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Headteacher's Letter Thursday 24th November (Letter 6)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the sixth 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, Our Year 11s have excelled in their mock interviews, we have had Year 11 GCSE performance exams in Music and Drama, some Year 9 pupils have taken part in a 'Have a Go' workshop and we have raised hundreds of pounds for Children in Need. Yesterday evening we staged the first face to face Year 11 Awards Evening since November 2019. It was a joy to see our past pupils and to celebrate their successes with them. Today, our STF pupils had a great day visiting the Egypt Centre at Swansea University.

Pupils in Years 8, 9 and 11 have been given their interim reports today. I hope your child brings home a 'green' report.

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

World Children's Day

On Monday, Mrs Morris (Year 7 Pastoral Support Officer) attended the World Children's Day 2022 " You said.... We did..." in the National Waterfront Museum. This is an annual event that celebrates the rights of the child. The event highlighted the priorities set by the Children and Young People of Swansea through the Children's Right Scheme, Human Rights City and the Secondary School Pupil Voice PLC Manifesto. We took 4 representatives from school and their names are below. Mrs Morris reports that they did a fantastic job representing the school. They were a delight to take. During the day the pupils heard from a number of speakers, took part in discussions, and had the opportunity to walk around the interactive workshop area which included stalls and activities from different services, organisations and initiatives. Jennifer (8D), Declan (8U), Lowri (8M) and Griff (8S) were wonderful ambassadors for the school.

Sport

Our Year 11 rugby team achieved a fantastic 14-10 victory over Bishopston on Thursday. The team produced a tremendous performance in very challenging weather conditions. Da iawn boys. Our girls football teams haven't had matches in recent weeks but Miss Davies wanted to pass on how enthusiastic,



determined and committed they had been so far this year. Similarly with boys football, Mr Clapperton feels that despite some results not going our way, the players derive a lot of credit for their efforts. The netball teams have been busy and their results are here:

Year 7A v Morriston A - Won 2-1

Year 7A v Gwyr A - Lost 5-0

Year 7B v Gwyr B - Drew 1-1

Year 8 v Bryntawe - Won 17-0

Year 10 v Bryntawe - Won 12-9

Year 10 v Bryntawe - Lost 5-1

Well done to all the players that have represented the school since September.

ClassCharts

Thank you to the many parents/carers that have downloaded the ClassCharts App. We now have 69% of parents/carers with the App on their phone and 72% of pupils with the App on their phone. If you need the code to access your account, please contact the school and ask to speak to your child's Pastoral Support Officer.

Standards

Attendance for the last 2 weeks has been 86.8% which is small decrease on the previous fortnight. If you want to know your child's attendance, the ClassCharts App has all the details. As always, please send your child into school wherever possible. Tomorrow we have an INSET day and this particular day was chosen to avoid a potential drop in attendance as many of our pupils will naturally want to watch the football.

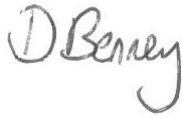
Behaviour from the overwhelming majority of our pupils continues to be first class. I would ask all parents/carers to monitor the number of achievement points and behaviour points that your child is being awarded via the ClassCharts App.

Uniform remains very smart for the vast majority of our pupils. At this time of year, we can often see a 'drift' with uniform so it is vital that school and home work together to ensure all our pupils are in full uniform. Pupils and parents/carers can access swap shop for uniform as well as our official suppliers Sew and Sew and Picton Sports. There is a swap shop order form on the school website.

I mentioned in my last letter of the spike in vandalism we were experiencing in our toilets. I am very pleased to say that since the letter went home, there has been a significant decrease in vandalism. It may well be that a number of parents/carers have spoken to their children about the issue. This shows the importance of school and home working together. We are still working hard to eradicate some other issues in the toilets, and we will be working directly with the relevant pupils' parents/carers from next week to improve things further.

I wish all parents/carers a happy and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney
Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 28 th November	Year Council Meetings (this week)
Tuesday 29 th November	Physics Lectures Trip- Swansea University (10.30am-2pm)
Wednesday 30 th November	
Thursday 1 st December	Year 10 Interim Reports Issued
Friday 2 nd December	
Monday 5 th December	Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening (3:30pm - 6:30pm) Year 7 Action Fortnight (until Friday 16 th December)
Tuesday 6 th December	Year 11 Mock Exams Start Penyrheol Music Department Christmas in the Community
Wednesday 7 th December	Year 10 WBQ Enterprise and Employability Pitches
Thursday 8 th December	Year 10 WBQ Enterprise and Employability Pitches
Friday 9 th December	Year 10 WBQ Enterprise and Employability Pitches