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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 7th June 2024

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 15

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, our Year 11s have started their study leave and now they only attend school if they have an exam. To mark their final day with us (Friday 24th May), we held a Year 11 Pupils v Staff match. This concluded a day of shirt signing, smiles and tears as our Year 11s enjoyed their final day of formal education. More details on the football match can be found later in this letter. We will soon be starting the Senior Prefect and Prefect election process with our Year 10s, ready for September.

Pupil News- Noah Cartmill-Pearce (Year 11)

Noah has had his artwork accepted by the Royal Academy in London for the summer exhibition. This will open on July 18th. **There were over 22,000** submissions for this exhibition. This is an incredible achievement. Earlier this year, Noah's artwork was showcased in the Swansea Open. What a year he is having. We are incredibly proud of Noah.



Regeneration

Student name: Noah Cartmill-Pearce

Artwork type: Sculpture | **Medium:** Ceramic and drift wood | **Dimensions:** 90(w) 50(h) 560(d) mm

Description: This work is entitled Regeneration and is influenced by sea pollutions and the regeneration of nature. I live on the Gower coast and surf regularly, over the last two years the beach has been closed on numerous occasions because of sewage overflow and pollution. I wanted to show the beauty of sea life and diversity the hope that if we stop polluting the sea, that life can return and even grow on detritus floating in the sea.

Judging status: Accepted — online exhibition and display at the RA



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Sport

Football

The Under 13 girls football team successfully advanced to the Semi Finals of the Swansea Schools Girls League. They engaged in a competitive match against Cefn Hengoed, who ultimately emerged as the league champions. The girls had a remarkable season, and their unwavering commitment and dedication have yielded positive results. We very much look forward to continuing this momentum into the next year and achieving another successful season.



Maisy, Grace and Alex

More exciting football news! Three Year 7 pupils represented Swansea Schools U12's Football teams last month in the Welsh Schools Cup Finals held in Oswestry. Grace and Maisy were part of the Girls team and Alex, the Boys. Both teams emerged victorious in their respective matches. This is a wonderful achievement for all three students and the teams. Well done!



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Logan

Logan deserves a massive congratulations for securing the 2024 Welsh School Boys Champion Boxing title. This remarkable achievement marks the beginning of an exciting career for Logan. Well done!



Rugby

The Year 7 girls attended a fantastic Rugby tournament in Dylan Thomas last week. The pupils were incredibly motivated and performed very well. Witnessing the enthusiasm and willingness of numerous pupils to participate was great to see!



Ceri

Ceri, in Year 11, has excelled in representing Ospreys' U17's this year, demonstrating exceptional performance in all her matches. Furthermore, she was selected to represent the Boys and Girls Club of Wales, who went undefeated throughout the season – a remarkable achievement!

We also extend our gratitude to Ceri for coaching the Year 7 Girls Rugby team during the recently tournament held at Dylan Thomas. Her valuable knowledge and expertise greatly contributed to the team's success.



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Ellie

Ellie has been making remarkable strides in Bouldering. She clinched victory in the Swansea Under 14 Open Bouldering Summer League last year (at only 12 years of age!), and is now gearing up to defend her title this year. Ellie recently had the privilege of meeting her idol, Shauna Coxsey, an Olympic Boulderer. Climbing with Shauna has been a truly enriching experience for Ellie, as Shauna serves as a major source of inspiration for Ellie and other female boulderers in the club. We wish Ellie all the best for the upcoming season as she defends her title! Good luck!

**Brisco Gorseinon 10k**

Some of our wonderful pupils have been volunteering and helping out at the 2024 Brisco Gorseinon 10k a few weekends back.

The pupils involved are part of our school sports teams that will be travelling to Toronto in 2026 as part of our proposed sports tour.

It was a fantastic event and an opportunity to support the local community. Da iawn pawb!

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As mentioned, on Friday 24th May, during lesson 5, we enjoyed our now annual Year 11 pupils v staff football match. The whole school was invited to watch. It was played in a tremendous spirit and the pupils ran out 3 – 0 winners. It was actually a very close game with the staff missing a penalty and wasting a few 1 on 1 opportunities.

At Penyrheol, we want all of our pupils to feel like they belong. The football game, and indeed the entire last day was joyous and helped foster that feeling of pride and belonging in school. I just hope the staff can score a goal next year!



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Year 11 ended on a high before half term with a win against staff 🏆



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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On their last day at Penyrheol, a pupil from each form class was nominated for a special 'Year 11 Only' Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday. I had the pleasure of being joined by Charlie, Kianna, Lowri, Jaden and Seth. Logan and Kian were invited but were too busy having their shirts signed.

It was a pleasure to discuss some of their favourite memories of their 5 years at Penyrheol and their plans for the future. These pupils have embodied our core values of **Respect, Aspire, Thrive** and **Belong** and we are very proud of them.

Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has been around 87%. 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	18	2
8	14	2
9	10	2.4
10	9	1.4

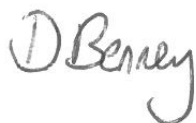
Over the last 2 school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 7 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

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

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Date	Event
Monday 10 th June	Transition Year 5 Taster Morning
Tuesday 11 th June	Transition Year 5 Taster Morning
Wednesday 12 th June	Transition Year 5 Taster Morning
Thursday 13 th June	Transition Year 5 Taster Morning
Friday 14 th June	Transition Year 5 Taster Morning
Monday 17 th June	Year 7 and 8 Summative Assessment Week
Tuesday 18 th June	
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly (11:20am) Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork
Thursday 20 th June	Year 10 Geography Field Trip Year 9 Mathematics Setting Examination (Unit 1) Year 11 Prom
Friday 21 st June	Year 9 Mathematics Setting Examination (Unit 2) Year 9 SEREN event