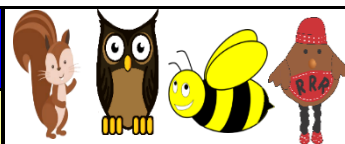




Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 2nd May 2025



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break! We hope you all had a chance to relax and recharge with your families. It's been all systems go here at Knelston, and we've been making the most of the glorious weather!

On Tuesday, our younger pupils had a wonderful trip to Port Eynon, led by our Vice Chair of Governors, Dawn Thomas. The children had an amazing time exploring the Salt House, where they learnt all about pirates and the smugglers of times gone by. They also created their own treasure maps on the beach and enjoyed a tour of the village, discovering what makes Port Eynon such a popular destination for tourists. A big thank you to Dawn and all the staff involved for making the day so special.

On Wednesday, we held our very own 'Mode of Transport Exhibition' in the school car park — and what an event it was! We were lucky enough to host a Ferrari 458 Spider, a vintage Morgan sports car, a classic three-wheeler, a campervan, racing go-cart, motorbike, and even a horse named Tonto! I'm not sure who enjoyed it more — the children or me! The morning was a brilliant way to launch our new topic, Travel, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different modes of transport. A huge thank you to all the parents and community members who shared their fantastic vehicles, and of course to Mrs Hughes Morgan for organising such a memorable event.



You can find photos and videos from both events on our Instagram page and Class Dojo — don't forget to check them out!

With the warmer weather now here, please can we kindly ask that children come to school wearing sun cream and sun hats. We will be making the most of the outdoors whenever possible, and want to make sure everyone stays safe in the sun.

Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend — fingers crossed the sunshine sticks around!

J J 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:



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.

Class Photos - Thursday May 8th

ROZ & KIRSTY
photography

Roz and Kirsty will be back in school, next week, to take our class photos. If you would not like your child to be included in these photos then please contact our school office before the day. If we do not hear from you, we presume that you are happy for your child to be included. Many thanks.

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 Izzy Higgs who has had some fantastic show jumping success recently:

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the fantastic achievements of Izzy, who recently completed a 6-month Show Jumping series with her pony, Rosie. Over the course of the series, Izzy demonstrated outstanding commitment, skill, and sportsmanship — and all her hard work certainly paid off.

Izzy competed in two categories and came away as the Junior Champion in both the 40cm and 50cm classes — an impressive double win! Her consistent performances throughout the series also earned her the title of highest junior points scorer overall, a tremendous accomplishment that reflects her dedication and talent.

As a result of her success, Izzy returned home not only with multiple rosettes and titles but also a prize of £100, which was awarded to the top-scoring junior of the entire series.



Some of us were lucky enough to see Izzy's riding skills in action on Wednesday, when she rode Tonto, her brother Henry's pony, around the school driveway as part of our 'Mode of Transport Exhibition'. It was a real treat to see her in her element, and the children were fascinated and inspired.

We're so proud of Izzy and Rosie and all they've achieved together. Well done, Izzy!

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. The aim is to celebrate the joy of books and inspire a love of reading, wherever and whenever it happens.

We've already received some brilliant and imaginative entries showing children reading in all sorts of unusual, funny, and surprising places! It's been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, and we're excited to see even more.

Even Mrs Porter has got in on the action — trying to secure the prize by being caught reading in a French supermarket! Ooo la la! We love seeing our staff take part too and set an example for our young readers.



We'd also love to see photos of parents, guardians, and family members reading with or to children — because sharing stories together is one of the most powerful ways to promote a lifelong love of reading.

Exciting prizes await the most creative and fun entries! There are even special prizes for adults and family members caught reading with children. Plus, your photo could be featured on our school website, ClassDojo, and Instagram to help promote reading across the school community.

The deadline for entries is Monday 12th May, so there's still time to get involved. You can send your photos via ClassDojo or email them directly to the school office.

We can't wait to see your amazing photos — let the reading fun begin!

Reminder of 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!

Extracurricular Clubs - We'd Still Love Your Feedback!

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.



If you haven't had a chance to complete it yet, please do so as soon as possible, as staff will soon be finalising plans for the next round of clubs. Your input will help us make sure our extracurricular offer is as engaging, inclusive, and enjoyable as possible for all pupils.

You can complete the short questionnaire using the link and QR code below. Thank you for your support!

Thank you for your support!

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



Athletics Club

Athletics Club Y4+



We are excited to announce that Knelston will once again be participating in the West Glamorgan Primary Schools Athletics Association! To prepare for the competition, we will be holding an after-school Athletics Club every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30pm, starting next week.

These sessions will continue every Tuesday until the week of the competition, which will take place on Tuesday 10th June. Please note that the competition is only open to Year 4 and above, so only Year 4+ pupils are invited to attend the practices.

If your child would like to attend, please let the office know as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing lots of eager athletes!

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

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Trip to Port Eynon
- ✓ Holiday news
- ✓ Topic launch 'Travel'
- ✓ Counting in 2's, 5's 10's introducing multiplication

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Names of families in French.
- ✓ New no outsider book 'Dogs don't do ballet'.
- ✓ Topic launch 'Travel'
- ✓ Coloured flowers for VE Day.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Topic launch and topic planning,
- ✓ In maths measuring and converting measurements,
- ✓ No outsiders work,

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
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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