



Year 1 Class News at Ysgol y Ddraig

Week Ending:
Friday 7th June

Reminders

• **P.E. Kit** - 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

Sports' Day

During the next few weeks, we will be practising all of the team races and games during our Physical Development lessons. Therefore, it will be imperative that all children have a suitable P.E. kit in school for these activities. If your child does not have a kit in school, please ensure that one is provided from next week onwards.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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).

This week...

It seems impossible, but we are now beginning the last few weeks of Year 1. Where has the year gone? In maths we have been partitioning two and three digit numbers into hundreds, tens and ones (units). For example, $34 = 30 + 4$ and $158 = 100 + 50 + 8$. We have also been revisiting number doubles and halving numbers and telling the time on an analogue clock. In literacy, we completed our information booklets describing the different layers of the rainforest, ordered words in jumbled sentences and wrote them as correctly punctuated sentences and built our own sentences to describe part of an illustration and then up-levelled them using exciting adjectives and different openers and connectives to make them even better. We also researched information online about a rainforest animal to help us to create a fact file on Hwb. We used the subheadings, 'name', 'description', 'diet', 'habitat' and 'fun fact', to organise our information clearly. In R.E. we have started to learn about the Buddhist festival celebrated in Sri Lanka called, '*Esala Perahera*', also known as the 'Festival of the Tooth'. We took an imaginary trip to Sri Lanka and then wrote postcards about the sights experienced on our travels. We compared Sri Lanka to the UK and recreated dances and drum rhythms that would be seen and heard during a torch lit procession, when different temples are visited as a special part of the ten day festival.



Home Learning

We'd like to extend a massive 'Diolch yn fawr!' to all children who completed some of the activities on our Home Learning grid over the Whitsun break. We have been able to add two Brazilian flags, another creatively decorated t-shirt for a Rio carnival and more labelled diagrams of exotic rainforest creatures to our class topic display. One of our children even researched recipes, then cooked and sampled some food from Brazil and brought photographs in to show them preparing and cooking the food in the kitchen, just like a real chef! ***Bem feito para todos*** (well done everyone) as they'd say in Brazil!



Fruit Snack - A Polite Reminder

Any child who wishes to have a piece of fruit (provided by the school) needs to make a payment of 20p per day or £1 for the whole week in advance, please. Alternatively, you may prefer to provide a fruit snack from home. Unfortunately, the regular underpayment for the fruit being consumed daily in our class is costing the school approximately £2 per day. The Fruit Snack provision is not subsidised and relies solely on the regular payments made throughout the school each week. We thank you for your anticipated understanding and support with this matter.



Home Reading Books

Please return the reading folder on the day allocated to your child. We have grouped the children on specific days throughout the week to make the individual reading experience pleasurable and more manageable on a day-to-day basis and also coordinates with the daily Guided Reading activities in class. Diolch - Thank you.