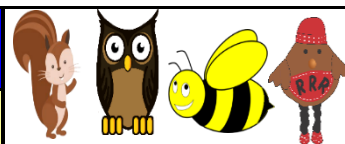




Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 7th March 2025



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and managed to enjoy the lovely weather. It's hard to believe we're already into the second half of the year!

Our first week back has been packed with excitement. We celebrated Welsh Week, culminating in our fantastic Eisteddfod on Friday. A huge thank you to Mrs. Porter for organising such an incredible week—it was a joy to see the children embracing Welsh culture with such enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Charlie May, who has been Chaired the 15th Bard of Knelston! Her name has now been added to our Bard Chair with a wooden plaque, where it will remain for many years to come.



We also marked World Book Day, and it was brilliant to see both children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. A huge thank you for your support with the competitions, cake sales, and, of course, the amazing effort you put into the children's costumes. These special events create lasting memories for the children, and we truly appreciate your involvement.

Here's to another fantastic half-term ahead!

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month



Article 7: The right to a name and nationality

School Aim of the Month



Perseverance

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth wyt ti eisiau?

What do you want?

Dw i eisiau ...

I want ...



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.

World Book Day

On Thursday, we had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! The children and staff made an incredible effort dressing as their favourite literary characters—we had the likes of Harry Potter, Cruella de Vil, Frida Kahlo, and Mary Poppins, to mention just a few!

Throughout the day, some classes joined a live online lesson with children from across the UK, while all pupils from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed a special reading session with local children's author, Sharon Baker. Sharon shared excerpts from her new book, Remus and the Remarkable Rat Rescue, and our older children took part in a brilliant Q&A session, diving into the story's themes.

A huge thank you to our staff for organising such a fun and engaging day, and to all our families for



supporting this wonderful event. These experiences help foster a love of reading and storytelling that will stay with the children for years to come!

Happy Reading!

Knelston Eisteddfod

What a fantastic Eisteddfod we had at Knelston! Every child from Nursery to Year 6 took part in a morning jam-packed with Welshness, and we couldn't be prouder. We enjoyed traditional Welsh dancing, amazing singing, a Knelston special - the Mari Lwyd, the Charing of the Bard, and a rousing finale with the National Anthem. It was a truly special celebration of Welsh culture and talent.

This was my first Eisteddfod at Knelston, and I have to say—it was absolutely fantastic! A huge thank you to Mrs. Porter and Crew Cymraeg for organising such a brilliant event and an incredible week of celebrations. Another big thank you to all our staff for their hard work behind the scenes—getting 75 children to sing and dance in the hall is no easy feat!

If Wales perform half as well as the children did, we should be in for a win tomorrow!

Da iawn pawb!



After school clubs

We are excited to announce that our after-school clubs will be starting next week offering a range of fun and enriching activities for all our children. See the table below.



Day	Club	Year groups & staff	Pick up point
Tuesday	Football	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 with Mr Donovan	Main Entrance
Wednesday	Games	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 with Mrs Harry Morgan	Main Entrance
Thursday	Lego	Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 with Mrs Latham	Main Entrance

The clubs will begin at **3:30pm** and finish at **4:30pm**. We kindly ask that children are collected promptly at the end of the session. To help cover the cost of additional resources and staffing, we request a £2 donation per session, operating on a pay-as-you-go basis. This contribution is purely to cover costs and not for profit.

Please find the consent forms and payment methods available on iPay from Monday.

A massive thank you to our dedicated staff for generously giving up their time to run these clubs and provide these fantastic opportunities for our children.

The children's highlights of the week!

Wythnos yma!

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Welsh dancing,
- ✓ Y1&2 - Started learning tens and units,
- ✓ Diary writing about what we did in half term,
- ✓ In forest school we started looking at materials,
- ✓ Started our new story The Three Little Pigs.

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Started work on our Limerick poems,
- ✓ Continued work on multiplication,
- ✓ Created pop up St David's and researched facts.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ World Book Day activities,
- ✓ Learnt about Lent,
- ✓ Completed drama task on the story of Gelert,
- ✓ Recorded our poems and used AI to generate images.

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
10.03.25 - 14.03.25	British Science Week	Whole School
26.03.25 - 28.03.25	Y3/4 Residentials	St Madocs
03.04.25	PTA Easter Disco	Whole School
07.04.25 - 11.04.25	Y5/6 Residentials	Llain
12.04.25 - 27.04.25	Easter Holidays - HALF TERM	

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Basil the Burns reading dog.

Mr Smith - Music

INSET DATES: , Monday 2nd June 2025, Monday 21st July 2025.

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