



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, we would like to thank all our pupils, families, staff, governors and friends of the school for their continued support.

The past fortnight has been packed with memorable experiences. Children enjoyed a fantastic whole-school visit to the National Botanic Garden of Wales, exploring habitats, searching for minibeasts and learning more about the natural world. Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 2 pupils have also celebrated the end of the year in style with beach parties, outdoor games, picnics, movie afternoons and, of course, the Year 5/6 water fight!

Our Year 6 pupils have been busy preparing for their next exciting chapter. We were delighted to welcome families to their Leavers' Assembly and are incredibly proud of the mature, caring and resilient young people they have become. We wish them every success as they move on to secondary school.

Sports Day was once again a highlight of the year. The sun shone, the competition was fierce and the community spirit was evident throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who attended, competed, volunteered, donated refreshments and supported the event. Special thanks go to Gower PYO for their generous strawberry donation and to everyone brave enough to have a go at soaking me in the stocks!

We were also incredibly fortunate to receive a very generous donation from local resident and former Knelston parent, **Hudson Evans**. Hudson has always been a strong supporter of the school and has a particular passion for sport and the opportunities it provides for young people. As a wonderful gesture of support, he has donated **£1,500** to the school to help fund new sports kits and resources for our children. We are extremely grateful for his kindness and generosity, which will directly benefit pupils for years to come. We hope to welcome Hudson into school in the near future so that we can thank him personally and show him the positive impact his donation is making.

Across the school, children have continued to enjoy a rich variety of learning experiences, from digging up home-grown potatoes and investigating outdoor habitats to celebrating favourite class novels and enjoying opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

A particular highlight was welcoming pupils and staff from Christ Church Primary School as part of our Seed to Fork: City to Coast Project. It was a fantastic day of learning, collaboration and outdoor experiences, with children from both schools working together and sharing their knowledge.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Osborn, Mrs Latham, Mrs Attwell, Dawn Thomas and, of course, Mr Beynon from Oddington Bees, who delivered a fascinating and engaging talk about beekeeping, honey production and the vital role bees play in our environment. The children's enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day were wonderful to see, and the project continues to provide valuable opportunities for learning, partnership and community engagement.

As reports have now been shared with families, we hope they provide an opportunity to reflect on the tremendous progress children have made this year. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and the enthusiasm, resilience and kindness they have shown throughout the year.

On a personal note, I would also like to say a huge thank you on behalf of myself and all the staff for the incredibly thoughtful cards, gifts and kind messages we have received over the past few weeks. We have been genuinely blown away by your generosity and the lovely words of appreciation that so many families have shared with us. While supporting and caring for our children is a privilege and reward in itself, your kindness means a great deal to us and is

very much appreciated. Thank you for making us feel so valued and for your continued support throughout the year.

Finally, we would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to those families who will be leaving Knelston this year. Whether your association with the school has been for a few years or many, your support, commitment and contribution to our school community have been greatly valued. From volunteering at events and supporting fundraising activities to cheering children on from the sidelines, you have helped make Knelston the special place that it is.

While we are sad to say goodbye, we are incredibly proud of all that your children have achieved during their time here and wish them every success and happiness in the future. Please remember that you will always be part of the Knelston family, and you will always be welcome back to visit us. We will miss seeing you around the school next year and hope you'll stay in touch and share your future successes with us.

As another successful year at Knelston draws to a close, we look back with enormous pride on the many achievements, experiences and opportunities that have filled the year. Watching our children grow in confidence, resilience and independence has been a privilege, and their enthusiasm for learning continues to inspire us every day. This year has been particularly memorable, not least because of our highly successful Estyn inspection, which recognised many of the strengths that make Knelston such a special school. The positive outcome reflected the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils, governors and families, and the strong sense of community that lies at the heart of everything we do. From sporting successes and outdoor learning projects to exciting educational visits and community partnerships, this has truly been a year to celebrate.

We wish all our families a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning, opportunity and success at Knelston Primary School.

Diolch yn fawr for your continued support and have a wonderful summer.

Mr Paynter and the Knelston Staff Team

Dates for your Diary

INSET Days Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September

Childrens first day back Thursday 4th September.

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