

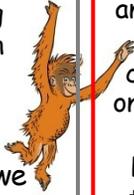
Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig

Week Ending:
Friday 17th May



Reminders

• **P.E. Kit** - Physical Development is a mandatory part of the Foundation Phase curriculum. 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.



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

• **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

Friday 24th May - End of half term (Whitsun Break)

Monday 3rd June - Children return to school

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 have been learning to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks, by reading times showing o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past the hour. We have played games such as time bingo to help us read, recognise and compare the times quickly and ordered times to show when we do the important things throughout the day - such as, having breakfast, going to school and going to bed - to create our own timeline. We watched a short film called, 'An Orangutan in my Bedroom' and then considered how the deforestation of large parts of the rainforest for palm oil is destroying the habitats of many animals and plants forever. We were very shocked and saddened to think that many orangutans (and other animals) were dying every day and wrote letters to Her Majesty the Queen asking for her help in stopping the destruction of their homes. We created our own rainforest word searches and challenged one of our friends to complete it. In preparation for our Big Write, we read the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and drew a storyboard of events in the story from the perspective of one of the main characters. We added some of the key words from the story which we felt might help us when we attempt our writing next week. As part of our topic, we discussed the Rio Olympics and talked, in Welsh, about the sports that we like to play or watch before writing about them using the phrase, 'Dw i'n hoffi chwarae...' ('I like to play...'). In Forest School, we had an amazing afternoon making Mandala patterns from natural materials in the spring sunshine, ahead of joining our friends from across the school in our various Pupil Voice group meetings. This week we finally managed to finish our photo frames (that were started before the Easter Break) by decorating the frames with glitter, jewels and sequins and adding the most important part - a photo of ourselves! We were exceptionally pleased with the end product and hope that you liked our fantastic handmade design and technology craft work as much as we did.



Home Learning

Yet again, we've had some wonderfully creative pieces of home learning brought in to share this week. Some examples of the work have included labelled designs for a Rio carnival outfit, a brightly coloured, fully decorated Rio Carnival t-shirt - complete with feathers, fact files about some of the fantastic tropical creatures that live in the Amazon rainforest and a beautifully collaged macaw with the different parts of its body labelled. Thank you to the children who've spent time to make these super items. These will now take pride of place on our class topic wall display and will hopefully inspire some more contributions very soon!

Snack Money - Polite Request

Children are invited to bring their own healthy snack to school on a daily basis or they can purchase a piece of fruit for 20p per day (£1 per week, paid in advance). Please ensure that payment is made weekly. The school is currently subsidising an average of £5 per week for children who receive a snack every day in our class, but haven't paid for it. Thank you for your anticipated support.

