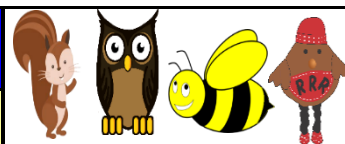




Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'



Newyddion - Friday 21st February 2025

Annwyl Parents / Carers,



We've made it to half term! It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the school year—this term has felt both long and fast at the same time. It has certainly been a busy one, and the children have worked incredibly hard in all aspects of school life. We are so proud of their achievements and the effort they put in every day.

I want to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to our amazing staff for their dedication, resilience, and hard work. Despite the challenges of bugs and viruses making their way around, they have soldiered through to ensure the best for our children. Their commitment does not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful.

A huge thank you also to you—our parents and the wider community—for your continued support. Whether it's helping with learning at home, attending school events, or simply offering kind words of encouragement, your involvement means so much and makes a real difference.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break—let's hope for a little sunshine to brighten our days!

J. J. Paynter

| UNCRC Right of the Month | School Aim of the Month |
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|  <p>Article 2: All children have rights.</p> |  <p>Respect</p> |

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth wyt ti ddim yn hoffi?

What don't you like?

Dw i ddim yn hoffi ...

I don't like ...



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.

INSET 3rd March

Inset Day

Just a quick reminder that there will be an **INSET day on Monday 3rd March**, so school will be closed to pupils on this day. Children will return to school as normal on **Tuesday 4th March**.

Thank you for your support.

Knelston Eisteddfod - First week back

We have a fantastic week of learning planned for the children, filled with exciting activities and opportunities to explore their creativity. To end the week on a high note, we are excited to celebrate our annual **Knelston Eisteddfod on Friday, 7th March**.

Children of all ages are welcome to take part in the competitions: **Love Spoons, Photography, Third Party Description, and Baking**. Entries for Love Spoons, Photography, and Third Party Description must be submitted by **Thursday, 6th March**, while Baking competition entries should be brought in on the morning of **Friday, 7th March**. The cakes will be sold throughout the day, and prizes will be awarded to the winners!



For more details, please check ClassDojo. We look forward to a wonderful week of learning and celebration. Thank you for your support

Communications/ Payment solution update

Following our recent announcement about Squid withdrawing from the UK, we have decided to transition to **IPayImpact** as our new online payment system. As a result, **we will stop using Squid from this Friday**.

IPayImpact is already used for our school dinners, so most of you already have an account. For those who don't, you will receive an email from Mrs Hughes Morgan with details. The good news is that **IPayImpact now has a user-friendly app**, which we have been testing, and it makes purchasing quick and easy!

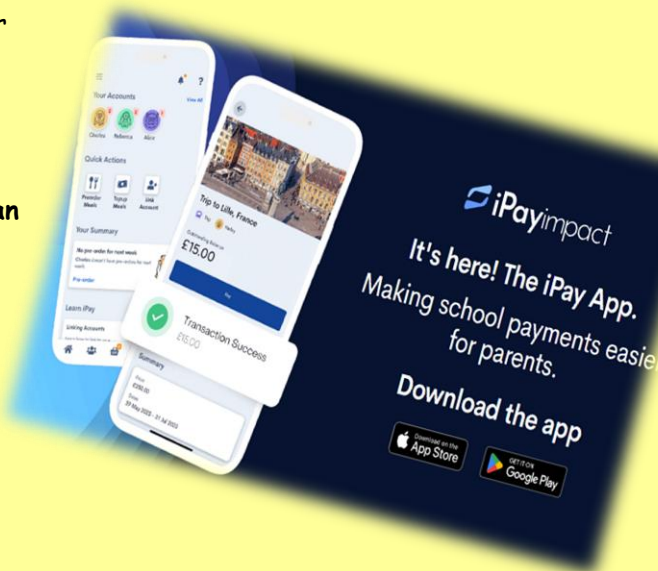
We kindly ask all parents to **download the app** and ensure their children are set up before returning from half term. Full instructions and FAQs can be found on our website here:
www.knelstonprimary.co.uk/school-communications.

A key difference from Squid: Unlike before, **both parents can now be linked to one child**, allowing each to create their own login, contribute to payments (e.g., school trips), and view the total balance. However, individual payment history will remain private.

To summarise, Knelston will be using:

- 📞 **ClassDojo app** - for communications and daily updates
- 💳 **IPayImpact app** - for payments

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Chinese new year party
- ✓ Maths - counting in 2's
- ✓ Literacy - writing the story 'Great Race'
- ✓ Music with Mr Smith
- ✓ Y2 Senses video with Mr Smith.

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Maths - multiplication grid method
- ✓ Finished our biographies
- ✓ Completed our French greetings.
- ✓ Continued with our missions

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Maths - multiplication and division
- ✓ Senses poetry
- ✓ Reading class novel - Can I feel the noise.
- ✓ Music with 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 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 |
| 10.03.35 - 14.03.24 | 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 3 rd May 2025, Monday 2 nd June 2025, Monday 21 st July 2025. | | |

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