



Week Ending:
Friday 11th 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

This week...

We started the week with a Christmassy outdoor learning activity. We discovered that the elves had hidden some numbered Christmas stockings in the woods and we had to work together in our teams to find them and peg them onto our washing line in the correct order. Afterwards, we had to answer some tricky number questions using our completed washing line for support. We have been learning about The First Christmas and made our own collage of the Nativity scene. We labelled the characters in the scene using 'Fred Fingers' to work out the letter sounds in each word. For our Christmas card we painted long and short stripes to create a Christmas tree shape and decorated it with sequin baubles and lots and lots of sparkly glitter. To finish our card, we wrote the message in Welsh -Nadolig Llawen! In Dance, we completed the final part of 'Twas the night before Christmas'. This week we had to pretend to be Santa balancing on a slippery roof and climbing down the chimney; then help Santa fill up all of the sacks with presents and take one last ride on the sleigh with the reindeer galloping across the sky. We worked independently and in groups to create short dance sequences, coordinating our moves with the music cues. Sadly, this week was our last Forest School activity with Mrs. Price. We have had enormous fun over the past few weeks and learnt many new skills - including some that have really challenged us! For our last activity we enjoyed roasting marshmallows, then making (and eating!) s'mores whilst sitting around a warming camp fire. We took our wreaths and wood cookies home as a memento. Thank you for giving us such a wonderful experience, Mrs. Price! We have continued practising our Christmas songs before recording our performance with our friends in Dosbarth Thaw. You will be able to hear our songs (together with songs from the other year groups) as they will be shared with parents very soon. 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 x and z.



Christmas Cards

We apologise , but we cannot accept any more Christmas cards from the end of this week. As stated in the whole-school Ace Newsflash and last week's class newsletter, the deadline of Friday 11th December was to allow for a sufficient quarantine period before sending them home.

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

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