

# Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig



Week Ending:  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](http://www.ysgolyddraig.co.uk)

## This week...

In maths, we have been finding pairs that make 6 and 10, matching pairs to number sentences, writing addition number sentences and finding the missing number in number sentences. We have started to learn how to find all of the number bonds using a '*systematic approach*' - starting with the smallest number first, for example,  $0+6=6$ ,  $1+5=6$ ,  $2+4=6$ ... We have also been learning to double numbers 1-5 (e.g.  $1+1$ ,  $2+2$ ,  $3+3$ ...) and then beginning to double numbers 6-10. We have used our fingers, numicon and cubes to help, as well as learning a little action rhyme:

**Double 1 is 2  
tap it on your shoe  
Double 2 is 4  
stamp it on the floor  
Double 3 is 6  
do some finger clicks  
Double 4 is 8  
put your arms up  
straight  
Double 5 is 10  
Clap your hands and  
start again!**

As part of our literacy, we worked in our groups to compose a piece of shared writing - A Harvest 'Thank you' prayer. Firstly, we considered the importance of saying 'thank you' and contemplated the many reasons for being grateful for all that we have. Then, in writing our prayer, we had to include adjectives to describe the different foods and think of ways to extend our ideas to include more detail. We also learned how to edit and improve our writing.

In Forest School, we worked cooperatively to construct a large tree on the ground using the natural materials in our environment. We worked hard to show the roots, trunk, branches and crown of the tree. We were very pleased with our piece of floor art!

On Friday, we went on our class trip to Porthkerry Park to learn about different woodland animals, habitats and den building. We will be reflecting on our exciting day in the outdoors during our learning activities next week.

## Home Learning

A BIG "Well done and thank you!" to everyone who has brought a piece of work selected from the choice of 8 fun activities relating to this term's topic, '*The Enchanted Woodland*'. It's clear that the children are very proud of their achievements and have really enjoyed the shared learning experience. If your child hasn't yet managed to complete a task, there's plenty of time - as the topic continues until our Christmas break. We sincerely hope that all children succeed in accomplishing at least one of the mini projects during this time. 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).**