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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 6th June 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 15

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, Year 11 have started their study leave and from Monday 2nd June, they only come in for their exams and their extra revision sessions. On Friday 23rd May, the whole school enjoyed the Staff v Year 11 football match. The game was played in a great spirit and the staff won a close and exciting game. We wish our Year 11s all the best for the rest of their exams. Their Prom is on Wednesday 18th June and their Leavers' Assembly is at 9am on Friday 20th June.



This morning, we held our monthly ALN coffee morning in the canteen.

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Sporting News

The football season has now come to an end and in the last week before Whitsun, our year 10 and year 8 boys played their finals.



On the Tuesday our year 10 Boys took on Bishop Vaughan in the Year 10 Swansea Schools Plate final.

With the game tightly locked at 3-3 and looking destined for penalties, a moment of brilliance from Player of the match Josh Paynter in the last few seconds saw Penyrheol clinch the trophy 4-3. This result means that next year they will compete in the premiership.

The following day our year 8s were involved in the Swansea Schools premiership final where they met local rivals Pontarddulais.

The standard of football was excellent and after 70 minutes the game finished all square at 1-1. This meant it was going to be decided on penalties and unfortunately this time we came out second. However, that still means our year 8 boys are the second-best football team in Swansea. Well done all



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Congratulations to Declan Pearson and Josh Paynter, both in Year 10, who have represented and played for Swansea Schoolboys football this academic year.

They both currently play for Llanelli Town Academy and both will be playing for them at Under 16s next season.



Oscar Jones 9S has been selected to represent Wales boys under 15s in the touch rugby team that will be playing in the Atlantic Youth Touch Cup in Ireland. Congratulations, Oscar!

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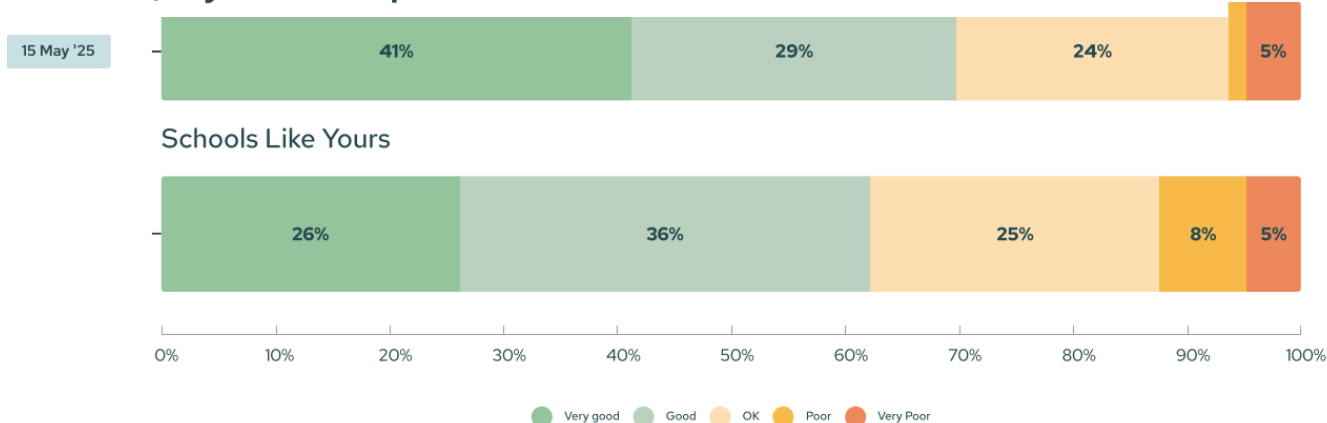
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Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to the many parents/carers that completed the short survey that was shared in the last Headteacher's letter. Here are some of the results and they show how Penyrheol's parent/carer responses compare to the responses from parents/carers in similar schools across the UK.

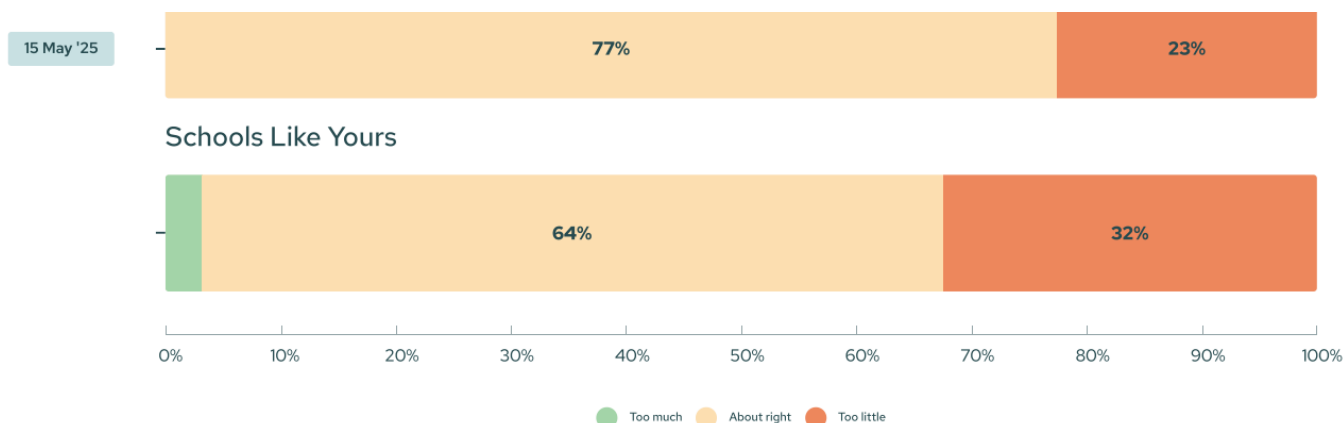
Q: Overall, my child's experience of the school is...

SchoolSurveys



Q: The amount of communication we get from the school is...

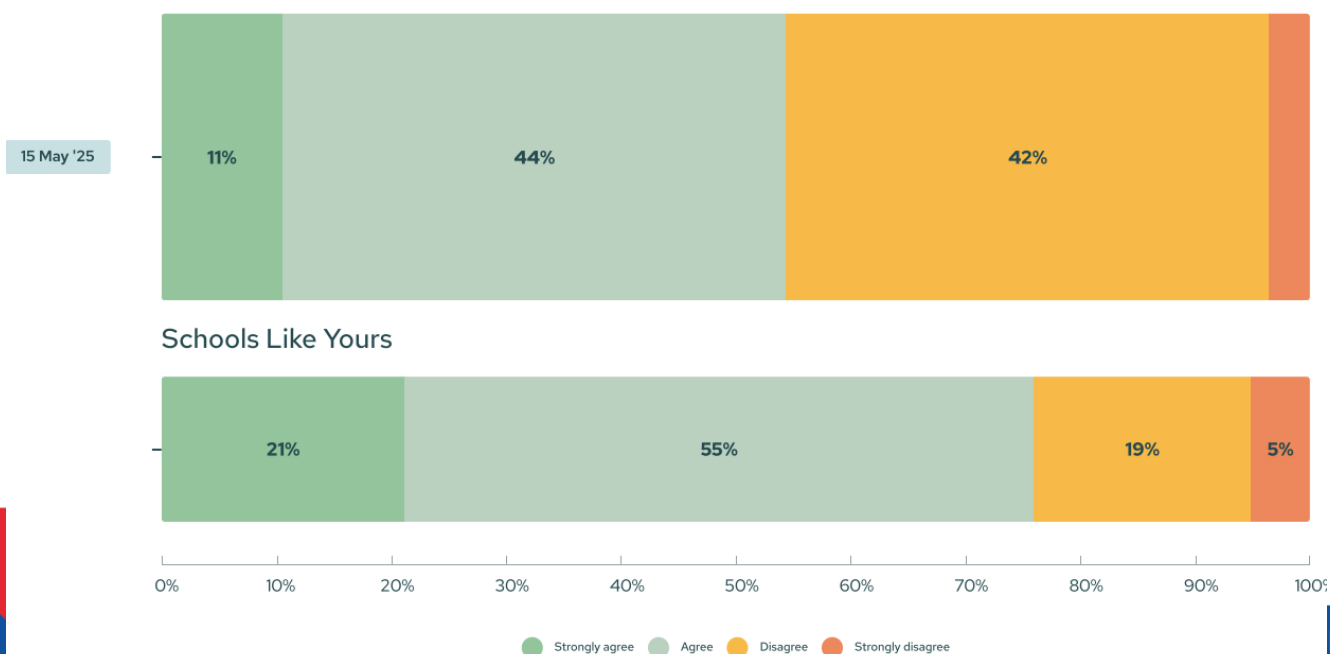
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Q: I know what I can do to help my child do better in school

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The feedback was very useful. The two main improvements points are:

- Improving how we help our parents/carers know how to help their child do better in school
- Improve ease of communication between home and school
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These will be key areas for improvement for us next year. I trust this shows that we listen to the views of our parents/carers and these views are valued and acted upon.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 9th May, I was joined by Darcy (Year 7), Alex (Year 8), Oscar (Year 9), Lukas (Year 10) and Joseph (Year 11).

Jospeh was nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**.
 Oscar and Alex were nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.
 Darcy and Lukas were nominated for the Core Value of **Thrive**.

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 since September has been 87.6. This is an increase of 2.1% on the previous year. We still need to do better but we are heading in the right direction. My thanks to parents/carers on helping our attendance go up. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

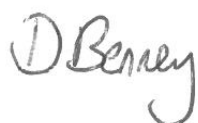
Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last two school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	19.5	1.5
8	20	3
9	13	1.5
10	6	2

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over 7 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

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 9 th June	Year 5 Taster Mornings (9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.) (Casllwchwr)
Tuesday 10 th June	Year 5 Taster Mornings (9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.) Gorseinon Year 10 Geography Field Trip (rearranged)
Wednesday 11 th June	Year 5 Taster Mornings (9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.) Penyrheol
Thursday 12 th June	Year 5 Taster Mornings (9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.) Pontybrenin
Friday 13 th June	Year 5 Taster Mornings (9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.) Tre Uchaf 'Learning with the Lords'- rearranged (L1-3)
HALF TERM	
Monday 16 th June	Year 7 Summative Assessment Week (Exams) Year 8 Summative Assessment Week (Exams)
Tuesday 17 th June	
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 11 Prom at Manor Park
Thursday 19 th June	
Friday 20 th June	Year 9 Report 2 Issued Year 11 Leavers' Assembly