



Ysgol Gyfun

PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 19th January 2024

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 8

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the eighth headteacher's letter of this academic year. I trust these letters are keeping parents/carers informed about what is happening at Penyrheol School.

In the last week of term before Christmas, our pupils had their flu vaccinations, we had a Channel 4 Careers Event and Year 8s had their reports to take home. We also had our Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 21st December and we had a live music event at lunchtime 'Rocking around the Christmas tree' where many of our pupils wowed their peers with their (festive) musical skills.

The start to this term has generally been quiet. Year 7 have started their assessment period and our Year 8 parents/carers have had their virtual Progress Evening to discuss their child's progress. All Year 11 pupils have undertaken their Science Practical NEA with another session calendared for next week.

On Friday 12th January, we were delighted to have our MP visit the school. MP Tonia Antoniazzi spent an hour with our Year 9 pupils talking about how she has benefited from studying foreign languages. As well as sharing her life experiences and promoting language learning, Ms Antoniazzi MP was a fantastic advocate for education and the difference it makes to young people's lives. It was inspirational to hear what someone from a local comprehensive school has gone on to achieve.



Penyrheol Comprehensive School
Pontarddulais Road, Gorseinon
Swansea SA4 4FG

01792 533066

Sport

A number of fixtures planned this week have been called off due to frozen pitches. Last week, our year 10 boys football team lost 4-2 to Bishop Vaughan in a close, highly competitive game. In cold conditions, once again our pupils performed and behaved impeccably. On Thursday 18th January, our year 9 boys football team were involved in a brilliant 2-2 draw with Birchgrove, coming back from 2-0 down. Well done to all involved.



Netball News

Congratulations to Ellie and Sophie (Year 9) who have both been selected to be part of the Afan Nedd Tawe Schools Under 14 Netball Team.

Penyrheol Sports Ambassadors

Our Sports Ambassadors (*Annabel Williams, Ellie Pennino, Sophie Pennino, Sophia Edwards, Declan Pearson, Josh Paynter, Molly Pompa, Ava Pennock, Aimee Besley, Libby Beynon and Isabelle Gwynne*) have been busy over the last two weeks, attending various training events with the Sport and Health Team for Swansea. They continue to assist with the running of sports clubs at Penyrheol and this term we will see the introduction of a Girls Basketball Session, which will take place every Wednesday at lunchtime (1.20 pm -1.50 pm). If any pupils are interested in attending this session, please see a member of the PE department.



Indoor Athletics

Congratulations to Caitlin (Year 7) who won a silver medal in the 60m sprint at the recent West Wales Championships.

Caitlin is also ranked 5th in Wales in this event.

Penyrheol Comprehensive School
Pontarddulais Road, Gorseinon
Swansea SA4 4FG

01792 533066

Sport Outside of School

Congratulations to Lacey who spent the weekend in Cardiff Institute of Sport last week, where she was selected to train with the Welsh Boxing Team. Lacey has international fights coming up soon. Good luck Lacey!



Sport- Past Pupils

Congratulations to Anna Phelps who has been signed by Cardiff City women's football club. We wish Anna all the luck in her new club, well done!

Olivia Francis made her first senior appearance for Manchester United Football Team in Malta last week. Olivia seems to have settled in well up North and is playing superbly. What an incredible achievement. Well done Olivia!



Penyrheol Comprehensive School
Pontarddulais Road, Gorseinon
Swansea SA4 4FG

01792 533066



Ospreys
@ospreys

Follow

47| Harri Houston is on for his Ospreys debut.

Llongyfarchiadau Harri 🍷

7 - 8

#TogetherAsOne | #BKTURC |
#BENVOSP



Huge congratulations to Harri Blu Houston for making his Ospreys debut last month. Harri has featured twice for the Ospreys in the last month. Llongyfarchiadau indeed!

These three past pupils are an absolute inspiration for all of our current pupils at Penyrheol.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

The 5 pupils nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday' were Tinesha (Year 7), Amelia (Year 8), Lewis (Year 9), Theo (Year 10) and Poppy (Year 11).

Tinesha helps her peers feel like they **Belong** in school. Tinesha consistently demonstrates a caring nature and kindness to her fellow pupils. Amelia is **Thriving** at Penyrheol. She has 183 achievement points and is simply an all-round fabulous pupil. Lewis is an exceptionally well-mannered pupil. He shows **Respect** to his peers and to staff and is a model pupil. Theo is also **Thriving**. He is a happy and incredibly friendly member of the year group and he is very popular with all STF staff. He



Penyrheol Comprehensive School
Pontarddulais Road, Gorseinon
Swansea SA4 4FG

01792 533066

is thriving since starting Year 10. Poppy embodies the core value Belong. In fact, the year team says she could be nominated for all 4 but have opted for belong because she is such a team player and always supports and encourages her friends.

These 5 pupils have embodied our core values over the last 2 weeks.

Congratulations to all our winners. Who will it be next time?

Parent/Carer Survey

At Penyrheol, we want to get more feedback from parents/carers about different aspects of school life. I would be very grateful if you could click on the link below and answer the short survey. Parent/Carer voice helps us work as a stronger partnership.

<https://participate.schoolsurveys.com/uEBjdAouAoCvVf3d>

Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has increased to 88.1%. 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 two weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

Average achievement and behaviour points since January 8th:

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	19.7	0.8
8	17.7	2.5
9	11.8	2.5
10	11.3	1.9
11	9.4	1.5

Over the last 2 weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 8 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

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

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd January	
Tuesday 23 rd January	Year 7 Action Fortnight
Wednesday 24 th January	Year 11 Science Practical Examinations- Block 2
Thursday 25 th January	Year 11 Reports Issued
Friday 26 th January	
Monday 29 th January	Year 11 Music Controlled Assessment today Year Council Meetings (this week) Year 9 Options Process Starts Year 11 Progress Evening
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 11 Music Controlled Assessment today Year 7 Dental Survey
Wednesday 31 st January	Year 11 Gower College Interviews Energy Council Event (theatre) lessons 1-4
Thursday 1 st February	Year 11 Gower College Interviews Year 10 SEREN event
Friday 2 nd February	

Penyrheol Comprehensive School
Pontarddulais Road, Gorseinon
Swansea SA4 4FG

01792 533066