



## Colhuw Nursery class news at Ysgol y Ddraig

Week Ending:  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

A very warm welcome back to the Spring Term 2019 and a special welcome to our new friends who have joined our Nursery and are settling in so well! We have spent the first week back after Christmas talking about the weather (Mae hi'n oer! -It's cold!) and why our outdoor toys have a coating of frost! We have been exploring snow and ice in the tuff trays outside and we considered, discussed and made predictions for lots of questions, including "What does snow and ice feel like?" and "Can the ice cubes be scooped and poured?" We also discussed the textures of the snow and ice and thought of lots of describing words. We looked at the shape of the ice - stars and hearts and cubes -and thought about how they came to be that shape? We set a challenge, "Can you paint an ice cube?" and the children set to work with paints and paintbrushes, with lots of discussion as the ice cubes melted and the paint colours mixed in swirls on the tuff spot. We set up a small world ice rink with play people frozen in ice cubes and we skated the people around the small world area, watching the marks it made as the ice cubes melted. We helped the play people to escape from the ice cubes, exploring ways of breaking the ice and discussing which ways would be the quickest. We completed a collaborative "cold painting" exploring "cold" colour paints on a foil background. We also watched the Snowman Dance clip from the film "The Snowman" by Raymond Briggs and worked as a class and in groups and pairs to respond to the music. There are photos of these Nursery activities on the school blog this week

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We are excited to be starting our new topic next week, "Do dragons exist?" We will be considering this question over the term, whilst finding out about what it's like to live in a castle! We will send home some suggested "Home Learning" activities to support this topic next Friday.



### Reminders

**Language and Play (LAP) starts back this Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> January). Please bring a packed lunch for your child and see Mrs Beynon for more details.**

Please could all snack contributions (£1 per week) be brought in a named envelope on a Monday morning

- PE will be on a Friday - please wear school uniform with comfortable bottoms to school e.g. joggers / leggings and trainers on this day
  - Please ensure all clothing and bags are clearly labelled.
- Library books - please could book bags be brought to school on a Wednesday and the books will be discussed with staff and changed and sent back home on a Friday. Please write a comment in the reading record book to share with us if your child enjoyed the book.



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If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Diolch yn Fawr

Miss S Grafton, Mrs D Beynon, Mrs J Price and the Nursey team