

Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig

Week Ending:
Friday 5th April

Reminders

- Home Learning** - The Home Learning Grid for Dosbarth Thaw is available on the Ysgol y Ddraig website.
- P.E. Kit** - Every Thursday, for the next 2 weeks, the children are going to be participating in a special series of sessions teaching basic cricket skills. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school, for both indoor **and outdoor** activities. Suitable outdoor footwear will be required (eg trainers or plimsoles). P.E days are on Monday and Thursday every week.
- 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.
- Twitter** - Photographs of your children and updates on class activities are uploaded to **@ysgolyddraig**. Look out for **#Thaw**.
- Website** - www.ysgolyddraig.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 10th April - 'Show and See' afternoon, 2-3pm
Friday 12th April - end of the Spring Term

**Dosbarth Thaw's 'Show & See' ~
Wednesday 10th April, between 2-
3pm**

We'd like to invite you to join us, during part or all of the afternoon, to have fun whilst sharing in your child's learning and spending a special time together. The offer is open to all members of the family. We look forward to seeing you!

This week...

In preparation for our class visit to St. Fagan's, we started the week by looking at, discussing and handling old-fashioned toys - some dating back over 100 years! We looked at the materials the toys were made from and how the design of a toy had changed from its' inception to the present day. From our exploration we were able to compare and contrast toys from the past and present, listing the different features and characteristics. We sorted a range of toys using a Venn diagram and created a toy timeline - placing the toys in chronological order by comparing the dates that the toys were produced. Our St Fagan's visit consisted of two workshops. The first activity helped us to learn about some toys from long ago. Then, we made our own peg doll from different materials.

At the end, we had a large selection of dolls from a friendly black cat and a large-winged insect to a noble Ninja warrior and beautiful princess. We all had a wonderful time expressing our ideas! After lunch, we visited the old school house, Ysgol Maestir. We discovered many things such as, a class could have children from 3-16years of age all being taught together in the same room, at the same time; the youngest sat at the front of the class and oldest at the back; children were punished for speaking Welsh and had to wear a 'Welsh Not' plus all children had to write with their right hand and have good posture at all times- even the little ones. We were amazed that the children were taught only three things-reading, writing and maths and all children had to go home for lunch and return for the afternoon. However, we were really shocked when the guide showed us the cane and did not think it was very nice. We were surprised to see that the toilets were outside and that the boys and girls had to play separately. Having learned about what schools were like around 100+ years ago, our conclusion was that we'd *much rather* go to Ysgol y Ddraig than go to a school like Ysgol Maestir! To finish our day, we enjoyed some time in the play park with our friends before boarding the bus and heading off back to school. What a fantastic end to our week!

Home Learning - Memory Box

Please don't forget to send in the home-designed Memory Boxes by Monday 9th April! We are really looking forward to sharing the 'treasures' that they hold inside with all of our class friends and will have them on display for families to admire on our Show & See afternoon, this coming week!

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 Burningham (Class Teacher) and
Mrs Roberts (Class LSA).**



Memory Box

A memory box is a special place to keep important and treasured memories.

Special things could be an old toy, something they had as a baby, letters, postcards, drawings, photographs and other keepsakes of precious and memorable times.

As part of our topic, we'd like every child to make their own special memory box or, alternatively, a time capsule. This could be made from a shoebox (or similar), decorated with lovely colours, papers and materials or perhaps collaged using stickers, stamps, photos of themselves and the family, events or places visited. The inside of the box could be padded with tissue, foam or bubble wrap. Maybe it could have compartments for different objects.



The children will bring home a list of special things that they'd like to collect and include in their box. This initial list of 'treasures' can then be added to at home. There are lots of ideas and suggestions for memory box contents available on the internet.



The children could add written messages on small cards, noting things that they love and enjoy now, their best friend/s, hobbies or interests etc...

The children could attach a small label or tag to each item in their box to remind them of why it's important or special to them. Luggage labels would be good way of doing this.

Towards the end of our topic, we will ask the children to bring their box into school to share with their friends. You will also have an opportunity to see all of the memory boxes made by the children during our 'Show & See' afternoon on Wednesday 10th April.

