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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 19th April 2024

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 12

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the twelfth headteacher's letter of this academic year. I trust these letters are keeping parents/carers informed about what is happening at Penyrheol School. I didn't send one out before Easter as the Termly Newsletter was launched at that point.

As always, it has been a busy and varied few weeks at school.

For our Year 7 and 8 Eisteddfod Music award winners, there was a fabulous showcase performance for their families and friends and this was held in the theatre.

Our Year 9s have had their reports issued, they have had their Progress Evening for parents/carers and they have made their final option choices. Exciting times!



Our Year 10s have recently experienced their exam week. This exam week has been excellent preparation for their upcoming GCSEs.

For Year 11, this week has been dominated by the Welsh oral exams. Da iawn to all our pupils for their efforts this week.

There has also been a 'Pop Up Prom' event in the library. This has helped a number of families keep the cost of the end of Year 11 Prom down. Many thanks to all Chrysalis for their donations to this event.

Sport

Year 8 boys football team lost 4-1 to a very strong Bryntawe team last week. That is the first league game they have lost this season and in very difficult conditions and against a strong opposition, they put a brilliant performance in.

Year 7 boys football put in a great performance yesterday, beating Bishop Gore 6-1. Well done to all 18 boys involved.

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Both our U13 boys and U14 girls entered Rosslyn Park National Rugby 7s this year for the first time. Both teams did exceptionally well against some very difficult opposition.



National Sevens Junior Schools

Group F	10:20	Pitch M1
Penyrheol Comprehensive School	5-30	Solihull School
Boys-U13A		Boys-U13A

National Sevens Junior Schools

Group F	11:40	Pitch M2
Penyrheol Comprehensive School	15-5	Shiplake College
Boys-U13A		U13 VII

National Sevens Junior Schools

Group F	13:00	Pitch M3
Penyrheol Comprehensive School	20-25	Graveney School
Boys-U13A		Boys-U13A

National Sevens U14s Girls Cup

Group C	10:40	Pitch RE6
Penyrheol Comprehensive School	17-12	Hayes School
Girls-U14A		Girls-U14A

National Sevens U14s Girls Cup

Group C	12:20	Pitch RE1
Penyrheol Comprehensive School	0-45	Jumeirah English Speaking School (JESS Arabian Ranches)
Girls-U14A		Girls-U14A

National Sevens U14s Girls Cup

Group C	13:40	Pitch RE6
Penyrheol Comprehensive School	31-12	Blundell's School
Girls-U14A		Girls-U14A



Well done to our Year 7 Netball team who took part in the Afan Nedd Tawe Schools Netball tournament last week. They played well throughout the day and finished third in their group.

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Congratulations to our Year 9 and 11 students who were recognised and awarded at the Swansea Sports Awards in March. Annabel, Ellie and Sophie were honoured for their exceptional contributions as Gold Sports Ambassadors.

Additionally, Ioan and Bailey were part of the Morryston RFC U16 team which received the Junior Team of the Year award. Well done to all of you!



Congratulations to Alex (Year 7) who has advanced to the English Cup final with Swansea School Boys U12 Football team. They are set to face off against Manchester Schools in the championship match later this month. Good luck Alex

Cody Kowalik (7U) has been selected to represent Wales in kickboxing at the Scottish Championship this weekend. The 'WKA' is a huge platform for Cody to showcase his skills and we wish him the very best of luck!

Caitlyn (Year 7) recently represented Afan Nedd Tawe in the SportsHall Athletics Finals. A wonderful achievement - well done Caitlyn!



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Our Rounders Club, which has now been running for a few weeks, is thriving and we are having over 30 pupils attending training each week, which is wonderful to see!



The Rounders club takes place every Thursday (3-4pm) and is open to anyone in years 7-11 who is interested in taking part.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



Before Easter, the four pupils nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday' were Harry (Year 7), Bentley and Borys (both Year 8) and Jimmy (Year 10).

Harry is **Thriving** in school and his exceptional efforts have been noted by staff.

Bentley and Borys have shown enormous **Respect** to the school environment and will go out of their way when they think about others before themselves.

Jimmy is a wonderful pupil. His actions help others feel that sense of **Belonging** in school.

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After Easter, the four pupils nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday' were Thomas (Year 8), Oliver (Year 9), Lillie (Year 10) and Kian (Year 11).

Thomas is **Thriving**. He always gives his very best. This means extra reading and extra research- an all-round super pupil!

Oliver is one of two pupils who selflessly changed their plans for Disneyland to accommodate another pupil. For this he has not only shown **Respect** for his peers but also has our complete **Respect** for his actions.

Lillie is showing brilliant **Aspiration**. Lillie's effort in school is second to none and she wants to become an entrepreneur when she leaves school.

Kian is also embodying **Aspiration**. He has advanced to the final stages of an apprenticeship with the National Grid. Pob lwc, Kian.

These 8 pupils have embodied our core values over the last 4 weeks. Congratulations to all our winners. Who will it be next time?



Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has dropped to 86%. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

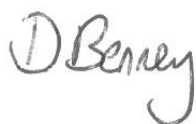
Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last two school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	16.8	1.6
8	15.5	3
9	12.1	2
10	9.3	2.2
11	8.3	1

Over the last 2 school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 7 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

As always, thank you to all parents/carers for their continued support.

Yours faithfully,



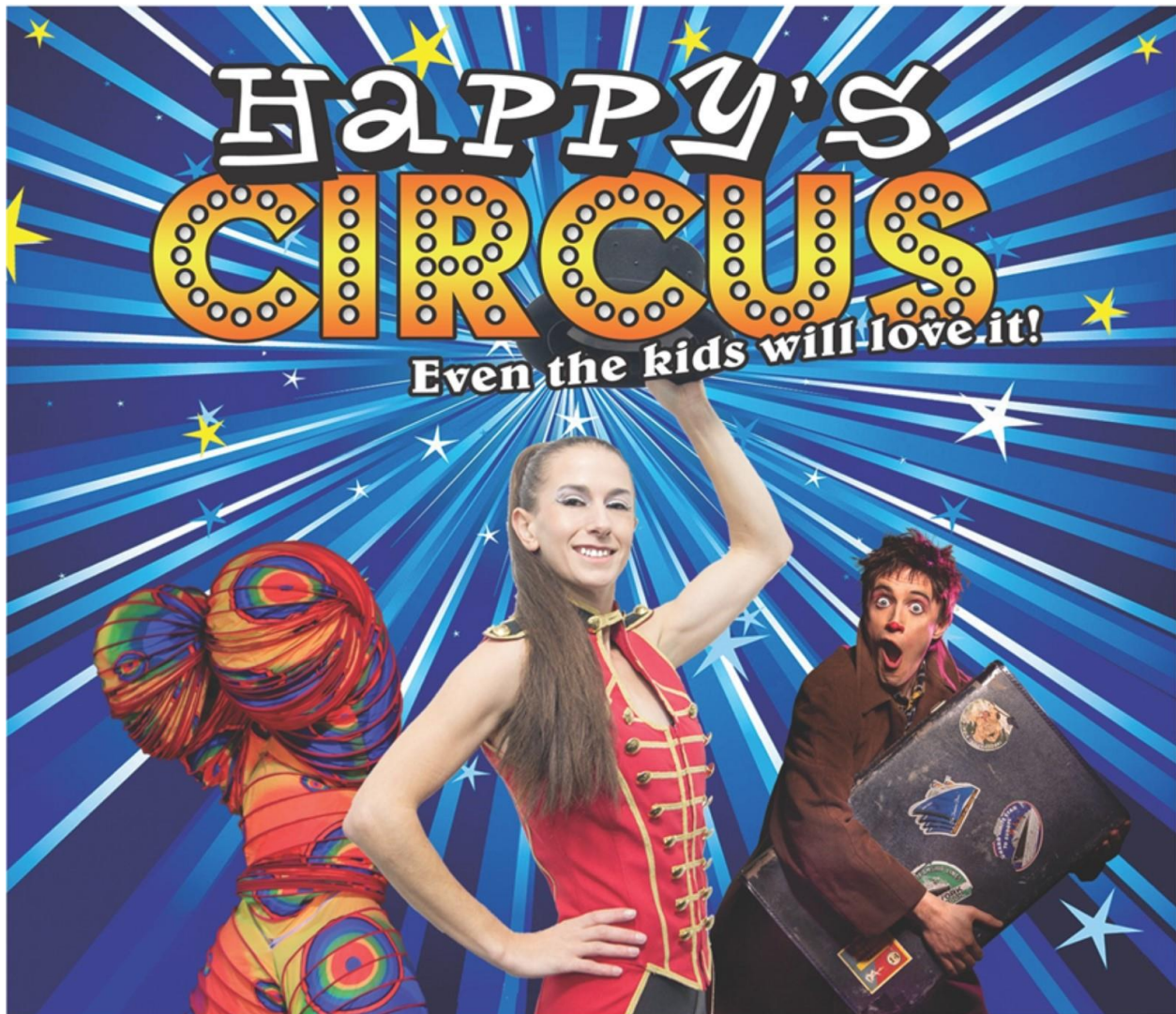
Damian Benney

Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd April	National Tests for Years 7, 8 and 9 (this fortnight) Year 7 Progress Evening (FtF) Y10 Welsh oral exams
Tuesday 13 rd April	AoLE Collaborative Planning Science and Technology (9:00am to 3:00pm) Senior Leadership Meeting (3:10pm) Y11 Welsh oral exams (catch up- small numbers)
Wednesday 24 th April	Y10 Welsh oral exams
Thursday 25 th April	Year 10 Reports: Head of Year and Form Tutor Comments Completed – Reports to Resources AoLE Collaborative Planning Humanities (9:00am to 3:00pm)
Friday 26 th April	Year 10 GCSE Art trip to Cardiff Museum and St Fagans.
Monday 29 th April	Departmental Meetings/Pastoral Support Meetings (3:10pm)
Tuesday 30 th April	AoLE Collaborative Planning Expressive Arts (9:00am to 3:00pm) Senior Leadership Meeting (3:10pm)
Wednesday 1 st May	TA Team Meeting Governing Body Finance Meeting (3:30pm) Year 11 Art Exam
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 10 Reports Issued AoLE Collaborative Planning Health and Wellbeing (9:00am to 3:00pm) Year 11 Art Exam Year 11 Spanish Oral Exams
Friday 3 rd May	Y7 Llangrannog Trip Departs Year 11 Spanish Oral Exams



SAVE THE DATE

14th October 2024
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