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Headteacher's Letter Friday 10th March (Letter 12)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the twelfth Headteacher's letter of this academic year. I trust these letters are keeping everyone informed about what is happening at Penyrheol School.

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we have had initial option choices from Year 9, we have had a joyous Eisteddfod event for Years 7 and 8 and Year 11 have undertaken their GCSE PE moderation. Yesterday, our Year 8s and 10s were given their interim report and I hope your child has brought a 'green' report home. A week ago, we celebrated World Book Day and many staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books. We will include photos in our Easter Newsletter.

On Monday 27th February, all pupils had the opportunity to choose a book from a selection brought to us by 'Cover-to-Cover' bookshop. The pupils were given a voucher for £7 which in most cases, enabled pupils to get a book entirely free of charge. It was wonderful to see so many pupils with a new book to read!

Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support.

Sport

In Boys football, Year 7 football drew 3-3 with bishop Gore.

The Year 7 Girls football team qualified for the quarter finals and came 5th overall in the Swansea Schools Football Association tournament yesterday. They represented the school exceptionally well. Miss Davies states that the girls have improved so much throughout the season. The first tournament they attended, they didn't manage to win any games and just a few months later, they qualified for the quarter final.

Year 8,9 and 11 were due to have their tournament on the 16th March but this is going to be postponed to a later date.

We are very proud that Annalina Phelps (Year 11) has been selected for the Wales U16s football squad.

In Gymnastics, three pupils from Year 11, Ava Williams, Megan Griffiths and Valentina Sias, represented both the school and the county at the Welsh Schools Tumble and Vault Championships in Cardiff at the beginning of March. The girls competed exceptionally well, winning a bronze medal in the team event.



In Netball, we have had 2 recent fixtures with Pontarddulais with Year 7 losing 4-2 and Year 8 winning 9-5.

We are proud of every pupil that represents the school in any and every sport.

Standards

Attendance for the last 2 weeks has dipped slightly to 86.35% If you want to know your child's attendance, the ClassCharts App has all the details. As always, if your child can be in school, please ensure that they attend.

I know a lot of parents/carers are using the ClassCharts App on a regular basis to monitor the number of achievement and behaviour points that their child is being awarded. For context and as a means of comparison for your child, the average pupil in each year group has attained the following **over the last 2 weeks**:

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	8.4	1.9
8	7.5	2
9	7.8	2.6
10	6.1	1.6
11	3.7	1.7

School Strikes

I have communicated to parents/carers that next week's industrial action on Wednesday and Thursday will see Year 11 in school and Years 7-10 learning online at home. For Years 7-10, online learning materials will be shared on Google Classroom by the start of each lesson by staff that are in school.

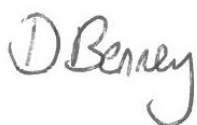
Mobile Phone Parents/Carers Views

Thank you to the many parents/carers that have shared their views on our current mobile phone policy via the link on the last fortnightly newsletter. If any you would like to respond but haven't yet, please click on the link below. The full context of this request for parent/carer voice can be found in Headteacher letter 11.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k-jntNDIjoiKHer4WkQGvFUNZPVE5JOVIRMTVTQUIwMEtIN0FCRIZVMi4u

I wish all parents and carers a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney
Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 13 th March	
Tuesday 14 th March	
Wednesday 15 th March	Industrial Action Day- Year 11 in School
Thursday 16 th March	Industrial Action Day- Year 11 in School GCSE Drama Practical Exam
Friday 17 th March	Transition Council Meeting (2:00pm – 3:00pm) Year 9 Reports Issued
Monday 20 th March	Year 9 Parents' Evening (3:30pm – 6:30pm)
Tuesday 21 st March	Year 10 Exams Week (until Tuesday 28 th March)
Wednesday 22 nd March	
Thursday 23 rd March	Eisteddfod Winners Musical Showcase Coffee Morning (11:20am – 12:20am)
Friday 24 th March	Year 9 Final Options Deadline Year 7 Llangrannog Trip leaves Health and Wellbeing (Lesson 1)