help a friend in need?' We played a 'What if...?' game and discussed different scenarios with our groups - we shared some really thoughtful ideas!

'Pennies for Pudsey'

Well done, Dosbarth Thaw, for raising £21.76p with 1ps and 2ps for 'Children in Need'. An amazing penny-tastic achievement!



Home Learning.

Well done to the children who brought in some of their wonderful work this week! We enjoyed trying to guess the woodland creature from a series of clues in a lift the flap 'Who am I?' quiz and looking carefully at a creative collage scene using mixed media. With 4 weeks to go, there's still plenty of time for more shared learning to be had. The Home Learning Grid for Dosbarth Thaw is available on the Ysgol y Ddraig website.

Diary Dates

Monday 17th December - YEAR 1 Christmas Concert @ 2.15pm

Wednesday 19th December - FP Pantomime Trip: 'Sleeping Beauty' @ Barry Memorial Hall

