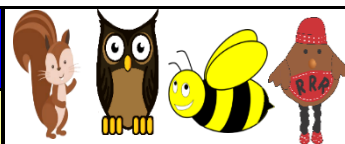




Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 9th May 2025



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful bank holiday weekend! There's been so much happening at Knelston, and we're excited to share some of the highlights with you. As Spring is in full swing, our younger pupils had an incredibly successful time on their Spring hunt this week! They spotted all sorts of exciting things, from beautiful blossom and busy insects to bird nests and seedlings. They also planted out their sunflowers and, to top it all off, we've got our very first produce grown from seed - 3 little radishes! It's been such a joy watching them engage with nature in such a hands-on way.

This week also saw our class photos, taken in the glorious sunshine. Our older children went to Rhossili to take part in the VE Day Service with Vicar Peter. It was a memorable trip with ice cream, and we've all enjoyed celebrating VE Day here at school with a special outdoor picnic lunch. The children learned so much about this important occasion and marked the day with a sense of reflection and pride.

A huge thank you to all the parents and members of the community who kindly shared family photos. It was heart-warming to see such lovely connections across generations — we especially enjoyed spotting some amazing family resemblances!

We're always so proud of the enthusiasm and curiosity our pupils show, and it's been a pleasure to see them thriving in these activities. Be sure to check out ClassDojo and our Instagram account for photos and updates from this busy week — you won't want to miss all the fun and learning!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend — hoping the sunshine stays with us!

J. J. Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month



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

School Aim of the Month



'High Expectations for All'

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth fwytaist ti?

What did you eat?

Bwytais i ...

I ate ...



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.

Mental health Awareness week

Next week, we will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week, and we're excited to involve the children in a variety of activities to promote well-being and kindness. Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in activities such as launching our new Kindness Wall, learning top tips for staying calm in our calming areas, and participating in a wellbeing walk around our local area.

To kick off the week, we're asking all pupils to wear green on Monday and contribute a £2 donation, which will go to support a charity close to our hearts. We're also going to challenge ourselves with a digital detox, encouraging the children to take a break from screens and focus on other ways to relax and connect. We would really appreciate your support in making this a fun and meaningful week for all! A big thank you to Mrs Blakemore for organising the week!



Celebrating Our Pupils' Achievements



As part of our weekly newsletter, we love to celebrate the amazing things our pupils achieve outside the classroom. Whether it's sport, music, drama, or any other activity, we're incredibly proud of their talents and successes and enjoy sharing them with our whole school community. If your child has taken part in something special, we'd love to hear about it!

We're galloping into another horse-themed week of pupil news, and we couldn't be prouder of our talented riders! A huge congratulations to Howie Jones and Henry Higgs, who recently took part in a 'Mounted Games' competition, proudly representing the Swansea District Pony Club. These fast-paced, action-packed events test balance, speed, and teamwork — and the boys rose to the challenge brilliantly.

Competing against 10 other teams, Howie and Henry worked incredibly hard and achieved an outstanding 4th place overall! What a fantastic result and a real testament to their commitment and skill. Well done, boys — we are all so proud of you here at Knelston. Keep up the amazing work, and we look forward to seeing where your riding adventures take you next!

Catch me reading!

Just before the Easter break, we launched our Catch Me Reading competition — a fun and creative way to encourage families to weave reading into everyday life and celebrate the joy of books wherever and whenever they happen.

The competition has now officially closed, and we want to say a huge thank you for all the fantastic entries we've received! We've been blown away by the imagination, humour, and creativity on display — from reading upside down to reading in the most unexpected places. It's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm from pupils, staff, and even family members.

We're now busy reviewing all the entries, and we'll be announcing the winners next week. Exciting prizes will be revealed, including special awards for family members caught reading with children. Keep an eye on ClassDojo, our school website, and Instagram to see the winning photos and join us in celebrating the fun and power of reading!

Extracurricular Clubs

A big thank you to everyone who has kindly completed our extracurricular clubs questionnaire — we've received some really thoughtful and constructive suggestions. We're already taking steps to accommodate some of the ideas shared, and your feedback is proving incredibly valuable as we look to improve and relaunch our clubs.



We're excited to let you know that we'll soon be sharing a full list of the clubs we've arranged, based on the feedback and interests you've highlighted. These clubs will be starting after the half-term break, giving everyone something to look forward to as we head into the second half of term. Keep an eye on upcoming communications for more details

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

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Made predictions about our new story, the boy who sailed the world.
- ✓ Started to learn about multiplication Y1/2
- ✓ Talked about what our local area ready for our travel guide project,

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ VE Day celebrations - We learnt about the war by creating timelines of the key facts and dates,
- ✓ Created VE Day artwork,
- ✓ Learnt emotion words in French and welsh and compared.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Information text,
- ✓ VE Day celebrations including writing letters to veterans and creating war posters,
- ✓ In PE we did Rounders,
- ✓ Started looking into our calming boxes.

✓ Went on a spring hunt in welly Wednesday.		
✓ VE Day celebrations.		

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
12.02.25	Mental Health Awareness Week	Activities going on during the school week.
14.05.25	Hearing Screening	Reception
16.05.25	Foundation	Shearing a sheep!
19.05.25	Waterfront Museum & Copper Jack	Y1-6 - More details to follow after half term.
20.05.25	Fire Safety Talk	Year 2 & Year 5's
20.05.25	Height, Weight & Vision Screening	Reception - Details on Dojo
26.05.25 - 30.05.25	May HALF TERM	
02.06.25	INSET DAY	
16.06.25 - 20.06.25	Scholastic Book Fair	Whole School
03.06.25	Y3/4 Dawn Thomas Trip	Details TBC
10.06.25	Athletics Competition	Y4+
26.06.25	Sports Day	Whole School
27.06.25	Y5/6 Dawn Thomas Trip	Y4+
17.07.25	Y6 Leavers Assembly - Afternoon	
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

Monday 1st September 2025 - Confirmed first Inset of Academic Year 25/26

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