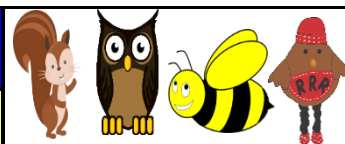




Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 7th February 2025



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

It has been a very busy week at Knelston, with lots going on behind the scenes to enhance both our learning environments and school facilities. Alongside celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, we have made significant improvements to the school building, repurposing various spaces to better support our pupils.

One of the key developments is our Forest Four room, which has now been set up for Sensory Circuits—a structured series of physical activities designed to help children regulate their energy levels, improve concentration, and prepare their minds and bodies for learning.

We have also adapted the Knelston Nest, which is now ready for ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) sessions, providing a dedicated space for children to receive emotional support. In addition, our Green screen room has been adapted into the Help Hub, a focused learning intervention space to support our learners.

Beyond learning areas, we have refreshed the school's appearance and improved safety by replacing 11 windows, ensuring a well-maintained, secure, and inviting environment for our pupils. To further enhance our school's welcoming feel, a new school sign has been installed near the entrance.

Thank you for your ongoing support—we are excited about these changes and how they will positively impact our school community!

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month



Article 2:
All children have rights.

School Aim of the Month



Respect

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth wyt ti ddim yn hoffi?

What dont you like to eat?

Dw i ddim yn hoffi ...

I don't like ...



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.

Childrens mental health week

As mentioned earlier, this week we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on the importance of emotional well-being and self-care. As part of the celebrations, we were delighted to officially open our Sensory Wellbeing Garden—a project initiated by our School Council. The children wanted to make use of the space in our foyer area to create a calming retreat where they can take time to regulate their emotions in a peaceful environment filled with plants and the soothing sounds of nature.

In addition to this, the children also watching Inside Out 2, a fantastic film that explores emotions in a fun and engaging way. The movie follows Riley, now a teenager, as she navigates new emotions such as anxiety, embarrassment, and envy. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about how feelings change and



interact, helping them to better understand their own emotions.

It has been a fantastic week of learning, reflection, and growth, and we look forward to continuing our focus on well-being throughout the year. Please see class Dojo and Instagram for photos of the children enjoying the activities!

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

Mrs Osborn's class
REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Finished our senses map of the school grounds,
- ✓ Worked on doubles, halves and 2D shapes in Maths,
- ✓ Written instructions on how to plant a bulb,
- ✓ Created art work for Chinese New Year.

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Planned our biographies and researched information on Helen Keller, Louis Braille, Thomas Edison and Beethoven.
- ✓ Started our new maths groups and worked on multiplication,
- ✓ Started French and worked on our simple greetings and culture,
- ✓ In RSE we worked on personal hygiene and created instructions for handwashing.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Started our new class novel 'Can you feel the noise?'
- ✓ Started our new maths groups and worked on multiplication,
- ✓ Worked on health & Well-Being as part of Children's Mental Health Week,
- ✓ Finalised and completed class missions.

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
18.02.25	Y2 Fa la la	Fa La La event at Pennard Primary
19.02.25	Y1 Dental	Dental Check
20.02.25	Roz & Kirsty School Portraits	Whole School
24.02.25 - 02.03.25	HALF TERM	
03.03.25	INSET	
06.03.25	World Book Day	Whole School
10.03.25 - 14.03.24	British Science Week	Whole School
26.03.25 - 28.03.25	Y3/4 Residentials	St Madocs
03.04.25	PTA Easter Disco	Whole School
07.04.25 - 11.04.25	Y5/6 Residentials	Llain
12.04.25 - 27.04.25	Easter Holidays - HALF TERM	

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Basil the Burns reading dog. Mr Smith - Music

INSET DATES : Monday 3rd May 2025, Monday 2nd June 2025, Monday 21st July 2025.

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