



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

I'm writing this week's newsletter from a slightly different setting than usual—at the time of writing, I'm currently enjoying the buzz of our Year 5/6 Disco! It's a joyful end to what has been an incredible residential trip to Llain.

The children have had a fantastic time, experiencing a wide range of exciting activities including archery, climbing, kayaking, abseiling, bush craft, and team-building challenges. A particular highlight was our day trip to Newquay, where we were lucky enough to take a boat ride and spot dolphins in the wild—an unforgettable moment for all!

Throughout the week, the children have shown great maturity and impeccable behaviour. For many, this has been their first time away from home for such an extended period, and they have taken it all in their stride.

Leading a residential is no easy task—it takes dedication, patience, and a lot of energy! None of this would have been possible without our truly amazing staff. I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Donovan and Mrs. Blakemore, who have been responsible for 17 children, 24 hours a day, for five days. They've stepped away from their own families and young children to support ours, responding to everything from sprained ankles to homesick moments—always with care and a smile.

Not only have they looked after the children so brilliantly, but they've also gone above and beyond to make the experience fun and memorable—whether it was running the mud run, kayaking on the lake, or teaching the children to dance the 'Macarena' and 'Saturday Night', they've thrown themselves into every moment to ensure the children had the best possible time. We are incredibly lucky to have them.

Back at Knelston, I can only imagine it's been a slightly quieter week! A big thank you to all the staff who have kept everything running smoothly while we've been away.

Please do check out Class Dojo and our Instagram page to see photos and videos from the children's adventures—there are some brilliant moments captured!

Let's hope the sunshine continues into the holidays. Wishing you all a restful, happy Easter break with your families and loved ones.

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month	School Aim of the Month
  Article 24: The right to food and water	 'Learn'

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth welaist ti?

Who did you see?

Gwelais i

I saw ...



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.

Celebrating Our Pupils' Achievements

We're incredibly proud of the amazing things our pupils achieve outside the classroom, and we're excited to launch a new feature in our weekly newsletter to celebrate their talents and successes. Whether it's sport, music, drama, or any other activity, we love hearing about what they're up to and sharing it with our school community.

This week, we're shining a spotlight on two pupils who have had some fantastic sporting success recently:

Freddie's Karting Achievements 🏎️

Freddie has had an incredible few weeks of racing! In March, he took 2nd place in the British Kart Championships after a strong drive in the final. He's also just competed in the first two rounds of the Super One Championships—an event once won by F1 driver George Russell.

Racing in both petrol and electric kart classes, Freddie had several top finishes, including two podiums and awards for best rookie driver. He showed amazing focus, maturity, and determination throughout. Well done, Freddie!



Aeron's Rugby Success 🏉

Aeron recently took part in the Peninsular Plate match at St Helens, one of the last games to be played on the famous grass pitch before it's replaced with an all-weather surface. Playing for Llchwyr, Aeron helped his team secure a 25-10 win against Swansea—a brilliant result!

It was an especially exciting match as he was up against some of his own teammates from Mumbles, giving him a well-earned bit of bragging rights. Aeron has had a fantastic season, gaining experience and confidence

while playing alongside some very talented young players. A big well done to him for all his efforts and dedication this year!



If your child is involved in something special outside of school, we'd love to hear about it! Please get in touch so we can celebrate more of our pupils' achievements in future newsletters.

School Visit

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Tom Giffard, Welsh Conservative Senedd Member for South Wales West, and Conservative Councillor Francesca O'Brien to Knelston.

Their visit provided an opportunity to discuss the current challenges facing schools and the wider education sector, particularly how these issues impact small rural schools like ours.

Tom was especially interested in the use of the Welsh language at Knelston and explored what support schools need to help achieve the Welsh Government's target of one million Welsh speakers by 2050.

Both Tom and Francesca thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were incredibly impressed by the positive atmosphere and the vibrant, welcoming environment of the school. Their kind words were a wonderful recognition of the hard work and dedication of our staff and pupils.



Catch me reading!

In an effort to encourage families to incorporate reading into their everyday lives we are launching the 'Catch me reading' competition. By celebrating reading at home, we hope to foster an environment where children see the act of reading as both enjoyable and valuable, no matter where or when it happens.

This Easter, we're challenging you to do some *extreme reading*! Let's celebrate the joy of books and reading, while having a little fun. To enter the **Catch me Reading** competition, we want to see you reading in the most unusual, funny, or surprising places!



How to Enter:

1. Take a photo of yourself or even a parent /guardian reading to you in a unique or unexpected location.
2. You could be reading on top of a mountain, lounging down the beach with a good book, or exploring somewhere down the Gower —let your creativity run wild!
3. Your face or head doesn't need to be in the photo—this is all about showcasing the love for reading, wherever it happens!

Exciting prizes await the most creative and fun entries! There are even special prizes for parents, guardians, family, and friends caught reading with their children. Plus, your photo could be featured on the school website, **ClassDojo** and **Instagram** to help promote the joy of reading!

We can't wait to see your amazing photos! Don't forget to share your reading adventures and help us inspire future readers. You can send your photos to us via **ClassDojo** or email them to the school email. Let the reading fun begin!

Enjoy the holidays, and happy reading!

After school clubs

In previous weeks, we shared a questionnaire to gather your thoughts on how we can improve our extracurricular clubs. So far, we have received very few response, and we would really appreciate more feedback.



With your input, we hope to make our clubs more engaging and accessible for all pupils. Please take a moment to complete the short questionnaire using the link and QR code below—your feedback will help us plan and relaunch the clubs soon.

Thank you for your support!

<https://forms.office.com/e/cYG1PukfWj?origin=lpLink>



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

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Tested our recycled housing made from the 3 little pigs story,
- ✓ Planted sweet peas and creating our own sweet pea wigwam,
- ✓ Easter activities including Easter cards and Easter egg hunt.
- ✓ 3D shape hunt around the school!

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Easter video created with Mr Smith and video posted on Dojo!
- ✓ Easter Egg Hunt which included the sequencing of the Easter story and tasks to complete the puzzle.
- ✓ Science experiments - measuring shadows during different times of the day to see the changes depending on earth movement.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Residential to Llain!!

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 Pagter

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Additional Information
12.04.25 - 27.04.25	Easter Holidays - HALF TERM	
28.04.25	Summer Term Topic Launch week	All info once confirmed with be shared on Dojo and any trips listed on Ipay.
29.04.25	Beach Trip Port Eynon	Y1/2
08.05.25	Roz & Kirsty - Class Photos	Whole School
30.05.25	Topic Launch - Knelston's Mode of Transport Exhibition!	
20.05.25	Fire Safety Talk	Year 2 & Year 5's
20.05.25	Height, Weight & Vision Screening	Reception - Details on Dojo
19.05.25	Waterfront Museum & Copper Jack	Y1-6 - More details to follow after half term.
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
26.06.25	Sports Day	Whole School
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

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