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Headteacher's Letter Friday 9th December (Letter 7)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the seventh 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've had a Year 10 visit to Swansea University for a Physics lecture, our Year 10s have been given their interim report, we have had a 'virtual' Year 10 Parents' Evening and our Year 11s have started their Mock Exams. Year 7 have started their 'action fortnight' in some subjects following their recent assessment with the view to improving on their areas for development. Our Year 10s have had a fantastic few days undertaking their WBQ pitches and their teachers have been hugely impressed with the quality of their products and pitches.

Next Thursday we have the Christmas Fayre (organised by our fabulous PTA) in the theatre from 3pm to 6pm. I have attached a flyer for this event at the end of this letter. We hope to see as many parents/carers there as possible.

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

Sport

Our Year 9 Rugby team reached The Ospreys Plate final against Cwmtawe. In a very entertaining game, the spoils were shared in a 22 all draw. The boys did the school proud!

Our U13 Girls Football Team beat Dylan Thomas 3-2 in a very hard-fought match. Congratulations to the girls on their first victory. Participation and enjoyment are of course key, but let us hope this is the first of many wins to come.

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 76% of parents/carers with the App on their phone and 74% 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 83.1% which is decrease on the previous fortnight. There seems to be so many seasonal illnesses around and I am sure parents/carers are aware that it is affecting school staff too. If you want to know your child's attendance, the ClassCharts App has all the details.

In terms of behaviour, in the last 2 weeks, there have been 5513 positive points (A1s, A2s etc) awarded and 1935 negative behaviour points awarded across the school. That is less than 2 behaviour points on average for each pupil. Behaviour points (both positive and negative) can be accessed via the ClassCharts App.

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 12 th December	Fluenz vaccinations Years 7-11 (until Thursday 15 th December)
Tuesday 13 th December	
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day !!!
Thursday 15 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre in Theatre (3:00pm – 6:00pm)
Friday 16 th December	
Monday 19 th December	
Tuesday 20 th December	Carol Concert Rehearsal
Wednesday 21 st December	Carol Concert at St Catherine's Autumn Term Newsletter Published Online
Thursday 22 nd December	New Year 7 Reports issued
Friday 23 rd December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Assemblies Autumn Term Ends



PTA News

Big Christmas Raffle

Christmas raffle tickets are still available to be purchased from the school. They are £1 a ticket or £5 a book. There are fantastic prizes to be won including a hamper with a turkey, vegetables and all the trimmings; tickets to Heatherton and Bluestones. Many other prizes worth over £50. Most have been sourced locally from Gorseinon High Street which is fantastic support for our school during these very difficult times.

Christmas Fayre

As you will be aware, we are holding our Christmas Fayre on the 15th December @ 3pm in the theatre. Please join us in our festive celebrations. There will be cakes, crafts, jumble, games and festive goodies on offer. Our music department will be providing Christmas music. Tombola - for this stall, we would be very grateful if you could send in any items such as tins, food, cleansers, toiletries or anything else that is suitable.

Penyrheol Comprehensive 50 years celebration calendar

If you would like to purchase our calendar for yourself or as a Christmas present, please pre order with reception. It is unique, nothing has ever been produced like it before or will be again!

Thank you for your continued support for Penyrheol PTA