



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a brilliant half term and managed to enjoy the amazing weather we had — it really did feel like summer had arrived! It's been quite a change coming back into school though, with the rain definitely making itself known this week, but the children have returned in great spirits and have got stuck straight into learning, activities and school life as if they'd never been away.

It's been a really busy and positive first week back. Our youngest learners had a fantastic trip to the River Ilston with Dawn Thomas. They had the chance to explore the local environment, enjoy the outdoors and bring their learning to life beyond the classroom — a brilliant way to kick off the new half term. Thank you Dawn, Mrs Osborn and Miss Harry for taking them.

In the Foundation Phase, there's been lots of excitement continuing around our sunflower growing project. The children have been measuring, comparing and recording their plants with real care and enthusiasm. There's a lovely sense of competition building too — everyone is wondering who will grow the tallest sunflower this year, and the children are really enjoying watching the changes week by week.

Our Ocean Guardians have also been incredibly busy, showing great leadership and responsibility as they continue planning their upcoming trip for Waun Wen Primary. There has been lots of discussion, organisation (and a few reminders to staff about budgets!), and it's been brilliant to see their confidence and teamwork developing as they take ownership of such an important project.

We've also had a dress rehearsal this week for our Primary Partners performance ahead of Monday's show at the Grand Theatre. The children have worked extremely hard to prepare, and it has been lovely to see their creativity, commitment and teamwork coming together. They are really excited about performing on stage and representing the school in such a special venue.

A big highlight this week is our rugby team heading off today to represent the school at the South Gower Festival tournament. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to take part in competitive sport, demonstrate teamwork and resilience, and enjoy being part of a wider sporting event. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Boo and Mrs Owen-Dixon for giving up their time to take the children, support them, and represent the school so positively. We are extremely grateful for your commitment. I'm sure the team will do us proud and, most importantly, have a really enjoyable and memorable day.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Despite the wet and rather changeable weather since our return, it's been a really energising and successful start to the new half term, and we're looking forward to everything the coming weeks will bring.

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 ddydd ydy hi?

What day is it?

Dydd ...

... day.



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

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



We are really excited that our Primary Partners performance is happening this Monday, 8th June, at Swansea Grand Theatre, where some of our pupils will be performing songs and dances from *The Greatest Showman*.

This week we had our dress rehearsal in school, and the children were absolutely fantastic. They have been working incredibly hard over the past few weeks to learn their parts, build confidence and get everything ready for what promises to be a brilliant show. It's been lovely to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment really coming together as the performance has approached.

Taking part in a large-scale production like this is a brilliant opportunity for pupils, not only to perform on a professional stage, but also to watch and learn alongside children from other schools — a really special experience for everyone involved.

A massive thank you must go to Miss Pitson and Miss Furneux for all the incredible work they have put into making this happen. From choreography to costumes and everything in between, a huge amount of time, care and effort has gone into preparing the children. We are extremely grateful to them for giving up so much of their own time to rehearse, support and practise with the pupils to ensure they are performance-ready.

✎ Tickets are still on sale and are priced at £8. They are selling quickly, so we would encourage parents and carers to book early to secure the best seats.

Tickets can be purchased via Swansea Grand Theatre:

☎ 01792 475715

🌐 www.swanseagrand.co.uk

We would love to see as many of you there as possible to support the children — please come along if you can and help give them the audience they deserve for all their hard work!

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils taking part and can't wait to see them shine on stage on Monday.

Afterschool club start back 12th January 2026.

We're delighted to confirm that afterschool clubs resumed this week, June (1st). Here are the key updates:

Tuesday: Cricket club - Y3 - Y6

Wednesday Clubs: LEGO Club Rec- Y6

Thursday afterschool Club: Football club - Y3 - Y6

Netball club - Y3 - Y6



Due to lower-than-expected participation, our clubs have not been able to run at full capacity, and in some cases have not been viable. For example, this week we had only two pupils attending cricket, which unfortunately means we are not able to run a proper game or session.

To ensure our clubs can continue to operate and offer a meaningful experience for the children, we need to see increased numbers attending on a regular basis.

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.

✳ Enrichment Programme - A Fantastic Term of Experiences and Opportunities



Our enrichment programme this term has been a fantastic success, giving the children a wide range of hands-on experiences and the opportunity to learn new skills beyond the classroom.

One of the real highlights has been our ongoing visits to Mr and Mrs Higgs' farm. The

children and staff have absolutely loved the chance to spend time on the farm, learning first-hand how it is run, meeting the cattle, and discovering more about where our food comes from. These visits have been a brilliant way to bring learning to life and help the children understand the journey from farm to fork, while also developing their curiosity and respect for the natural world.



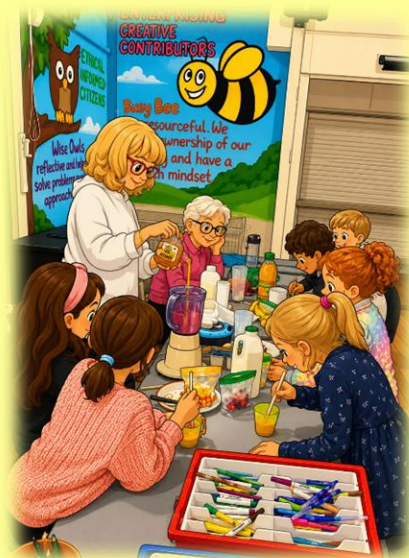
We have also been very lucky to welcome Kathryn David, our Chair of Governors, into school alongside Sue Harvey to run an exciting enterprise session. The children worked in teams to design, brand and create their own healthy smoothies, developing ideas as "mini businesses" and thinking carefully about marketing and presentation. The session was full of energy, creativity and teamwork, and gave the children a real insight into entrepreneurship in a fun and engaging way. Although the smoothie tasting afterwards was the real highlight!

As this is the final enrichment cycle of the year, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported sessions throughout the year. The summer term is always a very busy one, but we still have some exciting mini trips and events on the horizon to look forward to, which will continue to give our pupils rich and memorable experiences right up to the end of term.

A huge thank you goes to Mr and Mrs Higgs, Kathryn David and Sue Harvey for giving up their time to provide these fantastic opportunities for our pupils. We would also like to thank all of our staff who plan, organise and support these sessions so brilliantly each week — we are incredibly grateful for their continued commitment and enthusiasm.

We are extremely proud of our enrichment offer and the wide range of opportunities our children experience. These activities play a vital role in broadening horizons, building confidence and creating memorable learning experiences that go far beyond the classroom.

If you run a business or have a skill you would be willing to share, and could spare some Friday afternoons, we would love to hear from you and continue to grow these amazing opportunities for our children.



Ocean Guardians Pupil Voice Group

Our Ocean Guardians have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes with Mrs Thomas and have recently achieved something really special — securing a grant to invite Waun Wen Primary School down to the beach for the day on Thursday 11th June.

The grant is designed to give children who may not often have the opportunity (and in some cases have never been to the beach before) a chance to experience our coastline, enjoy the outdoors and take part in a range of activities planned and led by our Ocean Guardians themselves. Waun Wen Primary School are absolutely delighted to have been invited on this trip, and we are really looking forward to welcoming them for what promises to be a fantastic day next Thursday.

It is a brilliant project that not only supports others, but also highlights just how lucky we are to live and learn in such a beautiful part of the world.

The children have shown outstanding leadership throughout the planning process, carefully organising activities and thinking about how to make the day both fun and meaningful for their visiting school. Their confidence, teamwork and sense of responsibility have been brilliant to see.

More recently, the group have also taken things a step further and approached me with a request to design and produce their own branded T-shirts for the trip. The idea is that the T-shirts will help them be easily recognised on the day, while also promoting their pupil voice group and the important work they are doing.

To make this happen in time for the trip, the school has agreed to loan the group the funds needed to order the T-shirts. The Ocean Guardians now have until the end of the summer term to repay the loan through their own fundraising activities — with the (friendly!) reminder that late repayments may result in interest being added.

We are really excited to see their fundraising ideas develop over the coming weeks and are incredibly proud of the initiative, ambition and leadership they continue to show.



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.

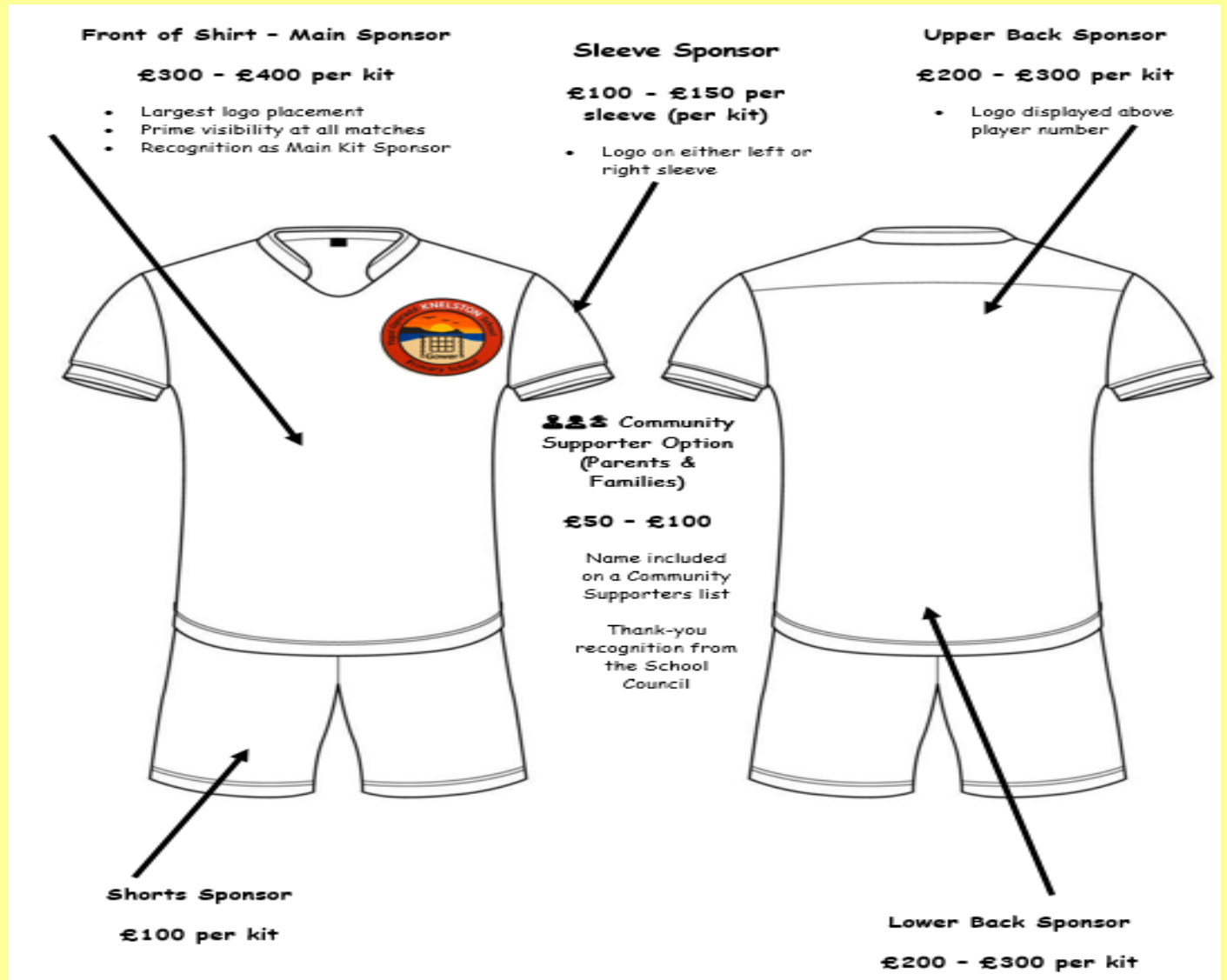
Below are the sponsorship opportunities available for each kit.

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)



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

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

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