



Week Ending:
Friday 4th December

Dosbarth Thaw ~ 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 to help us keep the number of people on the school site to a minimum during busier times of the day.
- **P.E. Kit** - P.E days are on **Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)** every week. All children should wear their P.E. kit to school on these days.
- **Morning Snack** - Children can bring a healthy snack to school every day or the school can provide a piece of fruit daily for £1 per week. (Weekly payment to be made via **Parent Pay**, please.)
- **Water Bottle** - Please note that **only water/flavoured water** is permitted in the bottles kept in the classroom - No squash, juice or fizzy drinks, thank you.
- **Outdoor learning activities** - **Every Monday and Wednesday** - All children need to bring a pair of wellies (or a change of footwear) for our weekly outdoor learning activities. Please ensure that you have suitable clothing for wet weather, e.g. a coat and waterproof trousers (if possible).



Communication

- **Seesaw** - We will be communicating with you by sharing our class letter, announcements and some Home Learning activities on this platform throughout the year. If you have any technical questions or difficulties logging in/navigating the platform you can email: ddraigsupport5@hwbcymru.net
- **Twitter** - class updates are uploaded to @ysgolyddraig. Look out for #Thaw.
- **Website** - www.ysgolyddraig.co.uk

If you have any queries relating to your child's learning or otherwise, please do not hesitate to call in and see us. If that's not possible, please phone the school or send us an email and we'll respond as soon as we can..

Diolch yn fawr.

Mrs Birmingham (Class Teacher) and Mrs John (Class LSA)

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. We considered two BIG QUESTIONS: 'What makes a good friend?' and 'How can we help a friend in need?' To support our discussion we read a story called, 'Starry-eyed Star' and played a 'What if...?' game, when we considered different scenarios with our groups - we shared some really thoughtful ideas! Then, we listed the qualities needed in a good friend in our writing activity. We also sorted pictures to show the difference between friendly/unfriendly behaviour. As we are coming towards the end of our first term in Year 1, we have been reflecting upon what we have achieved, what has challenged us and what we have enjoyed. In such a short time, there have been many good memories to share and lots to celebrate! As this week saw the start of December, we talked about the meaning of Advent and made a 'homemade' calendar with our Christmas drawings. We're excited to find out who's pictures are hidden behind each window. In Forest School, we made wreathes 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! We revisited some of the letters that we have been practicing to form correctly throughout the past weeks (Curly Caterpillar letters, Robot-arm letters and Ladder Letters) and used them to spell simple words with our 'Fred Fingers'. It would really help us to keep practising our handwriting and number formation at home using the 'How to' videos and learning to recognise and say the letter sounds speedily-There are resources to help you on our Seesaw Home Learning so please take a look.



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

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

Christmas Cards

If your child/ren would like to give Christmas cards to their friends, they must be brought in to the classroom by **Friday 11th 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 14th 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

