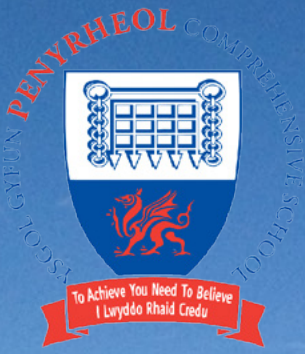




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A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Pupils

As ever, our pupils have been involved in many visits and activities this term, some of which you can read about in this newsletter.

I very much enjoyed our first ever Spring Concert in the theatre on the evening of 11th March. This was an opportunity for pupils to showcase some of the work they had performed at the school Eisteddfod and for their examinations. The link with the Eisteddfod meant that many of the songs were in Welsh. It was an excellent evening's entertainment with some outstanding solo and group items, both choral and orchestral. Da iawn to all of those who performed, as well as diolch yn fawr to Mr Rogers, Miss Morris and our peripatetic staff for their organisation of and preparation for the event.

Year 9 pupils have been making their options choices over the course of this term. Final options are due in at the end of term. Our option pools this year have more subjects available than ever before and have been constructed to reflect the initial choices that pupils made. Hopefully this will mean that almost all of Year 9 will be able to study the subjects they most wanted to take at Key Stage 4. The most important point to remember is to retain a broad and balanced set of options that will allow you to go on to further study in many different subjects. In more unusual subjects, such as those which haven't been studied at Key Stage 3 but are offered at Key Stage 4, there is often no requirement to have studied them at GCSE level in order to take them post-16.

Year 9 have finished their school exams for this year, although they still have their final teacher assessment levels in all of their subjects before the end of the Summer Term. But all other year groups still have exams to come. Year 11, of course, face their final GCSEs very soon now and should be well into a thorough and systematic revision programme. Year 10 also face exam modules this summer in a range of subjects and should likewise be revising hard. Year 10 school exams then take place near the end of June. Year 7 and 8 end of year school exams take place in mid-June. I wish all our pupils every success in the exams they face next term. It's either good results or excuses! You can't have both. And hard work is the difference between the two.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN TOOTILL
Headteacher



Holiday Information

Term Dates			Holiday Dates		Term Dates	
Summer 2014	Monday 28 April	Friday 23 May	Monday 26 May	Friday 30 May	Monday 2 June	Monday 21 July

Bank Holidays 2014

5 May 2014 May Day
26 May 2014 Spring Bank Holiday

Other important dates to remember

Tuesday 6th May	Y7 Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Wednesday 7th - Monday 12th May	Y7, Y8 & Y9 literacy and numeracy tests.
Monday 12th May	Y11 GCSE Exams Begin
Tuesday 13th May	Y10 Geography Unit 1
Friday 16th May	Y10 History Unit 3
Thursday 22nd May	Y10 English Literature Unit 2
Monday 2nd June	Y11 Study Leave Starts
Tuesday 10th June	Y10 Science: Biology
Thursday 12th June	Y10 Science: Chemistry
Monday 16th June	Y10 Science: Physics
Friday 20th June	Y11 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 1st July	Y11 Leavers Prom
Tuesday 1st July	Gorseinon Festival of Song
Tuesday 8th July	Summer Concert (7-8.30pm)
Monday 14th July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 15th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 16th July	Non Uniform Day
Thursday 17th July	Activity Day
Friday 18th July	School Closes at 1.30pm for Summer Break
Monday 21st July	INSET Day

Staff News

This term, we say farewell to the following members of staff, thanking them for their time here at Penyrheol and wishing them well for the future.

Mr G Stephens (IT Technician), Mrs K Hammacott (Learning Lodge Manager) and Jenna Hyatt (Science Technician).



STUDENT VOICE

The latest Student Voice meeting took place on Thursday 20th March and the following issues were discussed:

1. Rights Respecting Schools – A special presentation by Kath Mattingly from UNICEF

The presentation and discussion focussed on which of the children's rights the pupils felt they wished to focus on and this was the start of a continuous roll out plan in order to inform children of their rights. Steps have already been taken to introduce this into Penyrheol including:

1. Posters displayed in and around the school building.
2. Staff training
3. Student Voice discussions
4. Parents' feedback during recent Parents' evenings

More information on Rights Respecting Schools is enclosed in this newsletter.

2. E-Books

An update by our librarian and the working group on how we move forward with e-books. It was agreed that, following a taster session, Student Voice will be recommending that we go ahead with the introduction of e-books later this year. It was apparent that it offered many advantages including the fact that pupils will be able to download library books to their own devices at home, so even when the school is closed, they will have access to library resources. More information will be included in the summer newsletter.

3. AOB

Y7 – Queried how 'Fast passes' were chosen and how to ensure a fair system is put in place.
Y8 – No concerns
Y9 – Discussed a 'Buddy' system and our peer mentoring scheme.
Y10 – Keen to introduce outdoor learning sessions in the summer and a summer uniform.
Y11 – Requested more advanced information on dates of revision sessions and additional information on how the marking systems work, possibility of re-sits etc.

Madame Tanner announced that the recent 'clamp down' on wearing correct school uniform, had been very successful and that from September 2014, pupils will be required to wear black shoes only and NOT black trainers or any other type of shoe. This announcement was met with a mixed response, but the uniform rule will definitely be going ahead.

Eisteddfod 2014

Singing, Music, Dance and Competitions

This year's School Eisteddfod was held on Thursday, 20th February as St. David's Day occurred during the Half Term holiday. It was good to have all Welsh and Music staff in the Eisteddfod this year - the first time since 2011!

With the school production in the Autumn Term, there were more drama and musical items this year which added to the variety in the 2014 programme. That said, for the first time in recent history, we literally ran out of time and several items/competitions had to be omitted from the programme.

A personal apology to all pupils, parents and staff that had prepared for any of these items/competitions. *[Mr. Binding Pennaeth Adran/Head of Dept.]*

Constructive feedback has been given via Form Reps and staff with ideas for avoiding this in the future. Diolch yn fawr to all concerned!

The Eisteddfod programme was full and varied with pupils commenting on the variety and "talented people" that make up our Ysgol Gyfun Penyrheol community. The 2014 adjudicators were Mrs. Hazel Howells (ex-Reprographics), who was also responsible for the floral display, and Mrs. Marian Davis (ex-Head of Welsh). Diolch yn fawr both!

Drama, music and recitation were very much the order of the day at individual and group level. Other items included Holly Edwards (8Y) showing her karate skills as well as Saffron Rees (8H) and Niamh Jewell (7H) who performed some Irish dancing on stage. Other dance troupes entertained Blwyddyn 7 and Blwyddyn 8 with Miss Heard and Miss Lewis having helped with the choreography. A diolch yn fawr to those too. Sosban Fach was a favourite with every 'Oi, oi' filling a very warm Penyrheol Theatre! Another congregational item was Calon Lân, a locally composed hymn by Daniel James or Gwyrosydd (1848-1920). This was used by the BBC in their 2014 RBS 6 Nations advertising campaign.

As ever, off stage competition results were announced throughout the morning and a copy of the full results are shown opposite. Winners were each awarded a certificate and a £5 WHSmith voucher. Da iawn! Diolch to Mrs. Quin once again for her calculations! Overall winning forms for 2014 are 7E & 8E so it's 'Llongyfarchiadau i bawb' (Congratulations to everybody!).

The Welsh cake/juice tuck shop raised £160 which, at the request of Ashleigh Davies 8E, will go to Macmillan Cancer Care in the near future.



Canlyniadau Eisteddfod 2014 Results



1st

2nd

3rd

MATHS	Nia Gemine	7H	Lauren Evans	7Y	Cory Williams	7Y
	Rhys Newport	8Y	Tom Herbert	8H	Nia Thomas	8R
CYMRAEG	Ellie Evans	7M	Caitlyn Roberts	7M	Lucy Evans	7C
	Caryl Jones	8E	Jenna Davies	8C	Bethan Evans	8R
					Dena Davies	8Y
	Laura Kelly	9R	Cameron Beynon	9C	Joshua Hill	9C
SCIENCE	Robert Potter	7R	Alisha Jenkins	7Y	Kimberly Randlesome	7D
	Shauni Bates	8M	Mia Craven	8D	Nicholas Howells	8H
	Ciara Freegard	9Y	Olivia Taylor	9D	Kieran Mills	9E
DESIGN/TECH	Lauren Fry	7H	Sid Wilson	7C	Owen Barnfield	7Y
	Dena Davies	8Y	Georgina Henderson	8D	Jessica Hier	8M
GEOGRAPHY	Jade Roberts	7E	Matthew Richards	7E	Kimberly Randlesome	7D
	Caryl Jones	8E	Bethan Turner	8E	Alexa Howard	8M
PE: Boys	7D (2540m)		7Y (2450m)		7C (2400m)	
(15 mins Swim)	8Y (3210m)		8D (2730m)		8M (2720m)	
Pe: Girls	7R (1036m)		7H (980m)		7C (969m)	
(8 mins run)	8C (1252m)		8E (1160m)		8D (1156m)	
ENGLISH	Sukie Selby	7E	Kimberly Randlesome	7D	Katie Thomas	7H
			Iona Beynon	7Y	Ruth Jones	7M
	Isobel Bass	8D	Jonathan Lewis	8D	Molly Thomas	8C
			Chelsea Lewis	8Y		
ART: Love Spoons	Tamara Rahim-Smith	7E	Jade Roberts	7E	Laurie Pennock	7H
			Ffion Brine	7E		
	Georgina Henderson	8D	Hannah Miles	8M	Jordan Green	8E
			Jenna Davies	8C		
ART: Photography	Alisha Jenkins	7Y	Iona Beynon	7Y	Nia Gemine	7H
			Matthew Newcombe	7H		
	Kyla Evans	8H	Isobel Bass	8D	Kyla Evans	8H
ICT	Nia Downing	7E	Robert Potter	7R	Callum Everest	7D
HISTORY	Marshall Sargent	7E	Katie Thomas	7H	Laura Dyer	7Y
	Jenna Davies	8C	Thomas Wembridge	8R	Kyla Evans	8H
	Tamzin Brough	9H	Lydia Campbell	9C	Alisha Rees	9E
RE	Morgan Gay	7R	Millie Smith	7Y	Nia Gemine	7H
			Thomas Seager	7E	Joey Gronow	7C
	Nia Thomas	8R	Kyla Evans	8H	Georgia Crahart	8E
			Zachary Spackman	8Y	Megan Jones	8D
	Tamzin Brough	9H	Megan Ashman	9M	Laura Kelly	9R
			Olivia Budge	9E	Adam Dicks	9C



Most Promising Musicians: Yr 7: Kimberly Randlesome 7D Yr 8: Isobel Bass 8D

Overall Homework Winners: Yr 7: Nia Gemine 7H Yr 8: Kyla Evans 8H

Winning Forms: Yr 7: E Yr 8: E

Da iawn!

Llangrannog 2014

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th January
64 Year 8 pupils, 3 Welsh Teachers and Miss Francis (TA)

Once again Penyrheol Comprehensive was well represented in the annual West Glamorgan activities weekend as seen by the above figures. Pupils were asked 3 questions with a selection of answers below.

What did you enjoy?

"I enjoyed the quad bikes and horse-riding." **Caitlin Cozens 8Y**

"I really enjoyed the Disco on the Saturday night!" **Sophie Donne 8M**

"I really enjoyed going on the trampoline." **Casey Jeffs 8Y**

What was the best bit?

"Llangrannog was a very memorable trip! So many fun activities, I could never pick from just one. Ffantastig!" - **Shauni Bates 8M**

"The best bit was the go-karts." - **Christian Wade 8D**

"My favourite bit of the trip was when we went on the quads and the go-carts." - **Isaac Thorne 8Y**

Any advice for next year?

Brandon Williams suggested, "Maybe we can go for longer?"

"Bring plenty of changes of clothes, because you can get very dirty." advised **Zachary Spackman 8Y**

Millie Meyrick 8D recommends: "Make sure you wear wellies!"



Music Department News

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD PRIZE WINNERS

The music department are delighted to announce that a group of Year 10 pupils have been selected as Prize Winners in the National Schools Competition for SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD WALES.

As part of their Year 10 GCSE work, pupils co-wrote a Welsh Language song in their lessons, which some of the girls performed in the School Eisteddfod and Spring Concert.

Representing the school at the Awards Ceremony will be **Olivia Brayley (IOU)**, **Megan Coslett (IOE)**, **Aimee-Marie Davies (IOU)**, **Lori Milsom (IOU)** and **Caitlin O'Brien (IOR)**.



As part of the ceremony, the girls will perform their song to VIPs and other guests and discover whether or not they are National Winners! Look out for the result in the Summer Newsletter!

DISNEYLAND PARIS PERFORMANCE

The Music Department carried out its first ever International Performance in March!

Members of the Senior Choir from Years 9, 10 and 11 performed 6 songs including the Welsh National Anthem in front of over 500 people in the 'Videopolis Theatre' in Disneyland itself.

The following songs were performed:

- Dal fy Llaw
- Have a Nice Day
- Dakota
- Hey Soul Sister
- Anfonaf Angel

We hope to return next year with the current Year 8s to repeat this wonderful experience.



Ski Trip to Italy

Bormio

The annual ski trip departed from the school on Friday 21st February, where we travelled by coach to Bormio, Italy.

32 pupils from Penyrheol and Cymer Comprehensive enjoyed the trip, which included 5 days of sun-filled skiing on the beautiful slopes of Bormio.

Evening entertainment included, ice skating, shopping around the ancient town of Bormio and of course eating pizza in a traditional pizzeria... none of which topped 'games nights' back at the hotel, courtesy of Mr Clapperton, where loads of fun was had by all!

This was a fantastic trip and we can't wait to do it all again next year!



Active Young People / 5x60

by Ricky Morgan
AYP Officer at Penyrheol

This term at Penyrheol has once again been fantastic and I give my thanks to the wonderful staff and pupils at the school.

The scheme is designed to get as many pupils as possible taking part in sport, exercise and physical activity for at least 60 minutes a day for 5 times a week.

We have continued with our popular lunchtime activities that include Badminton, Football, Basketball, Dodge ball and Atomic Touch Rugby. These sessions consistently see over 150 pupils attending across the lunchtimes. We will be continuing with these into the summer term while adding Table Tennis at the outdoor tables... weather permitting!

All year groups are welcome to take part in most activities and, indeed, we have seen the percentage of pupils taking part at least once rise to 50%.

Activities Timetable

Monday - Badminton (Lunchtime) & Girls Cricket (3pm-4pm)

Tuesday – Football (Lunchtime)

Wednesday – Basketball (Lunchtime)

Thursday – Atomic Touch (Lunchtime)

Friday – Dodge ball (GYM/Lunchtime)

Penyrheol also has the highest percentage of pupils who take part x20, x30 and x50 in the Swansea area.

The highlight of the term for me has been the Girls' Cricket sessions which have been run by Stephanie Davies, Community Coach for the school and former England international. These sessions have led to the Penyrheol under 13 Girls team making the national final, where they performed admirably and became the eventual winners. A fine achievement for all concerned!

I look forward to having Under 13s and Under 15s teams in the next academic year. There are also 20 pupils from

Years 7 & 8 attending rock climbing sessions, who are working towards a Level 1 qualification.

Above are of some the activities for the summer term. (Taking place in the Sports Hall unless stated). The timetable will be finalised over the Easter Holidays.

Well done to everyone taking part and for keeping fit and may I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable break this Easter.

24 Hours that changed the world

24 Hours that Changed the World is a Christian RE resource that is available to Year 8 in secondary schools around Swansea. They deal with the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross. It is a highly interactive session with videos, discussion, actors and 'news' reports.

Paul Davies who led the presentation is an ex-pupil of Penyrheol and says:

"As a former pupil, it has been a privilege to come back to Penyrheol and give back to such a great school. I look forward to working together again soon"



This is what the pupils had to say:

"The presentation taught me a lot about different views on religion and how it has changed the world. I would recommend this talk to other schools."
Dena Davies 8Y

"I really enjoyed the '24 Hours' talk and this was because we got to learn new things. When you are younger, you can't really understand death, suffering and pain, so you can't really understand what Jesus went through. I also quite enjoyed this talk because they let us interact and discuss our views and opinions. I feel as if I have learned and gained something new."
Ellie James 8Y

"One of the things I learned was that Jesus had 12 friends who had to leave their families and friends to follow Jesus. They were in real danger being with Jesus as Jesus was wanted by the King who wanted to kill him. This was a very interesting talk to listen to and learn from."
Tianah Dodge 8R

"I think that the group that came in to talk to us about the 24 Hours That Changed the World were helpful and I learned more about Jesus. I am going to use this information to boost my levels in R.E."

Rebecca Jones 8R

"On Tuesday 4th March, three men and a lady came in to talk to us. They each had a script so they knew what to say. The leader of the group had a quiz for us that tested our knowledge on the videos that we had watched. I enjoyed it because it was something different and I really learned from it."

Sarah Young 8R

"This session helped me with my recent assessment and I have learned a lot more and have a better understanding on why Jesus came to earth and what he came here for."

Kacey Thornhill 8R

"When the group came into our RE lesson to give this presentation, I was surprised as I wasn't expecting them, at the beginning, I did not know what they would be discussing as the title could have been applied to many issues. After the session got underway, it was explained that it was all about the Crucifixion. I felt this was an appropriate subject since we were approaching Easter and I have always enjoyed the Bible Easter story. I particularly liked the video clip sequences which were very interesting. There was one group member who was very expressive and animated and this made me feel involved in the discussion. I felt I was able to answer the questions well and believe that I made a contribution to the lesson. Overall it was a different type of lesson which I quite enjoyed."

Nia Thomas 8R

KS4 Religious Studies

Y11 option pupils represented Penyrheol Comprehensive School at the Holocaust Memorial Service on January 27th this year at Bishop Gore School. Various activities took place including poetry and music and a drama group performed an excellent piece based on the conditions faced by Jews at the time of the Holocaust.

A number of Y10 pupils led two assemblies for the Year 10 year group. One was on the 11th November to commemorate 'Poppy Day' and one was on 27th January where they read poems and passages on the Holocaust and a PowerPoint was shown on the theme to the song 'Fields of Gold' by Eva Cassidy.

Once again, there were very moving assemblies and presentations which highlighted the importance of remembering these significant events in our history.

News from the P.E. Department

Boys P.E. News

Congratulations to **Sam James (Y11)** who has just completed a successful season with the Ospreys under 16s team and to **Nathan John** with the Ospreys 'B' squad.

Well done to the following pupils who are currently training hard with the Swansea School Boys rugby squads: **Liam Kissick** and **Matt Richards (Y10)** and **Jack Cousins, Lewys Edwards, Luke Davies, Tom Donne, Rhys Gear** and **Evan Budge (Y9)**.

Despite the weather we have still managed to complete a number of rugby and football fixtures.

On the football front all teams had a mixed season with some good wins and heavy defeats. The Year 7 team achieved the greatest success, just missing out by a few points on reaching the semi-finals.

The rugby also had its good points. The Year 7 team went all season and only lost to Olchfa, so there is a promising future ahead for them! The Year 8s, although only winning the odd game, managed to field a strong, healthy squad for all games. The Year 9s under the guidance of Mr Edwards, put in some fantastic performances and reached the semi-finals of the Swansea Schools Cup, only to be beaten by a very strong Gwyr team.



For updates on fixtures and
PE information, follow us on
Twitter @penyrheolPE.

Girls P.E. News

Gymnastics

There was an excellent display from Year 7/8 pupils in the St. David's Day Eisteddfod this year. The girls worked hard practicing at lunch times and after school. Well done to: Year 7 girls, **Tamara Rahim Smith, Rebecca Davies, Julianne Hughes, & Jessica Girletz** and to the Year 8 girls, **Megan Jones, Danielle Griffiths, Cara Lloyd Goulding, Jennie Stroud, Chelsea Davies & Dena Davies**

Athletics

Congratulations to **Ellie D'Auria (Year 8)** and **Grace Thomas (Year 7)** who both represented the county in the Welsh Sports Hall Athletics Competition.

In the Cross Country County Finals at Margam Park recently, pupils competed very well in extremely muddy conditions... even for January! Our Year 8 girls' team came in 3rd place.

Indoor Cricket

Our girls' Year 7/8 team played their first tournament at Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr recently, where they qualified for the Lady Taverners' finals in The Swalec Stadium in Cardiff.

They played 3 matches and the team got stronger and stronger the more matches they played. The last match was particularly exciting and the girls beat the previously unbeaten team with one ball to spare! There were some outstanding fielding and batting techniques displayed by **Lauren Evans** and great fielding by **Mia Cozens** who took two excellent catches.

Netball

It was excellent to see so many girls from Years 7 to 10 training and involved in playing netball matches this term. Year 11 GCSE pupils have assisted in coaching and umpiring matches, giving them some valuable experience.

Year 7 a and b teams have played a number of matches this term with Year 7 remaining undefeated. It has been good to see new players joining the two Year 8 teams and taking part in matches against local schools.

Rounders and Athletics will be starting after the Easter holidays.

Rights Respecting Schools

Know your rights!

Penyrheol Comprehensive is proud to have taken the first steps to achieving the Rights Respecting Schools Award.

What is the Rights Respecting Schools initiative?

UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting Schools initiative helps a school's community to use the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) to help develop a clear set of values that are actively upheld by pupils.

What does the UNCRC actually do?

1. Listen to what you have to say
2. Speak up about things that are important to you
3. Tell you about your rights
4. Help to make sure that you get your rights
5. Talk to you if you have a problem

All human beings – adults and children alike – are entitled to basic human rights. Children have a particular set of rights due to their vulnerability and need for protection.



The UNCRC sets out the rights that must be realised for children to develop to their full potential and there are 42 specific rights that children should be aware of. These are called Articles and include rights to be free from hunger, want, neglect and abuse to name just a few.

These rights are not something that children need to earn or that adults and governments can take away as a punishment. They contain the basic protection and support that all children are entitled to. All children have the same rights, no matter what their background or where they live.

At Penyrheol we will start by focussing on Articles 12, 19 and 28.

These are the Articles that, when asked, our pupils felt were most important:

Article 12 Your right to say what you think should happen and be listened to.

Article 19 You should not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe.

Article 28 Your right to learn and to go to school.



Student Voice members at the Rights Respecting Schools talk

Beyond the School Gates

Many of our Penyrheol pupils are involved in outside school activities. If you would like to shout about it...here's your chance!

Sport

Congratulations to **Ellie D'Auria (Y8)** and **Grace Thomas (Y7)** who competed at the beginning of March in the Welsh Sports-hall Finals in Cwmbran.

Both girls have also been selected for the Afan Nedd County Team. A fantastic achievement to be selected after their successful trials last December. Well done girls!



Jake Thomas (Y7) recently won the Swansea Football Festival with his team 'Garden Village'. Jake, who trains every week with the club, said that he was excited and proud to win, especially as his team won 14 of their matches overall and drew 1. Brilliant!

Josh Bainbridge (Y7), who generally plays right or left back for his football team 'Pontadawe Academy', was recently part of the winning team in the latest football league. His team won 7 and lost 1 game.

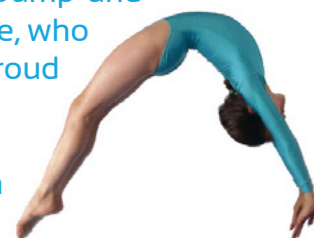


Congratulations to **Ethan Rigby (Y7)** who has just represented Wales in Roller Hockey and won the Under 14s Hockey League! Ethan is looking forward to the next big competition in Rotherham next year and continues to train hard at least twice a week! Ethan says he would love to represent Team GB in the Olympics one day – We are sure you will Ethan!



Grace Thomas (Y7) has just achieved 2 silver medals in Long Jump and Shot Putt in the indoor Athletics Championships in Cardiff. Grace, who was representing the Swansea Harriers, said she felt very proud and felt that her hard work had paid off!

Successes galore in Acro-Gymnastics for two of our pupils at Penyrheol. Both **Danielle Griffiths (Y8)** and **Tamara Rahim-Smith (Y7)** both took part in the Celtic Cup at Glasgow last month. Both girls train with West Street Gymnastic Club in Gorseinon and were representing Wales. Wales came 2nd overall and Danielle also won bronze and silver medals for her individual work. Fantastic job girls!



Karate is the name of the game for 2 boys in 7R. Both **Adam Jones** and **Robert Potter** have achieved success with their prospective clubs. Adam, who trains 3 times a week, has just achieved his junior black belt and trains with the Gorseinon and Killay club, and Robert has just got his 1st Kyu (3rd Brown belt) with the Jishin Karate club in Swansea. Congratulations to both boys for their dedication to this very controlled and skilled sport.

Lifeguard Skills

Lauren Francis (7H) trains twice a week in Lifeguard skills and regularly attends competitions. Recently, Lauren has won 2 x gold medals in the Welsh Championships which were held at the National pool in Swansea. A fantastic and worthwhile achievement. Well done!

Performing Arts

Treasure Island

Congratulations to all Penyrheol pupils who took part in the production of 'Treasure Island' at St. Catherine's Church Hall in March. Our students who attend 'Musicality Academy of Performing Arts', based in Gorseinon, included:

Robin Haley (Y10) as Ben Gunn, **Angharad Weeks (Y10)** as Jim Hawkins, **Jamie Williams (Y10)** as Jim's Mother, **Ieuan Thorne (Y10)** as Billy Bones, **Ellie Evans (Y7)** as Doctor Livesey and **Catrin Thorne (Y7)** as Black Dog!

Well done to everyone involved. We look forward to seeing you and many more of our pupils in your next production 'Alice the Musical' in July.

This is will be the first time that 'Alice the Musical' is performed in Wales and if you would like to be at the Welsh premiere, tickets can be obtained by contacting the Princess Royal Theatre in Port Talbot on Tel 01639 763214.



Irish Dancing

Niamh Jewell, who attends the Victoria Trahar school of Irish Dancing, has just returned from the UK Championships in Southampton where she represented Wales and came 2nd for her individual programme of 6 dances. What a great achievement!

First Aid

Charlie Saunders (7M) attends St John's Ambulance every week and is learning first aid techniques. Charlie would love to become a doctor, so this is a brilliant start to her career. Well done Charlie!



Sport? Drama? Charity? Music? Dance? Chess?
Whatever it is you do... let us know!

We encourage both pupils and families to let us know about pupils' achievements out of school so we can give them the credit that is clearly due to them! Please pass any information to Ms A Murphy via school reception.