



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

I'd like to start by thanking the whole school community for the warm welcome I've received. It's been a pleasure meeting so many of you at the gates, and I appreciate the kindness and support you've shown. If we haven't met yet, please feel free to come and say hello - I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you as the term progresses, and I hope to see you at the exciting events we have planned!

It's hard to believe we've only been back in school for two weeks, given how much we've packed in! From an exciting trip to Swansea Gymnastics centre, to hands-on heart dissections, reading to Basil the reading dog, and meeting some fantastic visitors to support our upcoming topics, it's been non-stop. We've also brought our enrichment carousel back into full swing today, giving the children lots of opportunities to explore new experiences. The children have settled back into their routines beautifully and are really enjoying school life. It's been an absolute joy getting to know them - they are a true credit to you all.

I'd also like to take a moment to say how much of a privilege it is to lead such a lovely school, with wonderful children, dedicated staff, and a supportive community, all set in this beautiful location. I truly appreciate how lucky I am to be a part of this.

Dymuniadau gorau,

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 28: The right to learn and go to school.



"Happy, safe school community,

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth ydy dy enw di??

Who is your name?

_____ dw i.

I am _____.



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

After school clubs

We are excited to announce that we will soon be starting a range of after-school clubs to provide further enrichment opportunities for our children. These clubs will run on different evenings, tailored to different year groups, and staff are currently working hard to finalise the activities we will be offering to enhance our curriculum even further.



As I'm sure you are aware, all schools in Swansea are facing financial constraints. To help cover the cost of additional resources and staffing, we kindly ask for a £2 donation per session, which will operate on a pay-as-you-go basis. Please note, this is purely to cover costs and is not for profit.

We will share more details with you next week about the clubs available, with the aim of starting the week after.

Class Dojo



In an effort to improve communication between school and home, we are excited to announce that we will be trailing the use of Class Dojo. This platform will allow you to see the types of activities your children are engaged in throughout the day, download trip forms, and receive important school messages instantly on your phone. Class Dojo works on phones, tablets, laptops, and other devices, making it convenient to stay connected.

I have used this platform in the past, and both schools and parents have found it very effective, so we thought we'd give it a go here at Knelston! We will share information next week on how to get you connected and set up on the platform. I'm eager to hear your thoughts, and we will be asking for feedback in a few weeks. If the trial is a success, we plan to make Class Dojo a permanent communication tool.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to hearing your feedback!

Friends of Knelston PTA

As mentioned last week 'Friends of Knelston PTA' have registered with Parentkind be part of ASDA's Cashpot for school's initiative.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using their Rewards app, you can choose our school to receive a percentage of your spend. And that's not all – every time a customer chooses our primary school, Asda will donate £1 to our school's Cashpot. Follow the instructions on the picture at the bottom of the newsletter. Once again, a massive thank to the 'Friends of Knelston' for organising this.



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

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Maths Assessments,
- ✓ Introduction of welly Wednesday with forest school,
- ✓ PE - first time for Reception,
- ✓ Summer holiday diary,
- ✓ Mr Smith music,
- ✓ Y2 had their first Enrichment Friday with the older year groups.

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Maths Assessments,
- ✓ Cold write,
- ✓ Inequality and Society debate,
- ✓ Enrichment Friday with the new Mr Smith.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Maths Assessments,
- ✓ Cold write,
- ✓ Working on class charter,
- ✓ Enrichment Friday with the new Mr Smith.

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 you have family or friends that do any of the school runs, please share the weekly newsletter with them. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Please make sure we have the most up to date contact details, this will help us keep in touch with you.

Warm Regards
J G Paynter
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Additional Information
20.09.24	Menter Abertawe	Welsh PE Activities
30.09.24 - 04.09.24	Scholastic Book Fair	Whole School
08.10.24	Theatr Na Nog	Y56 - Details to follow
11.10.24	PTA AGM	Open to any parents that would like to attend @ 9:30
11.10.24	Menter Abertawe	Welsh PE Activities
24.10.24	PTA Halloween Disco	Open to all year groups - tickets purchased via squid
25.10.24	Menter Abertawe	Welsh PE Activities
28.10.24 - 01.11.24	HALF TERM	
20.11.24	Flu Vaccinations	Reception to Year 6
28.11.24	PTA Christmas	Times TBC
12.12.24	Christmas Concert	Year groups TBC
19.12.24	PTA Christmas Disco	Tickets to be released later in the year
INSET DAYS: Monday 6 th January 2024 (Other dates to be confirmed)		
WEEKLY EVENTS: Basil the Burns reading dog. David Smith - Music		

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2

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3

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