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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Monday 26th February 2024

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 10

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the tenth 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 two school weeks, Year 11 have undertaken their GCSE PE moderation, Food & Nutrition students have undertaken their NEA (the food they made looked delicious) and all pupils have had their Year 11 photos taken. Our Year 11 Religious Studies pupils also visited a Buddhist Centre in Cardiff. Year 9 parents/carers attended school for an 'Options Fayre' and a talk from Mrs Goulden about the option process. Exciting times for Year 9! Our Year 7 pupils took their first reports home. I hope parents/carers found these reports useful and informative.

Swansea Open 2024 – Glynn Vivian Art Gallery



Our very own Noah Cartmill-Pearce (Year 11) has been accepted into the Swansea Open 2024 at Glynn Vivian Art Gallery. He was in competition with semi-professional artist, teachers and university art students to have his work included in the exhibition. The exhibition runs until 19th May. We are very proud of Noah as this is an incredible achievement.



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Sport

Boys Rugby- Unfortunately, year 7 lost their Swansea cup semi-final to Bishopston on Monday, 12-5. The game was so close with both teams competing to the final whistle. Our year 9s won their semi-final away at Bryntawe 38-17 which saw them progress to the final. The final took place last Friday at St Helens and we lost to Bishopston in a very hard-fought match. Congratulations to the Year 9 players for reaching the final. Last Thursday, our Year 10 team had their semi-final against Gwyr and the team had high hopes of progressing to their cup final. Unfortunately, we lost a close match and Gwyr progressed to the final.

In boys football, last Monday Year 11 had a highly competitive match against local rivals Gwyr. We were 1-0 up at half time but in very difficult weather with rain and high winds we eventually lost 2-1. Well done to all involved.



Congratulations to Amelia and Lily on winning a bronze medal at the Welsh Schools Sports Acro Championships in Cardiff before half term. A wonderful achievement - well done girls!

Year 9 Netball Team

In Netball, our Year 9 and 10 teams have both competed in the Afan Nedd Tawe Netball tournaments over the last fortnight. Both teams played some fantastic netball in their respective tournaments. Well done to all the girls involved!



Congratulations to Ellie and Sophie Pennino who represented Afan Nedd Tawe in the recent inter-county Netball tournament.

In Cross Country, good luck to Jaden Thomas (Year 11), Aimee Besley (Year 8) and Alex Griffiths (Year 7) who represent the school and the County at the Welsh Schools Cross Country Championships in Brecon on Wednesday 28th February.

Manchester United starlets earn first Wales call-ups

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ALGÉS, PORTUGAL - 16 FEBRUARY 2023: Wales' Olivia Francis during the WU17 friendly international match between Wales and the Czech Republic at the Cidade do Futebol, February 16, 2023 in Algés, Portugal. (Pic by Filipe Amorim/FAW)

Sport – Past Pupils

We have been delighted to see past pupil Olivia Francis called up to the Wales National Women's Team for the upcoming game against the Republic of Ireland. Good luck, Olivia!

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

The 5 pupils nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday' were Constance (Year 7), Joel (Year 8), Kieran (Year 9), Rhys (Year 10) and Cellan (Year 11).



Constance has embodied **Belonging**. She has settled very well since joining Penyrheol. Constance has been excellent in reading buddies and she has immersed herself well into the group.

Joel is a committed form and year representative. He is confident and takes on the role with pride. Joel helps other pupils feel they **Belong** in school.

Kieran is a hard-working pupil who, not only **Respects** his staff and peers but also has their **Respect**. A credit to his class and year group.

Rhys is an excellent pupil. As well as having well over 200 achievement points, he is

also captain of the Year 10 rugby team. Rhys helps his class and teammates feel a sense of **Belonging**.

Cellan is an absolute gentleman. He is **Respectful**, kind and incredibly thoughtful. A real star pupil.

These 5 pupils have embodied our core values over the last 2 weeks. Congratulations to all our winners. Who will it be next time?

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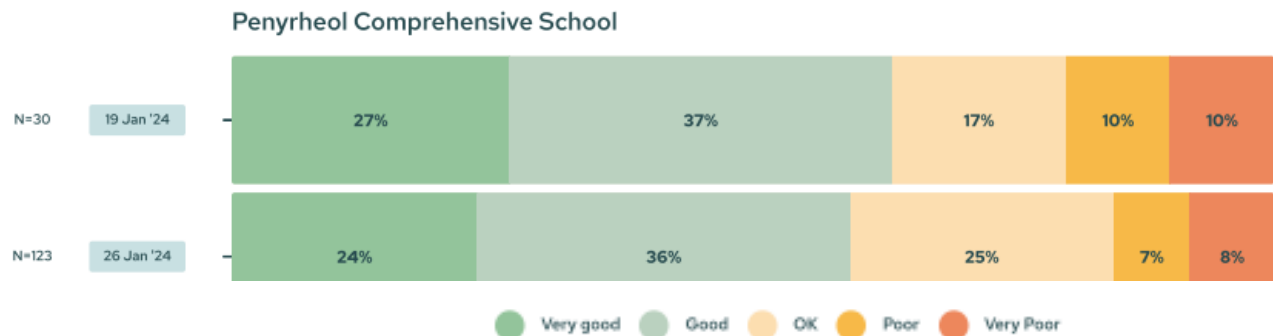
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Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to the parents/carers that completed one of the two surveys on communication. We have learned a lot from the feedback. I am sharing some of the results below but please rest assured we are using what you have said to help us improve our communication.

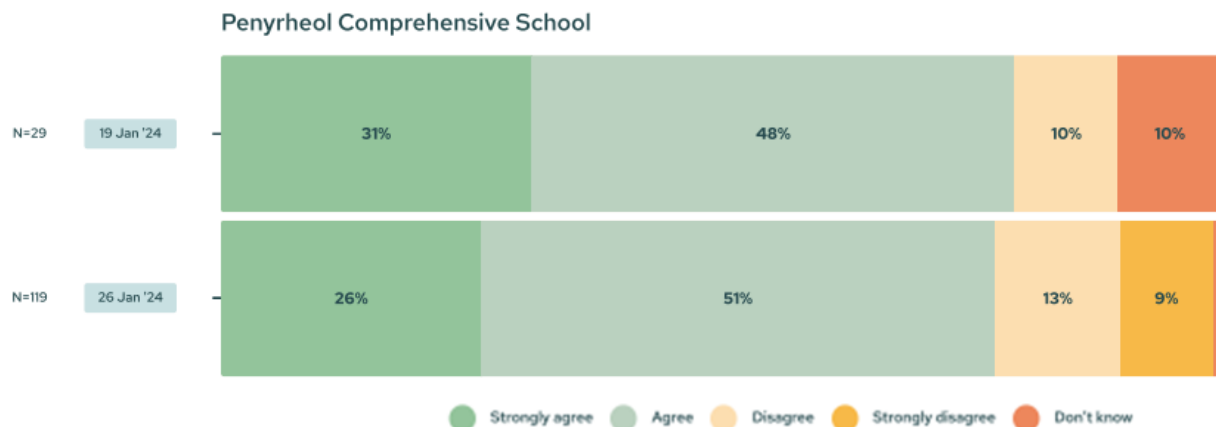
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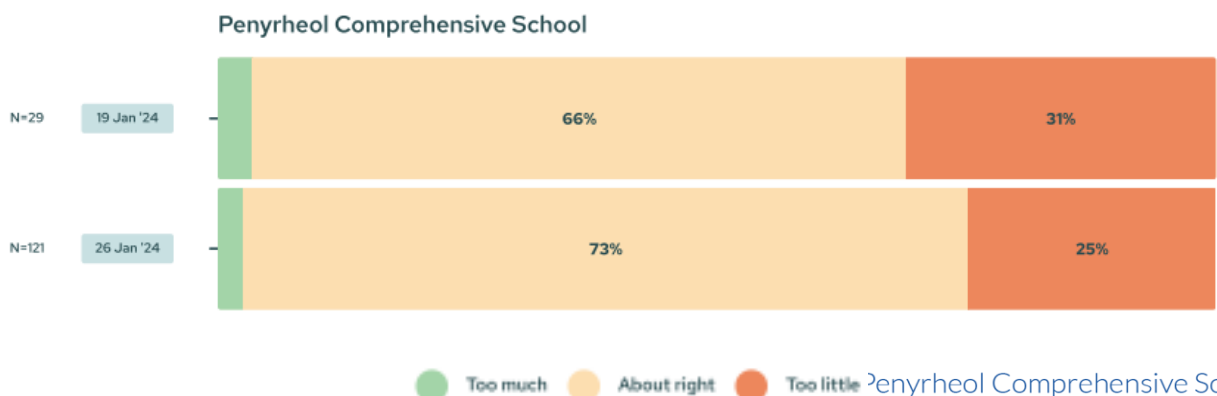
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Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has risen slightly to 87.4%. 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 school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

| Year | Achievement Points | Behaviour Points |
|------|--------------------|------------------|
| 7 | 23.7 | 1.3 |
| 8 | 22.6 | 2.1 |
| 9 | 14.2 | 1.4 |
| 10 | 18.5 | 2 |
| 11 | 15 | 1.5 |

Over the last 2 school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved **11** achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

Non-Uniform Day – 1st March

To celebrate St David's Day, we are having a non-uniform day. Pupils are encouraged to wear Welsh colours of red/green if possible. Years 7 and 8 will enjoy a school Eisteddfod.

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



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Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 26 th February | Year 8 HPV Injections AoLE Meetings (3:10pm) |
| Tuesday 27 th February | Senior Leadership Meeting (3:10pm) |
| Wednesday 28 th February | Year 10 & 11 GCSE Drama Trip |
| Thursday 29 th February | |
| Friday 1 st March | Non-uniform day Year 9 Initial Option Deadline Eisteddfod Years 7/8 Lessons 1 - 4 |
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| Monday 4 th March | Year 11 Geography Field Trip (1 day this week) Heads of Department/Heads of Year/Department Meetings (3:10pm) |
| Tuesday 5 th March | Transition Year 6 HA Maths Challenge Senior Leadership Meeting (3:10pm) |
| Wednesday 6 th March | Year 9 Reports: Subject Comments Completed TA Team Meeting Governing Body Curriculum and Teaching & Learning Sub-Committee Meeting (3:30pm) |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day Year 7 Swansea University RVE trip Year 11 Drama Unit 2 GCSE Exam Year 9/10 ICT trip to Gower College |
| Friday 8 th March | Health and Wellbeing Lesson (Lesson 1) Year 9 St David's Day Disneyland Paris Trip Departs (provisional) |

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