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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 4th October 2024

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we have had a number of sporting fixtures, some of which are covered later in this letter. The whole school had their second Health & Wellbeing lesson earlier this week. Topics covered included road safety, appropriate relationships and responsible social media use. On Wednesday of this week we were delighted to host a very successful and well attended Year 6 Open Evening. The pupils that stayed on to help, including the prefects who were our 'tour guides' were fantastic ambassadors for the school and a credit to their families and their community.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers of the Circus that is taking place on the school playing fields on Monday 14th October. It marks the end of our 50th birthday and the PTA are raising money for an inclusive school minibus. Further details are at the end of this letter.

Sporting News

Over the first 4 weeks in school, our boys football team have put on some brilliant performances.

Year 9 started with a strong 5-2 win away at Pentrehafod, coming back from being 2-0 down against a very strong opposition.

Their second game came last week in the first round of the Welsh cup against Cwmtawe. This again ended with a 3-1 win to Penyrheol where we now await either Pontarddulais or Olchfa in round 2.

The Year 8 boys also started well in the Welsh cup with a strong 5-0 win against Olchfa, They now travel to Bryntawe next Thursday in round 2.

Unfortunately, our year 7 boys suffered a heart-breaking defeat in their first-round game against Bro Dwr. Trailing 3-0 at half time, the boys managed to pick themselves up and score 3 goals of our own to end the game 3-3. Welsh cup rules state that following a draw the game must be decided on penalties, and we finally lost 4-3 on penalties. It was tough for the boys to take but the performance certainly looks promising for future games.

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In rugby, Year 9 and 10 won their first fixtures against Dylan Thomas and Morriston respectively. Since then our Year 9 and 11 teams have suffered defeats away at Bishopston, with Year 9 also losing yesterday at Olchfa. Our next opponents are Cefn Hengoed for Year 8, 9 and 10 next week where we are hoping for some positive results.

Girls Football has got off to a great start with a tremendous number of girls attending the training sessions. U15's had their first game against Cefn Hengoed where we unfortunately lost against the strong opposition, but all players stayed motivated until the very end. Our U13's had a very exciting and close game against Birchgrove on Tuesday which resulted in a 3-3 draw. Well done to everyone.



Huge congratulations to Rosie (Year 9) who has been selected for the U14 Afan Nedd Tawe Netball Development Squad.

Well done to Olivia (Year 8) who recently achieved a silver medal at the Kickboxing Club Championships in Llanelli.



Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

Every fortnight, five pupils are nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday'. Pupils are nominated for embodying one or more of our four Core Values. On Friday 27th September, I was joined by Wyatt (Year 7), Sam (Year 8), Chloe (Year 9), Andrew (Year 10) and Emily (Year 11).

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Wyatt is throwing himself into all aspects of school life. As well as getting a lot of achievement points, he has also joined the football and rugby teams. He has embodied the core value of **Belong**.

Sam is also a shining example of the core value **Belong**. He takes his role as form rep very seriously and proactively supports everyone in his form to help their sense of

belonging in school.

Chloe is **Thriving**. There has been a huge and sustained improvement in her effort and her attainment. Well done, Chloe.

Andrew lives the core value of **Respect**. He is a model student and his manners and conduct are absolutely impeccable.

Emily is our Head Girl and she is **Thriving** in school. Despite a challenging week, Emily has continued to take her leadership role very seriously whilst continuing to excel in the classroom.

These pupils have embodied our core values over the last 3 weeks. Congratulations to all our winners. Who will it be next time?

Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has been around 89%. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

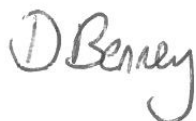
Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last three school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your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

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	29	0.5
8	24	2
9	18	1.6
10	18	1.7
11	13	1.5

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved **14** achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

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

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

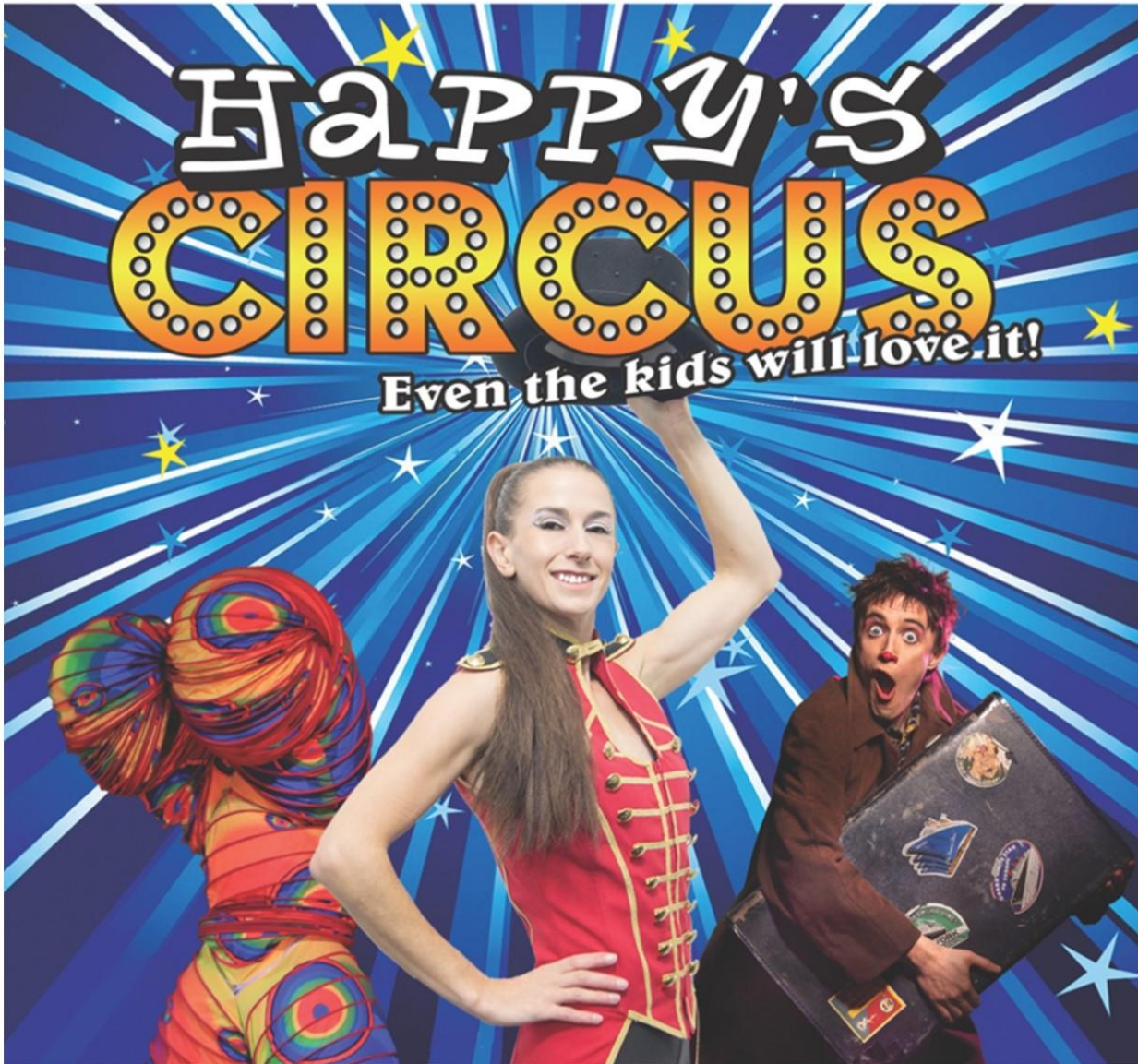
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Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 7 th October	Year 7 Progress Evening (Form Tutors)
Tuesday 8 th October	Gower College Class Talks (Lesson 1) Parent/Carer Maths Support Session (4-6pm)
Wednesday 9 th October	
Thursday 10 th October	Year 7 Good News for Everyone Assembly
Friday 11 th October	
Monday 14 th October	Happy Circus 50 th Birthday Celebration Event
Tuesday 15 th October	
Wednesday 16 th October	Health & Wellbeing Lesson 1 Aspire Year 11- pupil and parent/carers meeting (5.30pm)
Thursday 17 th October	School Production Rehearsals
Friday 18 th October	School Production Rehearsals



To purchase your tickets, scan the QR below or call into the school reception

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**14th October 2024
6pm**

Early bird ticket offer

£11 A TICKET

**For group bookings of 10 or more
** £8 per ticket****



***Under 11's must be accompanied by an adult. Under 2s on laps free.**

****Early bird discount available until September.**

*****Parking will be available, £2 a vehicle to be paid in cash on the night.**

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