

Ysgol Gynradd Knelston Newyddion

Tuesday, 05 December 2023



Dear Parent,

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful welcome for my first half term back! It has been a joy to spend the time with the children and staff. The learning experiences have been great to see and the children have had so much fun outdoor learning too!

We have done well with our attendance and managed to meet the target of 93%. Let's hope we can continue to keep this up. I hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to the Christmas half term next!

Mr Jenkins

Harvest – Thank You!

Big thank you to all that donated, we have a large collection of items that will be going to the local food bank this weekend.

After School Clubs!

Next Week's Clubs:

Monday – Art Club

Wednesday – Minecraft

Thursday – Lego & Football

[View Clubs Here](#)

Big thank you to all that have been attending our clubs it's lovely to see these afterschool activities flourish. Thank you to all that have donated to the football club, thanks to this we now have new goalposts and new balls!

Please Note - There will be no Art Club on Mondays 13th & 20th November due to staff training.

Items of Squid!

There are quite a few items on squid for your attention (year group depending)

- **Y4-Y6 Pantomime:** If your child would like to attend this event you **MUST** purchase a ticket on Squid by Thursday 7th November. We are required to finalise tickets with eth Grand Theatre that week. If purchased after this date we cannot guarantee a ticket.
- **Nursery – Y3 Visit to Santa!** We are very excited to take these children to the Oxwich Bay hotel for our very own private session with the big man in red! This experience with involve milk, cookies and a present from Santa. Please confirm ASAP if your child will be attending by purchasing a ticket on Squid.
- **Minibus Consent!:** If you are yet to do so, please provide consent on Squid for us to take your child out in our school minibus.
- **Burns Dog Reading:** Emails have been sent with more information – please provide consent via squid.

Residentials

- **Y5-6 Llain:** Payments (in full or instalments) can be made on Squid. Please note – final payment required by start of January 2024.
- **Y4 St Madoc's:** Payments (in full or in instalments) can now be made. Please note – final payments due start of February 2024.





The children's highlights of the week!

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Pupil Voice

The clubs have been meeting and finalising their action plans for the year! You can keep up with their progress on the website:

www.knelstonprimary.co.uk/pupils-voice

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1

- ✓ Halloween Party!
- ✓ Worked on 'a' in joined up writing
- ✓ Describing evil pea in language
- ✓ Yoga in PE

Miss Molyneux's class Y2/3

- ✓ Google interland in DCF
- ✓ Welsh assembly and chose new mascot
- ✓ Pip the Penguin went home
- ✓ RVE Work

Mrs Porter's class Y4/5

- ✓ Spanish made Day of the Dead Masks
- ✓ Instructions on keeping a pet dragon
- ✓ Galaxy – Big Bang Theory
- ✓ PE

Mr Donovan's class – Y5/6

- ✓ Year 6 completed their Creepy Corridor!
- ✓ Diary from Connie's War
- ✓ WW2 Topic work, scripts for films
- ✓ Inverse operations

Friends of Knelston PTA

An amazing turnout for the Halloween Disco! A massive thank you to all that came, donated cakes, bought items and volunteered at the event!

Instagram account:
@friendsofknelstonprimary

Easy Fundraising!

Easy Fundraising partners with thousands of brands to donate part of what you spend when you shop to a cause of your choice. Sign up now, select Knelston as your cause and continue your everyday shopping knowing you are giving back to the school!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Attendance!

This week you will all have received an attendance report for your child (term to date). The Welsh Government are now watching schools attendance levels so we will be following correct procedures and monitoring attendance closely.

If you do require an absence during term time please ensure you complete a 'Request for Absence Form' (on website in Key Documents section).

Swansea Target is 93%

This week we achieved **91.5%**, 66 children at 100% and Rec-Y1 having the best attendance.

Term to date our % Attendance is at 93.2%



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Diary Dates!

DATES	CLASS	EVENT
30.10-05.11.23	Whole School	HALF TERM WEEK
22.11.23	Reception Up	Flu Vaccinations – Forms have been sent home please complete Yes/No and return.
30.11.23	Whole School	PTA Christmas Market - After School Time in School Hall 4:30pm onwards.
06.12.23	Nursery – Year 3	Christmas Concert! – Show times will be 1:30pm and 5:30pm, more details revealed closer to the time. Tickets live on Squid. <i>*Please note – no AM nursery, PM session instead.</i>
07.12.23	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day! – Please wear a Christmas themed jumper, donations can be made via Squid.
14.12.23	Years 4 – 6	Cinderella Pantomime – Grand theatre Swansea 2pm concert, tickets available on Squid. Full details have been emailed.
19.12.23	Nursery – Year 3	Visit to see Santa! – Payment required via Squid to confirm place, please inform the School asap if you do not want your child to attend.
21.12.23	Whole School	PTA Christmas Disco – Details announced closer to the time.
25.12.23 – 05.01.24		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
08.01.24		INSET DAY
05.02 – 09.02.24	Year 5 & Year 6	Llain Residential Trip! – Payments need to be complete by 06.01.2024 to confirm space.
09.02.24	Whole School	INSET DAY
12.02.24 – 09.02.24	Whole School	FEBRUARY HALF TERM
13.03 – 15.03.24	Year 4	St Madoc's Residential Trip – Payments need to be complete by 06.02.24 to confirm space.
21.03.24	Whole School	PTA Easter Disco – Details announced closer to the time.
25.03.24 – 05.04.24	Whole School	EASTER HOLIDAYS



Ladies Night!

Gillian Davies and Alyson Jones are organising their Annual Ladies night at the King Arthur on Thursday 14th December. Contact either for more info.