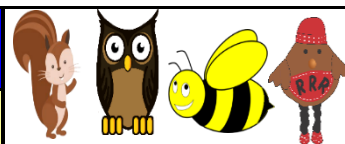




Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 14th February 2025






Annwyl Parents / Carers,

As you may be aware Squid is soon closing down its business in the UK, following on from this the school will be solely using ClassDojo to communicate with Parents. Please ensure you check this app on a regular basis, the calendar, main feed and individual class feeds are updated daily. We appreciate your patience while we confirm what our new payment platform will be.

The children, as always, have been hard at work exploring their topic on senses, and it's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month	School Aim of the Month
  <p>Article 12: The right to be the best you can be.</p>	 <p>"Be the best you can be" "Gwnewch eich gorau glas"</p>

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth wyt ti'n hoffi fwyta / yfed /
chwarae / wisgo / wneud?

What do you like to eat /
drink / play / wear / do?

Dw i'n hoffi bwyta / yfed / chwarae
/ gwisgo / gwneud...

I like to eat / drink / play / wear ...



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.

Instagram



Our Instagram account is building nicely! Follow us at **Knelston Primary School** to see what we're up to. Mrs. Hughes Morgan has been adding photos and sharing all the amazing things happening at our school.

If you haven't given consent for your child's photos via Squid, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you to the parents who have already started following us! If you haven't yet, please join us to stay updated and celebrate our school's achievements. We'll continue to use ClassDojo for primary communication, while Instagram will showcase our achievements and celebrate with the wider school community.

Attendance and Punctuality

Just a reminder that our new attendance target is now set at **95%**, an increase from the previous **93%**. This target reflects the continued focus on improving attendance and punctuality, which is so important for our pupils' success.



We know that regular school attendance is crucial for a child's ability to reach their full potential, and arriving late can have a negative impact on their learning. While we understand the challenges of the morning rush, we're here to support families in ensuring children are in school every day and on time. Of course, we don't want children attending school when they are unwell, but we would love to work with you to reduce absences on days when they could be here and to minimise late arrivals after **9:15 am**.

To help us reach this new goal and maintain the high standards we set last year, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring the following:

Arriving on Time: Please make sure your child arrives at school on time each day. Any arrivals after **9:15am** are considered late. If you know you'll be exceptionally late, please call ahead to let the school know.

Notifying us of Holidays: If you plan to take your child out of school for a holiday, please notify us as soon as possible by completing a holiday request form. Forms are available from the office or can be downloaded online at: **Knelston Primary Key Documents**. Please be aware that under the direction of the local authority, we are not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time. Also, as a school, we have a legal obligation to ensure the welfare of your child, so we simply need to know where they'll be and why.

Appointments: If your child needs to miss school for a doctor's or dentist appointment, please inform the office as soon as possible by phone, voicemail, or email. We encourage all appointments to be scheduled outside of school hours whenever possible, though we understand this may not always be feasible.

Illness: If your child is unwell, please inform the office by phone, voicemail, or email as soon as you know they'll need to stay home. It's helpful to keep us updated on how they're doing and when they're likely to return.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need support, please don't hesitate to get in touch—we are always here to help.

After school clubs

No Clubs next week due to staff sickness and last week of term.

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

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ In maths we have worked on halves and quarters,
- ✓ Planning and writing of the great race,
- ✓ Made our Chinese dragon ready for Mondays celebration,
- ✓ Valentines day crafts.

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Continued our biographies on Helen Keller, Louis Braille, Thomas Edison and Beethoven.
- ✓ In maths we worked on multiples, tables and number patterns,
- ✓ Looked into our Hindu Avatars,
- ✓ Internet Safety Day.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Internet Safety Day,
- ✓ In maths we worked on multiples, factors and common factors,
- ✓ In literacy we read and responded to the poem 'The Tyger' by William Blake.

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
18.02.25	Y2 Fa la la	Fa La La event at Pennard Primary
19.02.25	Y1 Dental	Dental Check
20.02.25	Roz & Kirsty School Portraits	Whole School
24.02.25 - 02.03.25	HALF TERM	
03.03.25	INSET	
06.03.25	World Book Day	Whole School
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 3rd May 2025, Monday 2nd June 2025, Monday 21st July 2025.

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