

Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig



Week Ending:
Friday 5th October

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

• **Reading Folders & Books** - Please return the book bag, reading book and reading record by Wednesday. A letter will be sent home this week to inform you of the allotted day for your child to return their book bag. 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 Burmingham (Class Teacher) and
Mrs Roberts (Class LSA).

This week...

In our number work, we have been counting and comparing numbers to 20 and beyond. We have been learning to estimate quantities and understanding how to make sensible guesses using our knowledge of differently sized sets of numbers. We have also been thinking about number bonds - finding pairs of numbers that make 4, 5 or 6 and matching to number sentences. Then we used the number bonds to find the missing number in different number sentences - this was quite tricky! After lots of practise, we performed our song, 'It's Harvest Time!' during the Harvest Assembly and learned about the meaning of the Harvest thanksgiving. We talked about 'charity' and how our gifts of food will be donated to the local food bank that will help others less fortunate than ourselves. In Welsh, we revisited the colour names and learned some of the names for 2D shapes. We used this vocabulary when writing sentences to describe, 'Beth sy' yn y bocsy?' (What's in the box?). As a class, we collected information on a tally chart to find out which fruit our friends liked the most and transferred this information onto a table to create a graph, using the Hwb website tool JiT5. Next week, we will be using the graph to answer questions about the data we'd collected.

Home Learning

The children are having great fun sharing their 'Home Learning' with their friends! We have had a couple of magnificent miniature gardens, super sock puppets and a thought-provoking 'Who am I?' riddle booklet brought into school this week - all of which have taken pride of place amongst our other amazing contributions on our class topic display. It's been lovely to see the excitement and knowledge gained by the children as they have been completing these fun activities with family members. We truly appreciate your support and hope that you too are having fun!

This term's Home Learning Grid relating to our topic, 'The Enchanted Woodland', is available on the Ysgol y Ddraig website .

The children have been keenly adding to our 'Autumn Treasures' collection for the classroom *hands-on* interest table. There have been some great finds - unusual seeds, nuts, seasonal fruits and a rainbow of leaves in different shapes and sizes. Many thanks for supporting our quest to build an array of Autumn glory!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th October - LIBRARY: Storytelling by a visiting author and fun activities [2-3pm]
If you are able to accompany us to the library, please let someone from the Year 1 staff know as soon as possible. We are looking for 3-4 helpers, if possible.

Friday 12th October - CLASS TRIP TO PORTHERRY PARK for some exciting Forest School activities linked with our topic, 'The Enchanted Woodland'. [9.20am-2.30pm]
Please remember that the consent slip and payment is required by Wednesday 10th October.