



Week Ending:
Friday 11th 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** - All children must 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/cold 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...

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 and then wrote about the story trying to punctuate the sentences correctly (with capital letters and full stops) and using time connectives (e.g. First, Next, Then...) to sequence the events. For our Christmas card we printed a fern leaf 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 Llawn! In number, we revisited measurement and used rulers or centicubes to measure the elves to find out their heights in centimetres and to make comparisons. 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 Hensol. 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.

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.

