



Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 10th October



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

Only two weeks left until half term — how quickly time flies! The past couple of weeks have been as busy as ever, filled with fantastic activities and events.

We recently held our first PTA meeting of the year, and I'm excited to share that there are plenty of wonderful fundraising events coming up, including the Christmas Market on Thursday 20th November and the annual big fundraiser on Friday 5th December, kindly hosted by Oxwich Bay Hotel — thank you so much to them! Tickets are already selling fast, so don't miss out.

A huge thank you to our hardworking PTA and to all parents and community members who support these events — the funds raised truly make a big difference to our school.

We've enjoyed another successful Scholastic Book Week, and thanks to the points earned, we've been able to purchase brand-new literacy novels for our classrooms — a brilliant boost to our reading resources!

Our Ocean Guardians have been busy too, hosting a popular bake sale to support their environmental efforts, while our junior pupils had an unforgettable adventure to Worm's Head, where they explored the coastline and spotted seals in their natural habitat.

Today, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a special Theatr Na Nóg experience day in Swansea. They enjoyed engaging workshops at both the Waterfront Museum and Swansea Museum, followed by a theatre performance at the Dylan Thomas Centre. We hope they had a wonderful time and came away inspired!

It's been a week full of learning, creativity, and exploration — thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped make these experiences possible.

With only two weeks left — and two very busy weeks indeed — please read the full details below of what to expect!

Dymuniadau gorau,

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 12:

The right to be heard



"Honesty"

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Sut wyt ti?

How are you?

Dw i'n _____.

I am _____.



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

Parent Consultation Meetings - Monday 3rd November

We're pleased to announce that our Parent Consultation Meetings will take place on **Monday 3rd November**, the first day back after half-term.

Appointments are **10 minutes long** and give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and ask any questions. If you feel more time is needed, a follow-up meeting can be arranged.

To request a specific timeslot, please use the **IPay offer now available**. Slots are allocated on a **first come, first served** basis. Mrs Hughes-Morgan will do her best to match you with your preferred time or as close as possible.

Confirmed appointment times will be sent out **before half-term**.

Appointment Times: Reception to Year 6: 2:00pm - 6:00pm
Nursery: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

On the Day

- Please arrive at the school's main entrance 15 minutes before your appointment. From there, you will be directed to the school hall, where you can view some of your child's work and complete a parent questionnaire.
- The location of your child's teacher will be **clearly signposted** in the hall.
- Make your way to your teacher **1 minute before** your allocated slot.
- Please **wait outside** the room until you are called in, to avoid disturbing the appointment before yours.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Ocean Guardians Trip to Worms Head with Gower Seal Society

On Monday, our older Ocean Guardians embarked on an unforgettable adventure to **Worm's Head**, led by Gareth from the **Gower Seal Society**. Gareth was an inspiring and knowledgeable guide, captivating the pupils with a fascinating talk about the local seal population, their behaviours, and the importance of protecting their natural habitat.

The group explored the dramatic coastline, learning about the unique environment and the wildlife that calls it home. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly spotting an incredible **17 seals** basking in their natural surroundings — a truly magical and memorable moment that left everyone in awe.



This experience not only deepened the children's understanding of marine life but also strengthened their connection to the local environment and their role as Ocean Guardians. It was a day filled with learning, excitement, and wonder — one we're sure they'll remember for years to come.

A huge thank you goes to **Mrs Thomas** and **Mrs Hughes-Morgan** for organising the event and accompanying the children on this special trip. Their enthusiasm and support helped make the day such a success!

Busy week next week!

We have a busy week ahead, so here are some important details for you to note:

Monday – Year 5/6 Football Tournament:

A team has been selected from children who have shown interest and regularly attend football club. Parents of these children have already been contacted. Please ensure your child arrives in time for breakfast club on Monday morning. Unfortunately spectators are not allowed.

Wednesday – Shwmae Day:

We will be celebrating Shwmae Day by encouraging children to wear green, red, and white. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in activities that promote the Welsh language. Welsh cakes, along with Welsh-themed bracelets and keyrings made by the juniors, will be available for sale.

Wednesday – Harvest Activities:

In the morning, pupils from Reception through Year 6 will participate in Harvest activities with Vicar Peter at Llandewi Church.

Thursday – Year 3/4 Football Tournament:

The Bishopston cluster primary schools are hosting a football tournament for Year 3 and 4 children. Those who have shown interest and attended club were entered into a draw to select the team. Parents of selected children have been contacted with full details.



Enrichment Programme – Looking Ahead to Our Next Cycle

As we approach the end of our **first enrichment cycle**, we've taken time to reflect on how it's gone — and from speaking with both staff and pupils, it's clear that it's been a real success! It's been wonderful to see children from across the school, of all ages, engaging together in fun, hands-on, and enriching activities every Friday afternoon.

From lively debates among the **Gower Explorers** (including a spirited discussion about whether they'd discovered an octopus or a squid — later confirmed to be a squid!) to creative music-making, scientific investigations, and artistic expression, the enthusiasm and engagement from our pupils has been fantastic.

As we begin planning for the **next cycle**, we'd love to **invite parents and members of our wider community** to get involved. If you have a **business, skill set, hobby, or area of expertise** — and the time to offer an enrichment activity on a Friday afternoon — we would be thrilled to hear from you. Whether it's something creative, sporty, outdoorsy, technical, or completely unique, we're always looking to broaden the experiences we offer our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we develop and improve the opportunities we offer our pupils. If you're interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch — we'd love to hear from you!



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
13.10.25	Swansea City Foundation Football Tournament	Y5/6 - Team selected and parents have been contacted.
15.10.25	Harvest with Vicar Peter, Llandewi Church	Reception - Y6 will take part in activities in the morning at Llandewi as part of Harvest celebration.
15.10.25	Shmwaë Day!	In the afternoon children will take part in Schwmæ celebrations! Welsh themed bracelets and welsh cakes will be on sale.
16.10.25	Bishopston Cluster Primary Schools Football Tournament	Y3/4 - Team selected and parents have been contacted.
20.10.25	Eco Club Trip!	Trip to Big Meadow Farm - details will be sent to parents next week.
20.10.25	Menter Abertawe	Welsh based PE in the afternoon - Reception to Y6.
23.10.25	Mr Porter Sports!	Mr Porter will be in for the day delivering sports sessions to all year groups.
23.10.25	Nasal Flu Vaccinations	Please complete the form on Dojo for the school nursing team.
23.10.25	PTA Halloween Disco!	3:30-5pm at Knelston, tickets for food and entry now live on IPay!
27.10.25 - 31.10.25	HALF TERM	
03.11.25	Back to school!	
03.11.25	PTA Annual AGM Meeting	Open to all parents, 9:30-10:30am School Hall.
03.11.25	Parent Consultation Meetings	Please complete IPay offer to confirm attendance.

INSET Days: Monday 5th January 2026

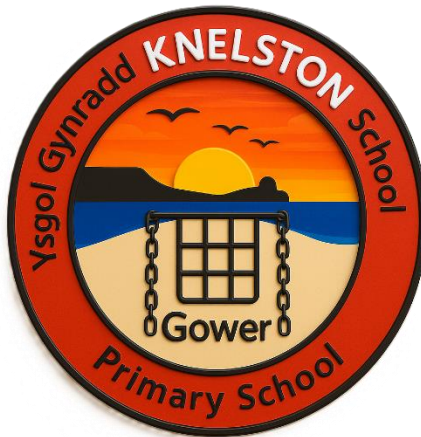
Weekly Basil the reading dog session,

Weekly Music sessions with Mr Smith,

Assemblies with Vicar Peter every three weeks.

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