

Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig Week Ending: Friday 11th January



Reminders

•**Reading Folders & Books** - After listening to your child read, please sign and date the reading record and add a comment, if desired. Then,

return the book bag, reading book and reading record on the day allocated to your child.

•**Word Walls** - Please continue to practise the sight words regularly, as we will review them regularly. These words are 'look & say' words and should be recognised and read without decoding. As a further challenge, your child could also learn to spell the words to aid writing fluency.

•**Outdoor clothing** - With the colder weather, please ensure that your child has suitably warm clothing for outdoor learning and play. Many thanks.

P.E. Kit - 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.

•**Snack Money** - Children can purchase a piece of fruit for **20p per day (£1 per week)**. Please ensure that all money is paid in advance.

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

•**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...

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi gyd!

There's been a sense of excitement in the classroom this week, as the children have returned from the school break full of Christmas conversation and obviously happy to be with their friends, once again.

We started the week by taking turns to share 1 or 2 special memories from our Christmas news. We practised our speaking and listening skills for example, communicating our thoughts clearly, tracking the speaker carefully and asking relevant questions.

Our Circle Time introduced this term's focus, 'Going for Goals' and we talked about making New Year's Resolutions. To achieve our goals we've learned that we will need a positive mindset, perseverance and the resilience to try hard, keep going and not giving up when faced with difficulty or challenge. We will continue talking about and developing these skills throughout the term.

We concluded our work on the musical story, 'Peter and the Wolf' by Prokofiev - drawing our favourite scene from the story, then enacting the scene in our groups to create a 'freeze frame' snapshot of a moment in time; using the Green Screen to create a background and recording an accompanying narrative using the Garage Band app. We completed a Listening Map of the story which required us to think about how the music made us feel at different points in the story, to consider the type of sound being created by the instruments and our likes and dislikes about the whole piece. We have thoroughly enjoyed our expressive arts topic.

This term we will be learning about the Islamic faith. We started by finding out about 'Milad un Nab' which is the special occasion celebrating the Prophet Muhammad and his life - particularly his birthday. As part of our activity, we compared our birthday celebrations with one from a different religion and culture.

In our Dance lesson we practised some yoga poses, - developing our agility, coordination and balance when stretching up and bending forwards. Over the next few weeks we will be learning to perform a range of yoga poses and creating a flowing sequence of movements.

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).**