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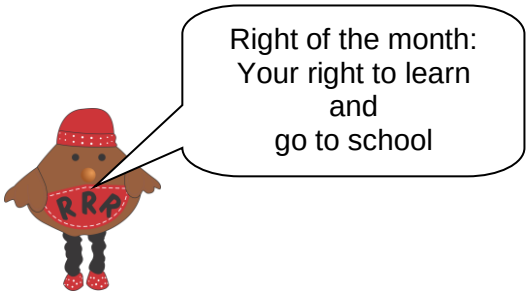
Dear Parent/carer,
A great week of learning last week even though we had just 4 days. This week is packed with fun starting with a trip to study nature at Port Eynon with Dawn Thomas and ending up with a Japanese drumming session on Friday.
Our Coed Knelston clean up day has been arranged for **Saturday 25th May**. Please see below for details.
Don't forget the national tests which take place on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Don't forget INSET training day for staff so no school for children this Thursday 16th May.

The school will be closed on Thursday May 23rd for European elections.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Jenkins



Parent Workshops
As you know we are setting up a series of information workshops to parents on a range of topics to do with childhood development, communication, social theories and a range of other relevant topics. These are in collaboration with the Family Partnership Scheme in Swansea.
The sessions will be run on an independent, drop in basis, where parents can attend those they are interested in.
This is a great opportunity for us to draw on the expertise within the partnership and find a range of strategies to help our children.
The sessions start on **next Tuesday 14th May at 9:30am** and run through the term.
Could you please let us know if you would be interested in attending some or all of the sessions as the facilitator needs to know approximate numbers. The sessions will be on the following topics:

Child development & SPICES
Gro brain – development of the child &/or teenage brain
Emotional literacy and how to support our children
Parenting styles
Rewards and consequences
Importance of play
Attachment & attachment theories
Communication
Routines & boundaries
Behaviour support

Volunteers Needed for Coed Knelston clean up 25th May
We need your help please! We are looking to open up the Coed Knelston area at the bottom of the school field and develop it into an environmental learning zone. As the area has not been used for a number of years it needs some clearing and maintenance to make it safe and appropriate for children to use. I have secured the support of the council volunteer scheme that will provide tools, equipment and some labour, but we need volunteers to do the donkey work. Please let us know if you would be willing to give up an hour or two to help. I will let you know the dates when we have organised them.

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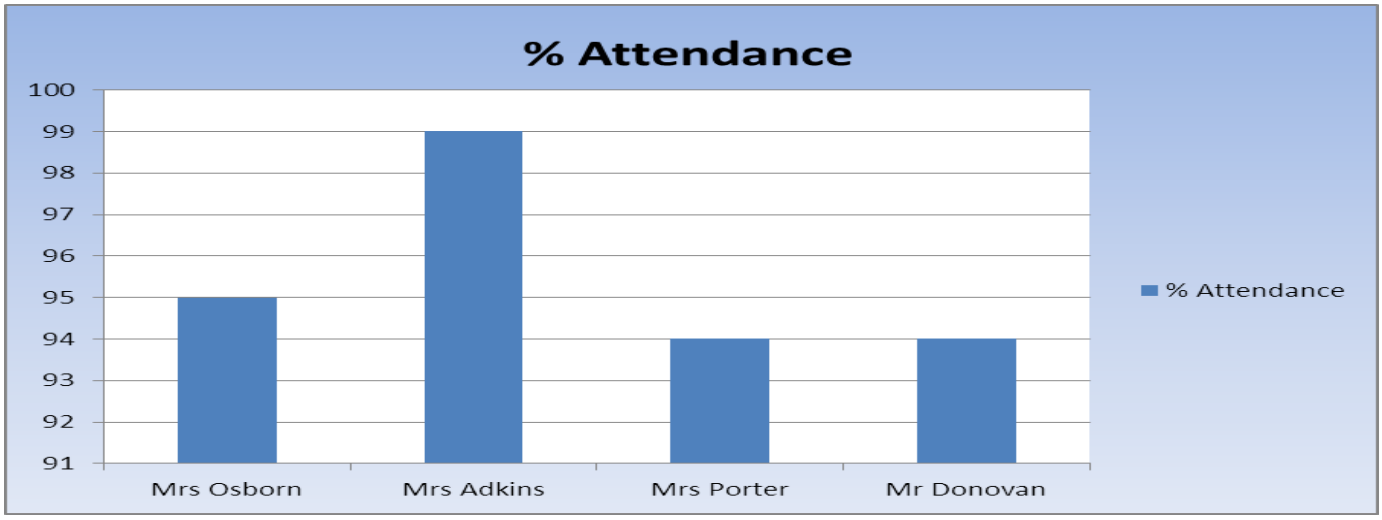
Attendance

Well done Mrs Adkin's class who were the winners last week with 99%. Keep up the good work everyone. As a school we were 95% for the week, a really good week everyone. We had 110 children with 100% attendance for week. Our weekly winners were Aeron, Pippa and Ben Williams. A great effort thank you!



Pupil Voice

School Council

We are looking at ideas for celebrating 50 years of the new school building. We have put all our ideas together and asked our class mates as well. Keep an eye out to see how we will celebrate the event in September.

Easy fundraising

Thank-you to everyone who has registered and joined easy fundraising to collect donations. We currently have 59 supporters and have raised a total of £1,644.58. So a big thank-you to everyone who is collecting donations and if you are not yet registered then please follow the steps below.

We are raising money for Knelston Primary School – Swansea via easy fundraising.
It's so simple to get going all you have to do is:
1. Go to http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/knelstonprimary
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping and start raising
No catches, no hidden charges and Knelston Primary School - Swansea will be really grateful for your donations. It would be fantastic if you could join me and really help make a difference.

PTA News

Welcome to the summer term from all on the PTA committee!

Thank you to all those who have supported our events so far this year – whether it be the Halloween Disco, Christmas Fayre, Film Night, Curry & Quiz or Easter Disco! We value and appreciate all of your help and support in helping us to raise additional funds for the school.

We are already busy planning events for this term so please watch this space for more details over the next few weeks!

Knelston Family Fun Day – Sunday 30th June – plans are now well underway so watch this space and save the date in your diary.

Facebook Page
All details regarding our up and coming events can be found on our Facebook page. Alternatively, please feel free to speak to any of our committee members: Helen McKavett, Carrie Thomas, Charlotte Tonge or Angela Littlejohns.
https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfKnelstonPrimarySchool/

Music Lessons
Music lessons start this week on Tuesdays so please remember to bring in your instrument on this day.

Piano lessons take place on a Thursday with Mags Attwell. Please pay for your lessons via sQuid Pay. **Piano lessons will take place on Friday this week and next week due to the INSET and polling days.**

Clubs – All clubs are available on sQuid to purchase and complete consent forms.

Date	Year Group	Club
Tuesday 14th May	Y1-Y6	Minecraft Club 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday 14th May		Guitar Lessons 3:30-4:15pm
Wednesday 15th May	Rec-Y6	Kids With Bricks Club 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday 15th May	Y2-6	Multi Sports Club 3:30-4:30pm

Dates for your Diary – Summer Term 2019

Date	Year Group	Activity
7th -14th May	Y2-6	National Tests
Monday 13th May	Y1-6	Gower Society School Trip to Port Eynon Beach
Tuesday 14th May	All	Parent Information Workshop – Laura Collins at 9:30am
Tuesday 21st May	All	Parent Information Workshop – Laura Collins at 9:30am
Tuesday 21st May	All	Roz & Kirsty School Photographs – Individual & Family Portraits
Wednesday 22nd May	All	Roz & Kirsty School Photographs - Class
Thursday 16th May	All	Whole school INSET Day no school for children
Thursday 23rd May	All	School Closure: Polling day
Friday 24th May	All	Beach Clean

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Term Dates

Term	Term begins	Term ends	Mid-term holiday		Term begins	Term ends	Total days
			Begins	Ends			
Autumn 2018	Monday 3 September	Friday 26 October	Monday 29 October	Friday 2 November	Monday 5 November	Friday 21 December	
	40				35		75
Spring 2019	Monday 7 January	Friday 22 February	Monday 25 February	Friday 1 March	Monday 4 March	Friday 12 April	
	35				30		65
Summer 2019	Monday 29 April	Friday 24 May	Monday 27 May	Friday 31 May	Monday 3 June	Monday 22 July	
	19				36		55
Total:							**195**

Inset Days

- **Thursday 16th May**

Polling Day

- **Thursday 23rd May**