

Year 1 Class News at

Ysgol y Ddraig

Week Ending:

Friday 30th 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.

• **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 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

• **Home Learning** - The Home Learning Grid for Dosbarth Thaw is available on the Ysgol y Ddraig website.

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...

We have been busy learning the songs and words for our Christmas concert and have had lots of fun singing our jolly songs. It's definitely starting to feel a little *Christmassy* in Dosbarth Thaw!

In maths, we have continued learning about money: recognising and naming coins, understanding the value of different coins, combining different coins to create amounts and matching amounts to price labels, are just some of the activities we've enjoyed. We've also used Numicon to help us understand the ways in which to make the same amount of money in different ways.

As part of our expressive arts focus, we have been listening to Prokofiev's musical story, 'Peter and the Wolf'. This week, we have learned about the four instrument 'families' and have looked at how different instruments are played - then we sorted them into groups. We experimented with beat and rhythm and learned how to play an instrument whilst following a simple graphic score. We listened carefully to the story and matched the different instruments used to portray the different characters. We considered how the composer had created different moods and feelings and how the changes in tempo, pitch and dynamics helped to tell the story. Next week, we will be composing and performing our own music to represent different parts of 'Peter and the Wolf' and will be creating an interpretive dance to the original score. On Monday, we had a special 'Mad Science' assembly led by Gassy Gaz, who showed us some amazing experiments all to do with air. It was very exciting stuff! Gassy Gaz will be at Ysgol y Ddraig next term for a Mad Science after-school club.

Theatre Trip

Please return the consent form and payment for the pantomime in the Barry Memorial Hall, as soon as possible.

Christmas Concert

Please help your child to learn their words for the concert, ahead of next week's rehearsals. Knowing their words well builds confidence and assists us in helping your child to perform to their best.

Polite reminder - please send your child's costume into school by **Friday 7th December** in a named bag.

Thank you!

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 19th December - FP Pantomime Trip: 'Beauty & the Beast' @ Barry Memorial Hall

