



# Drury Newsletter

Christmas Newsletter 2024



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Family



## Dosbarth Gwennyn

Bendigedig Nursery! You have come to the end of your first term in school. Over the past few weeks you have enjoyed watching the older children perform in their concerts and learned all about the birth of baby Jesus. You have also dressed as a character from the Nativity story which has helped you understand the true meaning of Christmas. Remember to go to bed early on Christmas eve and keep your eyes tightly closed until morning. See you all in January when we will start our new topic.

Happy Christmas love from  
Mrs Catherall

## Dosbarth Llygoden

The children have all settled well into full time school. We have been learning about Drury and went on a walk around the village. We looked at all the different houses, then read the story of the Three Little pigs and the houses they built. We conducted an experiment to see which was the best material to use. We also had our very own 'Santas Grotto' in the classroom. Nadolig Llawen



## Dosbarth Pili Pala

We have had a fun filled first term! From exploring our local history about Buckley Brickworks and Pottery and having the opportunity to talk to the local community about our past to finally making our very own 'Drury Christmas Pottery'

We ended the term with a fabulous production of Shine, Star Shine and a wonderful visit to see Father Christmas – Nadolig Llawen, Pawb!



## Drury and Beyond Our Autumn Topic comes to a close.

As our topic comes to an end the children will be sharing what they have learned in a whole school **FABULOUS FINISH** assembly on the last day of this term. Each class, influenced by pupil voice has explored our local area and the wider world – and had a fabulous time doing it!

Take a look at some of the fantastic experiences the children have had. This term has been action packed thanks to our creative staff and pupils.

We gathered in the hall today to celebrate the end of the topic and share what each class has been up to since September.

## Dosbarth Cwdihw

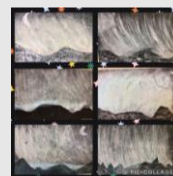
We have had a busy term exploring Drury and Beyond. We made our own pottery, made our own maps and also learnt lots of new digital skills including using excel to record temperatures in

Drury and coding our very own flashing Christmas decorations! Not to mention visits from Lego Master Steve and Chwarae Flintshire. All whilst rehearsing and then performing a festive spectacular – 'A Christmas Quarrell'. Da iawn pawb on all your hard work this term. Nadolig Llawen!



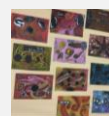
## Dosbarth Broga

Dosbarth Broga have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the history of our local area and have had lots of fun learning about the country of Iceland that formed part of the 'Beyond' section of our topic. We enjoyed finding out about the Northern Lights. We even got creative and made our own piece of Aurora Borealis artwork. Take a look at a selection below! Have a lovely Christmas. Nadolig Llawen!



## Dosbarth Malwen

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning all things space! From science experiments to gelli plate printing, oil pastel creations, digital projects, and creative writing, it's been a very enjoyable term! Nadolig Llawen ☺







## Dosbarth Hebog

We have really enjoyed our topic this term and have completed a wide variety of tasks. From learning about Owain Glyndwr to our local history during WWI, we have covered a lot. Most recently we created a Christmas Market where we sold second hand items and craft that we made. It was really good fun running our own shop and raising money.



*The more we learn the more we know,  
Ysgol Drury is a great place to grow.*

| Understanding Your Percentage Attendance |                |   |   |
|--|----------------|---|---|
| 100%                                     | 0 days missed  | Fantastic attendance!   |  |
| 99%                                      | 2 days missed  | Well done—you are at or above the School Target   |   |
| 98%                                      | 4 days missed  |   |   |
| 97%                                      | 6 days missed  |   |   |
| 96%                                      | 8 days missed  | At 96% and below you are just below target—make sure you do not miss any more days.                       |  |
| 95%                                      | 10 days missed |   |   |
| 94%                                      | 12 days missed |   |   |
| 93%                                      | 14 days missed |   |   |
| 92%                                      | 16 days missed | At 93% and below your attendance is becoming worryingly low.  |  |
| 91%                                      | 18 days missed |   |   |
| 90%                                      | 19 days missed |   |   |
| 89%                                      | 21 days missed | At 90% and below you are Persistently Absent—school will support you and your family to help this improve |  |
| 88%                                      | 23 days missed |   |   |
| 87%                                      | 25 days missed |   |   |
| 86%                                      | 27 days missed |   |   |
| 85%                                      | 29 days missed |   |   |
| Make every school day count!             |                |   |   |

| Attendance by class for the Autumn term 2024 |           |          |       |        |       |
|--|-----------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Llygoden                                     | Pili Pala | Gwddi Hw | Broga | Malwen | Hebog |
| 88.91%                                       | 95.9%     | 95.5%    | 96%   | 94.9%  | 96.1% |

## Patrywym Yr Wythnos / Sentence of the Week



It is fantastic to see these figures for our attendance – our target remains 96%. While we do encourage positive attendance we also fully understand that children do get poorly. Please do not send your children in if they are too unwell or have a virus that may spread. Thank you for helping us to keep our children and staff safe.

The children continue to learn a Welsh phrase each week. “Pw sy eisau .....? Who would like...?”

## Diolch a hwyl fawr!

Thank you and goodbye to Ern Dorans who has finished her time at Drury Primary School as a TA in Pili Pala. We all gathered in the hall to celebrate her time here and to present her with cards, gifts and flowers. We were joined by Mrs Doran’s partner and daughter as well as Mr Biltcliffe who said a few words. The children sang beautifully and I know they will miss her very much.



# It's a date!



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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                    | Staff Training Day                                  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                   | Pupils start back to school                         |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                  | School Council to visit Council Chambers, Buckley   |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                 | Swimming for Gwdi Hw and Broga                      |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – February 7 <sup>th</sup> 2025 | Children's Mental Health Week<br>Details to follow. |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                   | Welsh Language Music Day                            |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                | Half term begins for the children                   |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025                  | Training Day for teachers                           |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025                      | Pupils return to school                             |

*More dates to follow in the new year.....*

Thank you to our fabulous  
PTA – you work wonders!

As the term draws to a close  
we would all like to thank the

PTA for their efforts especially

at Christmas time, to raise funds for the school. The  
bottle hampers for our concerts helped us to raise an  
amazing £607.

There are still bags for sale so please contact our PTA  
or the school to purchase one for £5.



The work that our PTA does helps us to buy resources  
for the children which impacts their learning hugely.  
We are always looking for extra people to support fund  
raising and help out with events over the year, If you  
can help out, we would love to hear from you. It doesn't  
matter how much time you have to offer, every little  
bit helps. Our PTA are a friendly group who would  
really appreciate your support.

Please contact:

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Mrs Dufffy – mo.dufffy@hotmail.co.uk

Miss Mullock – katiemullock@Hotmail.com



Dosbarth Hebog raised £248.50 with their Christmas Market event. Our generous PTA have offered to match fund which brings the grand total to £ 497 ! This money will be spent on the outdoor area for the mobile classroom children.



Thank you to Lester's farm shop for our beautiful tree again this year. It has made us all feel Christmassy and gave a magical sparkle to all the festive events we have held in the hall this season. Thank you Sam x



Dear Parents and friends of the school,

The biggest thank you for the term goes out to our wonderful children who help to make the school a vibrant and exciting place to work and learn. Their enjoyment of school life and their enthusiasm for learning makes all the staff proud, everyday.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly through a term packed full of exciting opportunities, events and activities. We have been delighted to welcome our Governors into the school this term to share in all we do and we look forward to continuing this close working relationship into the new year.



Thank you to Celtic Financial Planning Ltd for organising for Santa to visit which made everyone's Christmas!

Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy and Healthy  
2025!