



Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig

Week Ending:
Friday 8th March



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 3-4 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 plimsols). 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 27th March - class visit to Cardiff Wales Airport

Thursday 4th April - class visit to St. Fagan's.

Wednesday 10th April - 'Show and See' afternoon, 2-3pm

Please return the consent slips and payment (for the St. Fagan's visit only) by the dates stated on the letters. Diolch!

Photographs needed...

If you haven't already done so, please ensure that your child has their photographs in school for the planned activities. Thank you.



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).

This week...

We started the week with a fantastic day of celebration for St David's Day. Dressed in our wonderful Welsh costumes, national sports teams' tops and our school team colours, we performed our song and rhyme for the other Foundation Phase classes in our special celebration assembly and discovered who'd won the handwriting, poetry and art competitions that we'd been working so hard to complete before the half term break. Later, we watched the Chaining of the Bard ceremony and had an amazing afternoon participating in a carousel of Welsh activities; including folk dancing, singing, listening to Welsh tales and playing games using the Welsh language. Diwrnod bendigedig! We also learned about the story of St David and drew a daffodil from careful observation, using pastels. We enjoyed a magical bilingual shadow puppet theatre performance telling the story of how the Welsh flag was created. Afterwards, we had an opportunity to make our very own dragon rod puppets using a range of tools and materials. We had great fun! This week we have started to develop a class dance for our Ysgol Y Ddraig 'Big Dragon Dance', taking place in a couple of weeks time. The theme of our dance is 'Dance through the Ages' to complement our topic, 'Memory Box'. For this, we have been learning dance moves from the Charleston, Rock 'n' Roll, disco and hip-hop. Some of our other activities this week have involved making a Gragger (musical instrument) for telling the story celebrating the Jewish festival of Purim, and finding out about the significance of Pancake Day and Lent.

Phew! What an exciting start to our new term!



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. Next week, the children will be bringing home a list of things that they'd like to collect and include in their box.

Then, towards the end of our topic, we will be asking the children to bring their box into school to share with their friends. So, it's time to get creative and have fun designing a box together!

Home Learning

It's great to have had some entries for the school (and later, the inter-school) STEM competition from Dosbarth Thaw-a big 'da iawn' to you all who've entered and good luck! Also, some of our children have been very productive during the half-term break and have completed some of the suggested topic-based tasks. We've had great pleasure sharing the learning this week during our class 'Show and Tell' and have included the new pieces of work on our class display.