

Newyddion - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Annwyl Parents / Carers,

With half term just around the corner, we've been hard at work improving different areas of the school to make the most of our space and provide the best learning environment for the children.


For those of you who have visited the school office, we hope you found the reception area more welcoming. We've made several changes to ensure it is a warm and inviting space for everyone. From new seating arrangements to brighter decor, our goal is to create a positive first impression for visitors and a comfortable environment for our school community.


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**

 **Article 12:**  
The right to be the best you can be.

 "Be the best you can be"  
"Gwnewch eich gorau glas"

**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 9:15 am 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

**Monday's clubs are cancelled this week due to staff safeguarding training. Apologies for any inconvenience.**



We have also noticed very low attendance in some of our clubs recently, due to this we will no longer be offering Lego club on Mondays but will increase Foundation Games club to include Year 2's.

Here is a reminder of what clubs are on offer:

Day	Club	Year groups & staff	Pick up point
Monday	Games club	Rec Y1 Y2 with Mrs Furneaux & Mrs Harry	Main entrance
Tuesday	Football	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 with Mr Donovan	Front Yard
Wednesday	Sports / games	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 with Mrs Blakemore	Front Yard

Clubs will begin at **3:30pm** and finish at **4:30pm**. We kindly request a **£2** donation per session, operating on a pay-as-you-go basis. This contribution is purely to cover costs and not for profit.

Please find the consent forms and payment methods available on your Squid app.

A massive thank you to our dedicated staff for generously giving up their time to run these clubs and provide these fantastic opportunities for our children.

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

<p><b>Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Chinese New Year</li> <li>✓ 2D shapes - recognising and describing</li> <li>✓ Instructions - giving instructions and using the language to write instructions</li> <li>✓ Planted freesia bulbs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mrs Porter's class Y3/4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Science- Measuring our shadows</li> <li>✓ What are idioms</li> <li>✓ The Big bird Watch</li> <li>✓ Collecting data for Pie charts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr Donovan's class Y5/6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Science - organising results into tables and graphs.</li> <li>✓ Writing our discussion texts</li> <li>✓ Emotional regulation</li> <li>✓ Maths - Co-ordinates</li> </ul>
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**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
<b>24.02.25 - 02.03.25</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>03.03.25</b>	<b>INSET</b>	
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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

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