



Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig

Week Ending: Friday 27th September

Reminders

•**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. The kit should include a white T-shirt, black shorts/ leggings/joggers, socks (if needed) and trainers or plimsolls.

•**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** - 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.

•**Reading Folders & Books** - Next week, please return the book bag, reading book and reading record by Wednesday. A letter will be sent home to inform you of the allotted day for your child to return their book bag from next week onwards. Please remember that reading books cannot be issued without a folder to protect them.

•**Labelling Property** - Please could you clearly label all clothing/ lunchboxes/water bottles etc...

•**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...

We have been consolidating our understanding of regular 2-d shapes - recognising, naming and describing the properties of a circle, square, rectangle and triangle. We have also been introduced to some new shapes - semicircle, oval, pentagon, hexagon, heptagon and octagon. Using our knowledge of shapes, we have been sorting on a Venn diagram by more than one criterion and beginning to place shapes in the intersection of the two sets. We completed a Shape Riddle-Code Hunter activity, where we had to read clues and try to identify the shape by its properties. Then, we used the iPads to check whether our guesses were correct by reading a QR code. We completed a table of shape properties, saying how many corners, sides, straight or curved sides each shape has; ordered shapes by their size; and learned how to find out whether a shape is symmetrical or asymmetrical (non-symmetrical) by folding it to find whether it has a line of symmetry.

As we are celebrating our Harvest assembly next week, we have started to learn our class item, a song called 'Harvest Time!', which we will perform on the day for our friends across the school. We will be learning more about the Harvest celebration during our topic work next week.

Home Learning

We have shared some fantastic 'Home Learning' during our carpet time this week! They have included some fascinating fact files about two woodland creatures - hedgehogs and badgers, a paper bag puppet of a fox and a beautiful, labelled autumn picture. These will be placed on our class topic display. There's plenty of space to fill and we look forward to adding more of your children's work very soon! This term's Home Learning Grid relating to our topic, 'The Enchanted Woodland', is available on the Ysgol y Ddraig website.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th October -LIBRARY: Storytelling by a visiting author and fun activities [2-3pm]

Friday 12th October- CLASS TRIP TO PORTHKERRY PARK for some exciting Forest School activities linked with our topic, 'The Enchanted Woodland'. [9.20am-2.30pm]

If you are able to offer any help as a volunteer to accompany us on either or both trips, please, let a member of the Year 1 staff know as soon as possible. 🧡

A BIG "Thank you!" to all of the children who have contributed items for our Autumn interest table display this week. The classroom has developed an authentic *woodland aroma* with all of the leaves and fruits of the woodland and it's been a very popular hands-on attraction, generating lots of discussion and questions. We're still encouraging the children to try to find some red/orange coloured leaves to show the spectrum of the autumn palette, in addition to any more unusual finds, such as beech nuts and 'fruits' of the woodland. This week, we discussed how some of the fruits and berries, whilst colourful and attractive, are not safe for us to touch or eat.