



Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 23rd May 2025



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

We've made it to half term - and what a short but action-packed one it's been!

Despite the weeks flying by, we've managed to fit in so many exciting experiences, and this week was no different. On Monday, the whole school set off on a fantastic trip to Swansea Marina, where the children enjoyed a boat ride aboard the Copper Jack up the River Tawe. Along the way, they learned all about Swansea's rich industrial history and how the river played a key role in transporting goods for export all over the world. The trip ended with a visit to the Waterfront Museum, where the children explored the history of travel - including a look at the first-ever Mercedes Benz car!

While the older children were off exploring, our Reception pupils had an afternoon of splashy fun with a water party back at school - and we're not quite sure who enjoyed it more, the children or the staff!

We were also delighted to be joined recently by Dan Evan from Red Media Wales, who captured the spirit of Knelston through stunning photos and video - even using a drone to help showcase our school from above! The finished film, highlighting all the brilliant things happening here every day, has now been shared on our social media this week. Be sure to check it out and share it with others to show what makes Knelston so special!



The great weather has continued to lift everyone's spirits here at Knelston, and we've been making the most of the outdoors wherever possible.

Just a quick reminder that the first Monday back (3rd June) is an INSET day, so children will return to school on Tuesday 4th June. Next half term is shaping up to be a very busy one, with lots of trips and exciting events planned - so please do keep up to date via ClassDojo and our weekly newsletter.

On the first Wednesday back, we're thrilled to be heading out on an unforgettable speed boat adventure with Gower Coast Adventures for pupils in Years 3 to 6! This exciting trip ties in perfectly with our new topic Travel, giving children a unique chance to experience a different mode of transport while exploring our stunning local coastline. A big thank you to everyone who's helped make this experience possible. Please make sure to give consent and complete payment via iPay as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Have a wonderful half term break, enjoy the sunshine, and we look forward to seeing everyone back soon!

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:



Beth sy'n bod?

What's wrong?

Dw i'n dost.

I am ill.



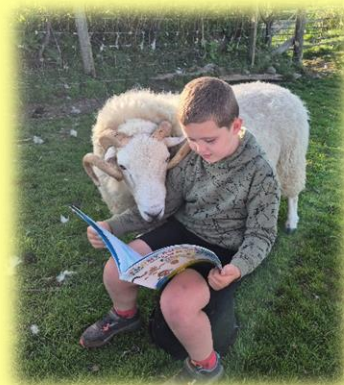
Catch Me Reading - Competition Winners!

This half term, we launched our 'Catch Me Reading' competition — and what a brilliant response we've had!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who got behind the project. It's been such fun seeing all your imaginative and creative entries — from the weird and wonderful to the cosy and clever, you've really wowed us!

It's been a very tough job to judge, but after much deliberation, we've managed to narrow it down to just three winners...

The winners are: Frida, Bee, and Luke!



Frida wowed us by reading while relaxing in a swimming pool — talk about a holiday read!

Bee took things global, captured reading on the back of a motorbike in Vietnam — now that's a story on the move!

And Luke had us all smiling, spotted reading to a sheep — or was the sheep reading to Luke? We're still not quite sure!

Each of our winners has received a £10 voucher to (hopefully!) spend on some brand-new books to keep that love of reading going strong.

We're so proud of all our young readers and how much enthusiasm you've shown.

Keep reading — you never know where a book might take you next!

The children's highlights of the week!

Wythnos yma!

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ School trip Y1&2 to the Waterfront and Copper Jack
- ✓ Reception had a water party
- ✓ Carried on with tourism guide
- ✓ RNLI talk about the beach flags
- ✓ Y2 made musical instruments
- ✓ Maths - learning about sharing and the start of dividing.

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Qwik Cricket
- ✓ Planning for adventure stories
- ✓ Maths - halving by 4's,
- ✓ Waterfront and Copper Jack,

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Waterfront and Copper Jack,
- ✓ Started enterprise project,
- ✓ Enterprise project presentations,
- ✓ Finishing off our book about Wales.

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
26.05.25 - 30.05.25	May HALF TERM	
02.06.25	INSET DAY	
03.06.25	Nursery & Reception - Nature Days	Nursery are having a taster to Forest School session with Dawn Thomas, Reception to have an afternoon session potentially on the beach weather dependent.
04.06.25	Y3-6 Boat Ride	Please see dojo and IPay for details, payment and consent
04.06.25	Rugby Session	Mark Bandalli
10.06.25	Athletics Competition	Y4+
12.06.25	Pilgrimage	Vicar Peter to take Reception to Year 2 on part of the Gower Pilgrimage route.
19.06.25	Swansea Mosque	Years 2-6 taking a trip to Swansea Mosque - More details TBC
16.06.25 - 20.06.25	Scholastic Book Fair	Whole School
23.06.25	Pilgrimage	Vicar Peter to take Y3/4 on part of the Gower Pilgrimage route.
23.06.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
26.06.25	Sports Day!	
27.06.25	Y5/6 River Study	Trip to Illston with Dawn Thomas
30.06.25	Y3/4 Canal Study	Trip with Dawn Thomas - location TBC
30.06.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
01.07.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
02.07.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
03.07.25	Food to Fork	Knelston school dinner supplemented with our home-grown food
08.07.25	Royal Life Saving Society Assembly	
09.07.25	Summer Show!	
10.07.25	Summer Show!	
11.07.25	Royal Life Saving Society Championships - Selected pupils to go watch.	
14.07.25	Mumbles Land Train	Reception to Year 4 heading to Mumbles
14.07.25	Pilgrimage	Vicar Peter to take Y5/6 on part of the Gower Pilgrimage route.
15.07.25	End of year Ice Cream Van!	
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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