



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

It's been another busy and exciting couple of weeks at Knelston, with lots of opportunities for our pupils to learn, explore and have fun.

Despite the weather keeping us on our toes and making it difficult to know whether we needed sun hats or raincoats from one day to the next, our children have made the most of every opportunity. From outdoor learning adventures and eco projects to sporting events, after-school clubs and fantastic performances, there has been plenty happening across the school.

We were especially proud of our Primary Partners children, who worked incredibly hard and represented the school brilliantly on stage at the Grand Theatre. Our pupils have also enjoyed visits linked to nature, habitats and farming, while others have been preparing for upcoming trips, tournaments and special events. It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity in all that they do.

A huge thank you to our PTA and wider school community for helping to make Sunday Funday such a success. The event raised an amazing £1,322 for the school and was a fantastic day enjoyed by all.

As we head towards the final few weeks of the school year, there is still lots to look forward to, including Sports Day, educational visits, Year 6 celebrations and many more exciting activities. We hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights from the past fortnight in this newsletter.

Please see ClassDojo and our Instagram page for photos from our trips and classroom activities — there's lots to see and share!

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 27: The right to a good standard of living.



'High Expectations for All'

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Pa fis ydy hi?

What month is it?

Mis ...

... Month.



We are looking for children who can use these patterns (and others) in school.

Primary Partners Performance - The Greatest Showman (Monday 8th June)

On Monday 8th June, our Primary Partners performers took to the stage at Swansea Grand Theatre for a spectacular performance of songs and dances from The Greatest Showman — and what a night it was!

The children were simply incredible. They performed with confidence, energy and enthusiasm, showcasing the results of weeks of hard work and dedication. Standing backstage and watching them perform on such a prestigious stage, I felt immensely proud. Every single child represented our school brilliantly and demonstrated the courage and commitment that make Knelston such a special place.





Although we may be one of the smallest schools taking part, our pupils more than held their own alongside some very large schools from across the region. In fact, some schools had more children on stage than we have in our entire school! Yet our children performed with confidence, professionalism and huge smiles throughout. They were a real credit to themselves, their families and our school. It was also clear that we were by far the best-dressed school on the night, with our fantastic costumes helping us stand out from the crowd!

A huge thank you must go to Miss Pitson and Miss Furneaux, whose dedication, creativity and countless hours of hard work made this experience possible. From teaching songs and choreography to organising costumes, rehearsals and all the finer details, they have gone above and beyond to ensure the children were fully prepared. Their commitment to providing such memorable opportunities for our pupils is greatly appreciated.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of music, performance and teamwork, and one that I know the children will remember for many years to come. We are incredibly proud of every pupil who took part and would like

to thank all the families who supported them throughout the process.

A final thank you to Primary Partners for providing such a fantastic opportunity for our children. Experiences like this help build confidence, create lasting memories and inspire a love of performing. We have everything crossed that this year's success means we will be invited back to do it all again next year!

Well done, Primary Partners - you were absolutely amazing!

Afterschool clubs

We were really pleased to see club attendance improve this week — long may it continue! Hopefully we'll see the same enthusiasm again next week.

Just a reminder of what's still on offer for the rest of this term:

Tuesday: Cricket club - Y3 - Y6

Wednesday Clubs: LEGO Club Rec- Y6

Thursday Clubs: Football club - Y3 - Y6
Netball club - Y3 - Y6

Extra-curricular clubs: £3 per session



All dates up until the end of term are now live on IPay and you are able to book in advance.

Eco Council Experience: Soil to Plate - City to Coast Farm Visit

We had a fantastic day working alongside Christchurch Primary School as part of our Soil to Plate: City to Coast project with Gower Landscapes. Our Eco Council really enjoyed the opportunity to explore the project's big idea — how food connects people to land, culture and nature, and how we can take action to support more sustainable food systems.



The children looked at how food is grown and produced, and how this can look very different in urban and rural settings. They also began to think about how we can help restore habitats that support food growing and pollinators, and the important role these play in protecting our environment for the future.

A huge thank you to Tom and Jess Higgs for hosting us and sharing their incredible knowledge and passion for farming. The children were able to explore different aspects of farm life, ask thoughtful questions, and gain a real insight into the care, effort and sustainability that goes into food production.

It was also a really powerful experience working alongside Christchurch pupils, who come from a very different, inner-city

and multicultural background. For many of them, it was their very first time visiting a farm or seeing animals such as cows up close, which made the experience even more memorable. The opportunity for pupils from both schools to learn together, share experiences and celebrate different cultural perspectives around food helped bring the project to life in a really meaningful way.

One of the highlights of the day was the chance for the children to pick their own strawberries, with each pupil even taking home a punnet to enjoy — a simple but memorable moment that really helped connect learning to real life.

A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Osborn and Mrs Latham for leading and organising the trip, and for their support throughout the day. Their time, care and enthusiasm helped ensure the children had such a positive and enriching experience.



Knelston Shine at Local Football Tournament



We have been really pleased to take part in the Year 5/6 South Gower Football Tournament this week, held at Underhill Park in Mumbles on the 3G pitch, as part of our local school cluster events.

The girls' matches took place on Thursday and the boys' tournament has taken place today. A big shout out to the Year 4 pupils who stepped up and competed against pupils much older than them — they did themselves and the school proud, showing fantastic teamwork, effort and determination throughout.

All the children have represented the school brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship in every game.

It has been great to see Knelston involved in so many tournaments recently, giving pupils the chance to enjoy new experiences and develop their skills in competitive sport.

A big thank you to Mr Donovan for taking both teams and supporting the children so well.

One area highlighted through the event was the condition of our current school kit, much of which is now looking dated and showing signs of wear. The School Council has been discussing this issue and exploring options for updating and refreshing the kit. Please see their post below for more information.



Ocean Guardians Pupil Voice Group

Our Ocean Guardians have been working brilliantly behind the scenes with Mrs Thomas and have achieved something really special — securing a grant to bring Waun Wen Primary School down to the beach for the day.

We were really disappointed to have to cancel last week's visit due to the poor weather, but we're delighted to share that the trip is now going ahead on Monday instead.

This fantastic opportunity will give children who may not often get the chance (and in some cases have never been to the beach before) the opportunity to explore our coastline, enjoy the outdoors and take part in a range of activities planned and led by our Ocean Guardians. Waun Wen Primary School are thrilled to be attending and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them.

It's a wonderful project that not only supports other schools, but also celebrates how fortunate we are to learn in such a beautiful coastal area.

The Ocean Guardians have shown excellent leadership throughout, carefully planning activities and thinking hard about how to make the day enjoyable, inclusive and memorable for their visitors. Their teamwork, enthusiasm and responsibility have been fantastic to see.

We're also excited to share that their branded T-shirts have now arrived and are ready to be worn for the trip — helping them stand out on the day and proudly represent their pupil voice group.

We're really looking forward to seeing everything come together on Monday and are extremely proud of the commitment and creativity the Ocean Guardians continue to show.



Year 3/4 Enjoy Nature Discovery Day at Oxwich Church



On Monday, our Year 3/4 pupils had a brilliant afternoon working with Vicar Peter and the Wellbeing of Gower team at Oxwich Church.

The children explored the local habitat, learning all about the nature and creatures that can be found in and around the church grounds. They took part in a nature hunt, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm as they searched for different plants, insects and wildlife.

A real highlight of the day was spotting the church bat — much to everyone's excitement! 🦇 The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained a greater appreciation of the natural environment right on our doorstep.

A big thank you goes to Vicar Peter and his congregation for so warmly welcoming us and for providing such a fantastic and enriching experience for the children.

SPORTS DAY - Wednesday 24th June!

We are thrilled to be welcoming families to our much-anticipated Sports Day next Wednesday — it promises to be a fantastic day full of energy, competition and celebration!

Parking and Access

From 11:00am, the bottom field gate will be open for parking on the school field. Please note that once the races begin, this gate will be locked until the end of the event.

The main yard gate will also open at 11:00am for those arriving on foot, but will be secured shortly before the races begin. If you arrive after 11:30am, please wait at the gate and a member of staff will assist you as soon as possible (staff will be busy supporting the event).

🏆 Race Programme

The action begins at approximately 11:30am with Nursery races, followed by a full programme of exciting events throughout the day. Timings may vary depending on how fast our brilliant athletes are!

We will also enjoy a 30-minute whole-school picnic break, before being treated to a special performance from Primary Partners (1:00pm-1:15pm). Races then continue from around 1:15pm onwards.

🎉 Exciting New Additions!

We've added some new twists this year to make Sports Day even more fun!

The popular "Up and Over" race now includes water challenges with buckets and sponges — expect some very wet and very competitive fun! 🌊 (Please send a spare T-shirt if your child would like to change.) We are also introducing a Tug of War challenge — children are encouraged to bring gloves (or even socks for grip!) 🤝

🏠 House Colours

To ensure fair and balanced teams, we may make small adjustments to house groups. Any changes will be communicated in advance.

🎉 After-Event Fun in the Junior Yard!

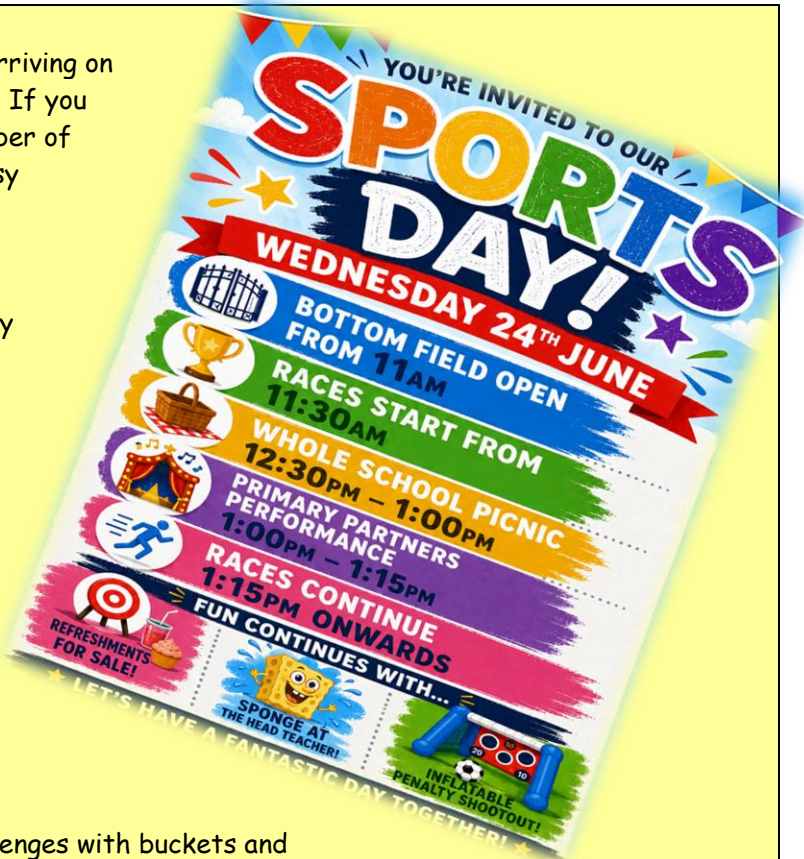
Once the races are complete, the celebrations continue with plenty to enjoy:

- 🎨 Beautiful ceramic creations made by our Foundation pupils available to purchase
- 🍭 Ice lollies and refreshments on sale
- 🍰 Cake donations warmly welcomed

★ NEW ATTRACTIONS - DON'T MISS OUT!

- 🎈 Inflatable Penalty Shootout - £1 per go with a prize for top scorer!
- 🧼 Headteacher in the Stocks - yes, really! I will be taking my place in the stocks, and for £1 a go, pupils, parents and members of the community will all have the chance to throw wet sponges. Several parents have already approached me at the gate, clearly very excited at the possibility of taking aim!

We cannot wait to see everyone there for an unforgettable day packed with laughter, competition and brilliant school spirit! 🌟



Breakfast club

We are currently exploring the possibility of extending our existing Breakfast Club provision in order to further support families and provide additional flexibility in the morning routine.

We are considering a revised structure as follows:

8.15am – 8.40am: Early Breakfast Club (small charge would apply)

8.40am – 9.00am: Free Breakfast Club provision as currently offered

The earlier session (8.15–8.40am) would help support families who require an earlier drop-off time, while still maintaining our free provision for the final part of the morning session.



At this stage, we are simply gauging whether there is sufficient need and interest from families to make this viable. If there is enough demand, we would look to trial the extended provision within the next few weeks, with a view to launching it fully in September.

We would be very grateful if you could let us know your views on ClassDojo or contacting the school office directly. Your feedback will help us decide whether this is something we move forward with.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Message from the School Council – Rugby & Football Kit Fundraiser

Subject: Help Us Raise Funds for Our New Rugby & Football Kits

Dear member of our community,

We are writing to you on behalf of our School Council to ask for your support.

This term, we are hoping to raise enough money to buy **one possibly two brand new team kits — one for our Football team and one for our Rugby team**. Our current kits are now quite old and worn, and we would love to represent our school and community in kits that make us feel proud, confident and united.



Being part of a school team means so much to us. It helps us build teamwork, resilience, confidence and friendships. When we play against other schools, we are not just representing ourselves — we are representing our whole community.

We are looking for local businesses and members of our community who would be willing to sponsor part of our new kits. In return, your business logo could be displayed on the shirts, and we would proudly wear it at every match and tournament. We would also recognise and thank our sponsors through school communications and social media (where appropriate).

Your support would make a real difference to us and help ensure that all pupils can continue to take part in sport with pride.

Below are the sponsorship opportunities available for each kit.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our letter and for supporting young people in our community.

Kind regards,

The School Council

🚫 Sponsorship Opportunities (Per Kit)

Front of Shirt - Main Sponsor £300 - £400 per kit • Largest logo placement • Prime visibility at all matches • Recognition as Main Kit Sponsor	Sleeve Sponsor £100 - £150 per sleeve (per kit) • Logo on either left or right sleeve	Upper Back Sponsor £200 - £300 per kit • Logo displayed above player number
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Community Supporter Option (Parents & Families)

£50 - £100

Name included on a Community Supporters list

Thank-you recognition from the School Council

Shorts Sponsor

£100 per kit

Lower Back Sponsor

£200 - £300 per kit

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.

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J G Paynter

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Please follow the link below to our school webpage: <https://www.knelstonprimary.co.uk/academicyear2025-2026>

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