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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 21st June 2024

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 16

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we HAVE welcomed all of the Year 5 pupils from our five Cluster Primary schools for their Year 5 taster days. The pupils had a fantastic time and they made a favourable impression on staff. We look forward to them joining our family in September 2025.

Our Year 9s have sat 2 Maths exams in the theatre. The results of these will help the department group the pupils for when they study their GCSE in Maths next year. The behaviour from Year 9 in both exams has been exemplary. Year 10 Geography students have been on their Geography field trip to collect data. The weather was beautiful which always helps. The pupils had a great day.

Our Year 11s have had their Leavers' Assembly and on Thursday 20th June we enjoyed a spectacular Leavers' Prom at the Manor Park. It was such an incredible night and the pupils conducted themselves superbly. What a way to finish their 5 years of education at Penyrheol. Photos will be shared in the next fortnightly letter.

PE News

Earlier this week, a group of twelve students from Years 9 & 10 generously offered their time to volunteer at Tre-Uchaf Primary School. They took on the roles of referees and umpires for the Football, Rugby, and Netball matches held during the Greg Rees Shield Tournament.

This tournament is dedicated to the memory of Greg Rees, a former police officer with South Wales Police. Will, Greg's son and a student in our Year 10 cohort, presented the winning shield to Pontybrenin Primary School.



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Our students displayed exceptional skills and professionalism throughout the day, and we extend our congratulations and gratitude to everyone involved.

"Thanks for supporting our event again. The students were a credit to your school and helped us out massively. Please pass on my thanks. Your support with the event is always appreciated" ~ Mr C Jones (Tre-Uchaf Primary School).

Will Rees, together with his younger brother, presenting the winning shield to Pontybrenin Primary School:



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Following our successful fundraising event at the Brisco 10k, a group of our sporting pupils volunteered at the Swansea half marathon two weekends back. They worked incredibly hard ensuring that all participants were hydrated! They were a credit to their families and were brilliant ambassadors for the school.



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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

Last week, the four pupils nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday' were Lacey (Year 7), Serena (Year 8), Lily-Mae (Year 9) and Jayden (Year 10).

Lacey is showing great **Aspiration**. She is putting in a fantastic effort with her extra-curricular activities and always put her maximum effort in during class time.

Serena embodies what it is to be a **Respectful** pupil and citizen. Serena is always polite, respectful and she is an absolutely delightful pupil.

Lily-Mae is very much a team player. She is part of the school Netball Team and recently volunteered to help distribute water to runners in the Swansea Half Marathon. Lily-Mae's kind and thoughtful nature also helps others feel they **Belong**.

Jayden is thriving. He has made incredible progress in his four years at Penyrheol and we are very proud of the pupil he is today.

These pupils have embodied our core values over the last 4 weeks. Congratulations to all our winners. Who will it be next time?



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Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has been around 88%. 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	15	1.7
8	11	2
9	11	2.5
10	7.7	1

Over the last 2 school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 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

Date	Event
Monday 24 th June	STF and Energy Council Wind Farm Trip (all day) Year 10 Career Check
Tuesday 25 th June	Health and Wellbeing Day
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 10 English GCSE Individual Presentation (until 12 th July) Motivational Speaker (Theatre- NF)
Thursday 27 th June	Year 9 Summative Report Issued Summer Concert (7:00pm – 8:30pm) Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork- confirmed
Friday 28 th June	Year 9 SEREN Science Trip
Monday 1 st July	INSET Day: Staff Training
Tuesday 2 nd July	Transition Year 6 Taster Day Year 10 Gower College Taster Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Year 6 Taster Day
Thursday 4 th July	Year 7-10 Core Values Celebration Evening (5pm-6.30pm) Year 10 mock performance exam- Music
Friday 5 th July	Cluster Sports' Day (at Swansea Bay Sports' Park) Year 10 mock performance exam- Music