



Week Ending:  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Dosbarth Hensol ~ Class News at  
Ysgol y Ddraig

## Reminders

### •Gate opening & closing times:

**Morning** - 8.30-8.45am

**Afternoon** - 2.50 - 3.05pm

Please arrive and leave promptly as we are trying to keep the number of people on the school site to a minimum. If the gate is closed, you will need to go to the main entrance.

•**P.E. Kit** - P.E days are on **Tuesday (indoor)** and **Thursday (outdoor)** every week. The kit should include a white T-shirt, black shorts/ leggings/joggers, school jumper and trainers or plimsolls. All children should wear their P.E. kit to school on these days. Due to Covid-19 guidelines, P.E. kits will not be kept in school this term.

•**Snack Money** - Children are invited to bring their own healthy snack to school on a daily basis or can purchase a piece of fruit for £1 per week. The payment of £1 per week should be made via **Parent Pay**. Please contact Mrs Jones or Mrs Rees in the school office if you require any further information or support.

•**Water Bottle** - Children can keep a water bottle in the classroom for taking regular drinks throughout the school day. (This is in addition to any drink that they may bring for their lunch.) Please note that **only water/flavoured water** is permitted - No squash, juice or fizzy drinks, thank you.

•**Labelling Property** - Please ensure all clothing/ lunchboxes/water bottles ... are clearly labelled.

## Communication

•**Seesaw** -Please can we remind families to log in to your child's Seesaw account. This is where we will be able to communicate with you by sharing our class letter, announcements and some Home Learning activities. It's important to us that home and school can work together in partnership and Seesaw can help us to do this. If you have any technical questions or difficulties logging in/navigating the platform you can email [ddraigsupport5@hwbcymru.net](mailto:ddraigsupport5@hwbcymru.net)

## This week...

On Tuesday afternoon, we were very excited to walk to a local post box and post our letters to Father Christmas! We have our fingers crossed that Father Christmas is not too busy and can find some time to read our letters and send us a reply sometime soon! We continued our Anti-bullying Week activities by talking about 'friendship' and how to help our friends when they are in need. To support our discussion we read a story called, 'Starry-eyed Stan.' Then we sorted pictures to show the difference between friendly and unfriendly behaviour. As this week saw the start of December, we talked about the meaning of Advent and made a calendar with our Christmas drawings. We're excited to find out who's pictures are hidden behind each window. In Forest School, we made wreaths by weaving leaves onto a willow frame and threaded some orange slices between the leaves. Then, we hung them up to decorate the log circle area. We also learned to light a fire safely and reminded ourselves of fire safety rules. We'll be using this skill next week. Our Dance activities for the next two weeks are based on the famous poem, 'Twas the night before Christmas' by Clement Clarke Moore. First, we watched a short animation of the poem and talked about some of the language used by the poet. To begin our dance we moved smoothly on light, fast feet like snowflakes being swirled around on the snowy night. After decorating the Christmas tree we created a short dance sequence in which we mimed seeing Father Christmas arrive and then became the reindeer travelling in pairs through the sky. We had lots of fun imagining ourselves pulling a sleigh full of toys for Father Christmas! In RWI (Read Write inc.) we have continued to practise Set 1 sounds - improving our letter (grapheme) and sound (phoneme) recognition and have introduced the sounds y, w and th.



The fifth and final session led by Mrs Julia Price @walkinthewild will take place on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

**ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE WELLIES OR A CHANGE OF FOOTWEAR** and suitable clothing for outdoor activities.

**If you have any queries relating to your child's learning or otherwise, please do not hesitate to speak to us.**

**Diolch yn fawr.**

**Mrs Ewings (Class Teacher) & Miss Rose (Class LSA)**

## Christmas Cards

If your child/ren would like to give Christmas cards to their friends, they must be brought into the classroom by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, at the latest.

This is to ensure a sufficient quarantine period over the weekend before being taken home the following week.

Please note, no cards will be handed out before **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the children can only write to or accept cards from children within the Dosbarth Thaw & Hensol bubble.

Following GDPR guidelines, we are not permitted to share information about children in the class - which means that we are unable to provide a class list of names.

However, you can send in cards within unnamed envelopes which we can hand out to every child.

Dosbarth Hensol: 27 children

Dosbarth Thaw: 30 children

