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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 21st March 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 11

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we have welcomed Year 10 parents/carers into school for a Progress Evening. I'd like to thank all parents/carers for showing their support to their child's education. It has been a very busy period for Year 11 in terms of their qualifications. Our Year 11 Drama students have completed their performance exam, our Food and Nutrition students have undertaken their practical cooking exam, our GSCE PE students have had their practical moderation and the majority of the year group have also completed the first half of their Welsh orals.

Our Year 9 pupils took their reports home yesterday, and I hope the report was very 'green'. We also enjoyed a fantastic musical event with the Eisteddfod Winners Showcase. This took place in school on Wednesday 19th March. Pupils in years 7-9 performed a wide range of musical genres for the appreciative crowd.

Sporting News



Well done to our Year 9 rugby team for their efforts at Bishopston 7's last Friday. A tough group stage but our pupils ran in some excellent tries!

A special shout out to Cameron Hughes who also captained the Barbarians team!

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Well done to our Year 8 rugby team on their strong win on Tuesday in the Swansea cup against Bryntawe. They now play Birchgrove in the semi-final!

Year 11 rugby take on Gwyr at the Elba in their Swansea Cup semi-final. Year 10 take on Birchgrove next week for their Cup semi-final. Good luck to all involved.

Last Tuesday our year 9 boys football team put in a strong performance against Bishop Vaughan. The game was very close and evenly poised at 1-1 when Bishop Vaughan were awarded a penalty. However, our keeper came up with a great save to keep the game at 1-1. This then inspired our boys who went on the score 3 goals and end up 4-1 winners.

This Tuesday our year 11 boys took on Morriston and with a few injuries (we only had 11 players) were 2-0 down by half time. The second half started better and soon we bought it back to 2-2. However, as the game drew to a close, Morriston managed to score 2 late goals, eventually resulting in a 4-2 loss. It was a great effort by all the boys.

The U13 girls had a football game last week against Gowerton. It was a very competitive and close game. The girls managed to score a goal in the last couple of minutes to win 3-2. The U13 girls are now top of the league and have been unbeaten all season. We are facing Pontarddulais in the quarter finals of the cup next week.

The U15's have also had a great season and the team face Gwyr next week in the quarter finals. Good luck girls.

Congratulations to Darcy Tworkowsky-Thomas in Year 7 who has represented Swansea School girls in Rugby Union this season.

In netball, our Year 7 and 8 teams have been in action this week, enjoying fixtures against Pentrehafod and Pontarddulais. Both teams played some great Netball and continue to make improvements as the season progresses. Well done to all involved!

Results:

Year 7 v Pentrehafod - Won 3-1

Year 8 v Pentrehafod - Won 5-1

Year 7 v Pontardulais - Won 5-4 (Player of the Match - Isla John)

Year 8 v Pontardulais - Lost 8-5

(Player of the Match - Libby Beynon)

Congratulations to Izzy in Year 8 who has been selected as part of Welsh Basketball Academy.



Congratulations to Eve in Year 7 who won a bronze medal last week at the Welsh Schools Tumble and Vault Championships in Cardiff. An outstanding achievement, adding another medal to add to the bronze she won last month at the Welsh Schools Sports Acro Championships.

Congratulations to Caitlyn in Year 8 who represented Afan Nedd Tawe in the Welsh Sports Hall Athletics Finals in Llantrisant last weekend.



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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 14th March, I was joined by Casey (Year 7), (Year 8), Evan (Year 9), Bridget (Year 10) and Catrin (Year 11).

Mia and Bridget were nominated for the Core Value of **Thrive**.

Casey, Evan and Catrin were nominated for the Core Value of **Belong**.

These pupils have embodied our core values over the last 2 weeks. Congratulations to all our winners.

Who will it be next time?

Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has decreased to 87% 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	21	1
8	22	2
9	13	1.8
10	10.2	2.3
11	9.1	0.8

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over 9 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

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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

Monday 24 th March	Year 10 Exam Week Year 11 Product Design practical day
Tuesday 25 th March	Year 11 Welsh Oral Exam (Unit 2)
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 11 Welsh Oral Exam (Unit 2)
Thursday 27 th March	
Friday 28 th March	Health & Wellbeing Lesson 1
Monday 31 st March	
Tuesday 1 st April	
Wednesday 2 nd April	
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 10 Hospitality & Catering Trip
Friday 4 th April	ALN Coffee Morning Lesson 1 Year 9 Final Option Deadline (rearranged)

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