

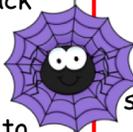
Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig



Week Ending:
Friday 26th October

Reminders

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



This week...

Firstly, we'd like to say a HUGE "Thank you!" to all our special grown-ups who helped us on our educational visit to Porthkerry Park last week. The sun shone all day and it was fantastic to be outdoors engaging in all of the different activities. There were lots of opportunities for great team work from the building of waterproof shelters to floor art using natural materials, foraging for autumn treasures in a scavenger hunt and constructing nests for our soon-to-be hibernating animal friends. We all enjoyed a busy but very happy day together. Back in the classroom, we had fun studying the photographs of our day in the woods. They helped us to recall the key parts of our trip, which we recorded on a class 'story map' of the whole day. We used the story map to help us write our own recount of the visit to the park and included ordering words, for example, 'First', 'Then', 'Next', 'After' and 'Finally', to help sequence the events of the day. We researched some British woodland creatures and selected one to paint- thinking carefully about the shape, colour and patterns we could see from the picture. We chose our own criteria by which to sort the natural materials we'd collected from the woods and displayed them in a Venn diagram, writing labels for the sets. We took a photograph of our work and saved it to our folders. In maths, we have been 'counting on' to find 1 or 2 more than any number up to 20 and 'counting back' to find 1 or 2 less than numbers up to 20. We began to apply these skills to numbers greater than 20. We continued to practise our knowledge of number doubles and improved our estimation skills at our 'Estimation Station'. On Wednesday, we had another visit - this time to the local library to listen to some African drumming. We had a chance to play some of the instruments, such as the large African rope tuned wood djembe drums, agogo bells, and shekere shakers. What a lovely way to end a busy week and term!

Home Learning.

If you haven't yet managed to undertake any of the Home Learning activities this half term, perhaps you'd like to try one of the choices during the school holiday? We would really like all children to have attempted one of the mini projects at some point during the term. The children benefit so much from the experience, both at home and later on in school, where they can proudly present their accomplishments. The Home Learning Grid for Dosbarth Thaw is available on the Ysgol y Ddraig website.



Diary Dates

Monday 5th November - **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY**
Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th November - **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**



If you have any queries relating to your child's learning or otherwise, please do not hesitate to call in and see us.

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

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a safe and happy half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the busy second half of the autumn term on **TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER.**