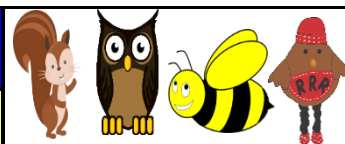




Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 21st March 2025



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

It's been another fantastic week here at Knelston, with both children and staff working hard and making the most of every opportunity! With the days getting longer and brighter, we've been enjoying the fresh air, and the daffodils are out in full force, brightening up our school grounds. Outdoor learning continues to be a big part of our approach, and this week, the children embraced Welly Wednesday, fully engaging in outdoor learning activities and exploring our beautiful surroundings.

This week, we also had the pleasure of welcoming a teacher from another school in Swansea who specifically approached us to see our outdoor learning provision in action. This is a true testament to our school's outstanding reputation for outdoor learning and the dedication of our amazing staff. It's always rewarding to share our practices with others and celebrate the fantastic work happening here at Knelston.

Today, the children will be celebrating Red Nose Day in school with fun activities to mark the occasion. This year, we have decided not to ask for donations, as we appreciate that there are already several financial commitments for families. With two residential trips fast approaching, along with school discos and other upcoming events, we understand that this can be a busy and expensive time for many. We also recognise the efforts you've made through recent fundraising activities, such as cake stalls and other initiatives, which have been greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your continued support, and we don't want to place any additional pressure on families right now. However, if you would still like to contribute to Red Nose Day, you can do so using the link below:

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

With the improving weather, we are looking for volunteers to help us enhance our school grounds even further. If you're willing to lend a hand with painting, gardening, or any small jobs, we would love to hear from you—every little bit of help makes a difference!

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is because of our incredible school community that Knelston remains such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

J J Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month



Article 7: The right to a name and nationality

School Aim of the Month



Perseverance

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth sy'n well 'da ti?

What do you prefer?

Mae'n well 'da fi ...

I prefer ...



We are looking for Welsh speakers in our community who would be willing to come into school and read Welsh with our children. If you or someone you know is fluent in Welsh and would like to volunteer, please get in touch with the school office. Your support would be greatly appreciated and would help enrich our pupils' learning experience.

Parent Consultations

Opportunities for parents to come in and meet with their child's class teacher will take place during the week beginning March **31st**. We will follow the same process as the parent meetings in the Autumn, where parents will have an opportunity to look through their child's books and work before meeting with the class teacher in class.



Please use the following link to book your appointment: <https://forms.office.com/e/LdpshXA7Bn>
The link is also available on Class Dojo for easy access.

If you have any issues or need assistance with booking, please don't hesitate to contact the school office, and we'll be happy to help.

Thank you for your support.

Friends of Knelston PTA



We're excited to announce that next week we'll be holding our much-anticipated school disco! As always, there will be plenty of fun activities, music, and dancing to keep the children entertained. There will also be a selection of food and snacks available for everyone to enjoy. Tickets will be live on IPay next week.

We hope to see you all there for a fantastic evening of fun and celebration!

After school clubs

We are deeply committed to providing extracurricular clubs and opportunities for our pupils. However, our current approach has not been as successful as we had hoped, with only a small number of pupils attending. This makes it challenging to run certain clubs, such as football and other sports, in a way that is beneficial for both pupils and staff.



With your support, we believe we can make these clubs a thriving part of our school community. Extracurricular activities offer pupils the chance to develop new skills, stay active, build friendships, and grow in confidence. Our goal is to increase participation, and we would love your input on how to make these clubs more engaging and accessible.

Next week, we will send out a questionnaire to gather your thoughts on the types of clubs you'd like to see and the days that would work best for you. We will also be speaking with the pupils to ensure their voices are heard. Together, we can create a plan that works for everyone.

Once we have collected this feedback, we will relaunch the clubs with fresh enthusiasm. In the meantime, clubs will be temporarily paused. Thank you for your support—we look forward to seeing more pupils enjoy these fantastic opportunities soon!

The children's highlights of the week! Wythnos yma!

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Time! We have made clocks and learnt about O'Clock and half past.
- ✓ Year 2's quarter to and quarter past
- ✓ Sorting materials,
- ✓ Written a description about the wolf.

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Learnt our colours in French,
- ✓ Completed our limerick poems,
- ✓ Finished the story of Sita and Rama,
- ✓ Worked on our tables in Maths.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Apostrophes for possession and contractions,
- ✓ In maths worked on mentally applying times tables to divide.
- ✓ Started new missions,
- ✓ Worked on the third person in welsh.

Finally...

As always, if you have queries, compliments, complaints, concerns or issues you would like to discuss please speak to a member of staff. If family or friends help with school runs, we'd love for you to share the weekly newsletter with them. Please also make sure we have your updated contact details so we can stay connected!

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Dymuniadau gorau,

J G Paynter

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Additional Information
26.03.25 - 28.03.25	Y3/4 Residentials	St Madocs
Week beginning 31.03.25	Parents evening	Form to apply for a slot live on Dojo
03.03.45	Foundation Phase - Easter Bonnet	11-11:30am Parents are welcome to attend, refreshments will be on sale. Easter cake baking competition and donations for PTA disco are welcome!
03.04.25	PTA Easter Disco	Whole School - Purchase tickets via IPay.
07.04.25 - 11.04.25	Y5/6 Residentials	Llain
12.04.25 - 27.04.25	Easter Holidays - HALF TERM	
28.04.25	Summer Term Topic Launch week	All info once confirmed with be shared on Dojo and any trips listed on Ipay.
08.05.25	Roz & Kirsty - Class Photos	Whole School
20.05.25	Fire Safety Talk	Year 2 & Year 5's
26.04.25 - 30.04.25	May HALF TERM	
02.06.25	INSET DAY	
16.06.25 - 20.06.25	Scholastic Book Fair	Whole School
26.06.25	Sports Day	Whole School
18.07.25	Last Day of School	
21.07.25	INSET DAY - END OF SCHOOL YEAR	

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Basil the Burns reading dog.

Mr Smith - Music

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