



Craft a flying dragon

On 1 March it is St David's Day, a day to celebrate Wales and all things Welsh. St David was born around AD500 in Wales and was a Christian preacher who reportedly performed miracles. On St David's Day, flags are flown and Welsh music is played. Children often go to school wearing traditional Welsh clothes or pin a daffodil or a leek to their chest – both of which are symbols of Wales. Another symbol of Wales is the red dragon: "Y Ddraig Goch" in Welsh, as seen on the country's flag. Here are six steps to making your own flying dragon. Draw your own beast or ask an adult to print out a template you can cut out from tinyurl.com/twj-dragon-template

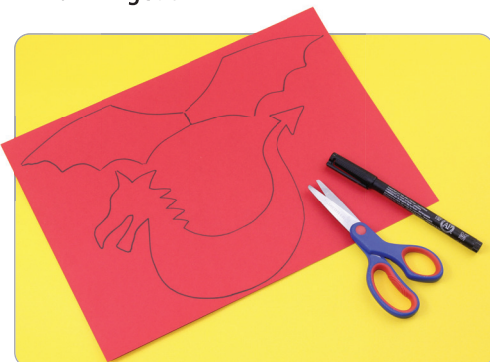
What you need

- A pencil
- A4 red card
- Scissors
- Pens
- White paper
- Glue
- Sticky tape
- A thin wooden stick
- Ruler
- A drinking straw

TOP TIPS

To flap the wings, move the end of the straw up and down.

If you don't have red card, use a different colour or use white card and colour it in.



1 Draw the body and wings on the card and cut them out. To make the wings the same size, flip over one wing and draw round it.



2 Draw and cut out four legs and a forked tongue. Cut out an eye from some white paper. Draw patterns on the body and wings.



3 Fold over 1cm at the ends of both wings. Glue the ends then stick one wing on each side of the body. Position them upright so they match up.



4 Glue the legs and tongue to the body. Tape a thin stick to the middle of the body on the reverse side, just under the wings.



5 Carefully cut a drinking straw about 8cm along the length, so the end splits into two pieces. Press on the split ends to flatten them.



6 Slide the straw onto the stick, with the split ends at the top. Glue or tape the straw ends to the underside of the wings. Leave to dry.

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