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Headteacher's Letter Friday 31st March (Letter 13)

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Since the last Headteacher's letter, Year 11 have performed their Drama exam, Year 9 have had their reports followed by a virtual Parents' Evening, Year 7 have had their trip to Llangrannog and Year 10 have had a week of exams. Our Year 10 and 11 Drama students and Year 9 Drama club pupils enjoyed a great day in London watching the musical 'Newsies' starring past pupil Alex James-Hatton. After the show, Alex invited the pupils on stage for a once in a lifetime photo opportunity. On Wednesday 29th March, we welcomed the community into school for a coffee morning to watch the Eisteddfod Winners Musical Showcase. It was lovely to see so many family and friends support our pupils. On Thursday 30th March we had a 'Pop Up Prom' event for our Year 11 pupils. We also marked Autism Awareness Week with a non-uniform day where our pupils wore blue clothing.

I would heartily recommend all parents/carers read the Easter newsletter for details and photos of many of the events that have taken place during this busy term.

<https://penyrheol-comp.net/news/easter-newsletter-2023>

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

Sport

Our Year 7 boys football team had a great 1-0 against local rivals Pontarddulais last week. This was a great result considering we lost heavily to them earlier this year. Again, full details of recent fixtures can be found in the Easter newsletter.

Standards

Attendance for the last 3 weeks has risen slightly to 87.6% 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.

The following pupils are the winners of the 100% attendance award for March



- 7D - Maddison Harries
- 8E - Phoebe Whitlock
- 9Y - Olivia Davies
- 10Y - Ayden Wood Griffiths
- 11R - Oscar Allen

The following year 11 pupils won a £10 voucher for having 100% attendance **since September:**

- Jac Kavanagh - 11E
- Levi Knight - 11S
- Ethan Thorne - 11U

The 3 following pupils won an Easter egg for having 100% attendance **since September:**

- 10H - Jack Grove
- 8R - Tyler Jones
- 7D - Maddison Harries

Congratulations to all these pupils.

Toilets and 'Tik Tok' school protests have very much been in the news these past few weeks. I want to take this opportunity to reiterate the fact that we never lock any of our 6 sets of toilets at Penyrheol. Toilets are only locked following instances of vandalism and are open again as soon as they are cleaned/fixed.

Mobile Phone Parents/Carers Views

Many thanks to all parents/carers that have shared their views over the last few weeks. I will be sharing the general feedback after Easter.

I wish all parents and carers a 'Pasg Hapus'.

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney
Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 17 th April	Summer Terms Starts School Council Meeting (this week) Year 7 Geography Local Study (this week)
Tuesday 18 th April	Year 10 Health and Wellbeing Carousel Event (Lessons 1-3)
Wednesday 19 th April	Year 10 Health and Wellbeing Carousel Event (Lessons 1-3) Y11 Welsh Oral Exam
Thursday 20 th April	Y11 Welsh Oral Exam
Friday 21 st April	Y11 Welsh Oral Exam
Monday 24 th April	Year 8 Parents' Evening (3:30pm – 6:30pm) National Tests for 7, 8 and 9 (this fortnight) Y10 Welsh Oral Exam
Tuesday 25 th April	Y10 Welsh Oral Exam
Wednesday 26 th April	Y10 Welsh Oral Exam
Thursday 27 th April	
Friday 28 th April	