

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the sixth headteacher's letter of this academic year. I trust these letters are keeping parents/carers informed about what is happening at Penyrheol School.

In the last two weeks, our Year 11 Music students have had their practical exam, our Year 11 Spanish students have had their oral and our Year 11 Geographers have completed their NEA. All pupils in Year 9, 10 and 11 have had their interim report. I hope your child's report was a green report!

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, we had the opportunity to say a huge congratulations to our outgoing Year 11 cohort during their Awards Evening. I am looking forward to our new Core Values Awards Evening for Years 7-10 that will be taking place in the Summer Term.

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, two of our pupils presented at the Swansea.com stadium to all Headteachers from across Swansea on the work they have been undertaking with the CMET Youth Panel on 'appropriate language guidance and changing the narrative.' They were superb ambassadors for the school and I was so proud of how well they presented their work. Saraya and Maizie represent the very best of Penyrheol School!



We enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Fayre on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. This was really well attended and my thanks to all parents and carers that helped support the event. At the fayre, Mr Jeff Lewis, the chairman of the Penyrheol Pum Deg committee donated a cheque to the Penyrheol PTA and a cheque to Morgan's Army. Morgan's mum was in attendance to accept the cheque on behalf of the Morgan's Army Charity.

Talking of charity, we raised over £600 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November from our non-uniform day. This money went to Children in Need.

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Penyrheol's charity week helped support Ty Hafan's #WhenYourWorldStops Appeal. We were very proud to contribute £2294 to the incredible total of £523,012 that the appeal raised.

As mentioned in the last letter, our very own Mrs Sara Morris and her family were the faces of the appeal this year. When the running total hit £325,000, we broke the news on social media from our school. We are very grateful for the support that parents/carers gave to raising money during charity week.

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End of Life Care  
When your world stops,  
We're there.

26th - 28th November 2023 Appeal

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To Achieve You Need To Believe  
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**£1146.97 = £2293.94**

Thank you

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Thanks to you we did it! 🎉 We're still in awe of your incredible support during our 'When Your World Stops' appeal, where the final figure after 60 hours of superstar fundraising, was a phenomenal £523,012! 🙌

We caught up with Sara Morris, and John Lowes our Head of Fundraising post appeal > <https://bit.ly/3uEclwn>

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## **Sport**

In Boys Rugby, Year 10 lost last week in their Ospreys plate quarter final against Cwm Brombil 33-32. It was a very physical game which could have gone either way. The team have their Swansea cup quarter final up next against Cefn Hengoed next Wednesday. Good luck, lads!

Year 9 drew yesterday in their Ospreys bowl semi final against Llangatwg 33-33. Unfortunately, Llangatwg will progress to the final as the away team. It was a brilliant game and the team battled back from 33-12. Fantastic aspiration shown by the team to battle back to draw the game.

Year 7 are due to play their Swansea cup quarter final this Thursday home against Birchgrove.

In Boys football, our year 8 boys football team travelled to Y Dderwen School for a Welsh cup quarter final. Despite having a squad of only 12 players with a number of key players missing, they performed superbly well, drawing the game 1-1. Unfortunately, they lost 5-4 on penalties.

Last Thursday our large year 7 boys football squad travelled to Olchfa to play on their new 3G pitch. We took 30 boys over and played 2 matches. We won both matches with an overall score of 11-2.  
Well done Boys!

In netball news, last week our Year 8 & 10 Netball teams played Bishop Vaughan at home. Results were as follows:

Year 10 Blue - Won 4-3

Year 10 Red - Won 9-3

Year 8 - Lost 10-4

This week, our Year 7 & 9 teams played Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr. Results were as follows:

Year 7 played two matches. Lost 10-3 and Won 5-0.

Year 9 - Won 6-3. Well done to all the girls for representing the school with distinction!

## **Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday**

The 5 pupils nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday' were Ryder (Year 7), Joshua and Sophie (Year 8), Declan (Year 9), and Josef (Year 10).



These 5 pupils have embodied our core values over the last 2 weeks.

Ryder is **Thriving** in school. He has worked so hard to settle at Penyrheol. He is kind, helpful, polite and respectful of his peers and staff.

Joshua and Sophie have both epitomised the core value of **Belong**. These two pupils were given the responsibility to help a new pupil settle into the school and they have gone above and beyond to make sure that she has had the best possible start in Penyrheol.

Declan is an outstanding pupil in every way and is an asset to the year group. He helps his peers feel that they **Belong**.

Josef is an incredibly hard-working individual. He encourages his classmates to **Aspire** to the same standards of effort and commitment that he shows in every lesson.

Congratulations to all our winners. Who will it be next time?

### Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has dropped to 84.9%. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attendance school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

Parents/carers can track their child' 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 **in the last 2 weeks** This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

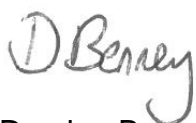
Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	23	1.2
8	16.2	3.4
9	13.7	2.8
10	14.6	2.5
11	10	1.9

In the last 2 weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has had 6.5 achievement points for every behaviour point they have been given.

Over 89% of parents/carers are using the App and 92% of pupils are using the App.

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

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

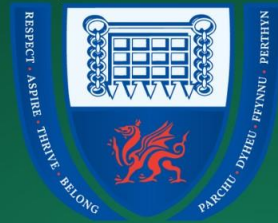
### Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Date	Event
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 Progress Evening (Face to Face) Year 8 Action Fortnight
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Mock Exams Start Year 10 WBQ Enterprise and Employability Pitches
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 WBQ Enterprise and Employability pitches
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 WBQ Enterprise and Employability pitches
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	
Tuesday 22 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert Rehearsal
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Music Department Christmas in the Community
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner in the Canteen Christmas Concert at St Catherine's (7:00pm - 8:30pm)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	

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# Christmas Carol Service

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Event starts @ 7PM at St Catherines Church,  
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