



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

This week has been packed full of activities, creativity, and festive fun! Our children have been hard at work preparing for the Christmas Fair, making beautiful crafts and designing games that made the event such a success. A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA and staff for organising such a brilliant evening—it was lovely to see everyone come together to celebrate the season.



We're also excited to share that our Ocean Guardians are part of an amazing new project! You can find more information about their efforts below—it's inspiring to see our pupils making a real difference in their community.

Our junior children were lucky enough to take part in some wellbeing sessions this week, focusing on emotional regulation. These sessions are a valuable way for the children to develop skills that will help them manage their emotions and thrive in school and beyond.

As we get into the festive season, it's been lovely to see the school feeling so cozy and vibrant. Whether it's the sound of Christmas songs, the decorations going up, or just the buzz of excitement, the Christmas spirit is well and truly here!

Thank you, as always, for your support. It's been a full and exciting week, and we're looking forward to all the festive fun ahead as we head toward Christmas!

*J G Paynter*

UNCRC Right of the Month	School Aim of the Month
 <p><b>Article 19:</b> The right to be safe</p>	 <p>"Trust"</p>

**Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:**

	Ydy hi'n ...?	Is it ...?	
	Ydy. / Nag ydy.	Yes. / No.	

We are looking for children who can use these patterns (and others) in school.

**Friends of Knelston PTA - Christmas Fair**

Last night's Christmas Fair was such a success! It was amazing to see so many of you there, enjoying the festivities and getting into the Christmas spirit. The atmosphere was full of laughter and joy, and it was so nice to see familiar faces and meet some new ones too!

We even had a special visitor - Father Christmas himself! A huge thank you to him for coming by and adding a bit of extra magic to the night. The children (and the adults!) were so excited to see him, and it made the event even more special.



A big shout out to our fantastic PTA and all the staff who worked so hard to make this event happen. Your hard work made the evening a success and brought our community together in the best way. Thanks to everyone who came and made it such a great evening.

## Pupil voice

We are thrilled to share some exciting news about the incredible work our Ocean Guardians pupil voice group has been undertaking!

As part of a campaign to end sewage pollution, our Ocean Guardians are collaborating with the Welsh Labour MP for Gower Tonia Antoniazzi and our very own Dawn Thomas to carry out winter water-testing at Gower's beaches. This initiative focuses on monitoring and improving water quality in our local area.



Earlier this week the group has been actively surveying water quality at Port Eynon, learning how to collect water samples, and contributing to important data on winter water conditions. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to engage with real-world environmental issues and make a meaningful difference in their community.

We also had something very special arrive in the post this week - a letter from the House of Commons! The letter from Tonia thanks our children for their hard work and dedication to this vital cause. You can see a picture of the letter at the end of the newsletter.

We are immensely proud of their enthusiasm and dedication to this vital cause and will keep you updated on their progress. A huge thank you to our Ocean Guardians and Dawn Thomas as they champion such an important environmental campaign.



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

### Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Counting on in maths from different numbers.
- ✓ Learning to read and use the 'igh' sound.
- ✓ Practicing our rhyming words
- ✓ Welly Wednesday - Five senses hunt

### Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Persuasive letter
- ✓ Subtraction using the frog method.
- ✓ RVE No outsiders - reading 'along came different' celebrating being different.
- ✓ Welsh fact files in 1<sup>st</sup> person on Fantastic Mr fox
- ✓ Science investigation - which instrument is the loudest?

### Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Designing and creating Christmas games for the Christmas fair.
- ✓ Subtraction in maths
- ✓ Guided reading

## 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
22.11.24	Menter Abertawe	Y2-6 Enrichment PE
28.11.24	PTA Christmas Market	4:30PM - 6:30PM
29.11.24	Menter Abertawe	Y2-6 Enrichment PE
06.12.24	Menter Abertawe	Y2-6 Enrichment PE
12.12.24	Christmas Concert	Years Nursery to Year 2 in the play, Years 3/4 Choir. Tickets live on Squid.
17.12.24	Y2-6	Home Alone Viewing at Taliesin - Offer on Squid
19.12.24	Nursery to Y1	Oxwich Bay Hotel to see Santa.
19.12.24	PTA Christmas Disco	3:30-5PM
21.12.24 - 07.01.25	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
<b>INSET DAYS:</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025, Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025, Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025, Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025		
<b>WEEKLY EVENTS:</b> Basil the Burns reading dog, Mr Smith - Music		

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Dear Ocean Guardians,  
I am just thrilled that you are participating in our Gower Water Project! You are all amazing 😊☆  
Being part of this working with the fantastic Mrs Thomas means that you are a key part of the solution, it's amazing.  
I can't wait to hear all about it and I hope you weren't too cold!  
All my best wishes and a big thank you to you and your teachers,  
love Tonia 😊 x