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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 20th June 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 16

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we welcomed our Year 5 cluster schools for a taster day with one school visiting each day of the week.

We are very proud of the work we do as part of Grwp Gogledd Abertawe with our Cluster schools of Casllwchr, Gorseinon, Penyrheol, Pontybrenin and Tre Uchaf. Together we are proud to serve our community



Last Friday we welcomed Dame Wilcox of Newport to our school where she talked to our Penyrheol Pupil Parliament about life in the House of Lords. More details will be shared in the Summer Newsletter.

On Wednesday 18th June we enjoyed a spectacular Year 11 Prom at Manor Park. Our pupils looked amazing and they had a wonderful time. Photos will be shared in the Summer Newsletter. This morning we held our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly. It was a joy to see so many of our pupils come in for this. They are a very special year group and they ended their time in an emotional assembly where there were lots of laughs and lots of tears. I hope that even though they don't attend Penyrheol, they will always have that sense of belonging.

Year 9 have had their final report of the year today and will be bringing them home at 3pm. I hope they bring home a 'green report'.

Next week we have a non-uniform day on Tuesday (Health & Wellbeing Day) and Thursday. Thursday is a non-uniform day and pupils are invited to wear bright colours to show their support for Pride Month.

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Sporting News

Earlier this week, a group of 13 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. This marks our sixth year of involvement in supporting this community event, and we take great pleasure in contributing. Our students displayed exceptional skills and professionalism throughout the day, and we extend our congratulations and gratitude to everyone involved.

We also extend our congratulations to Pontybrenin Primary School for their outstanding achievement in winning the tournament.



Year 10 Boys



Year 9 Girls



Shield winners,
Pontybrenin Primary
School

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Congratulations to Noah J and Jacob J as they have both been awarded their Black Belts in Karate. They achieved this amazing feat with the local G&K Kickboxing Academy. Well done, lads. That is aspiration in action!

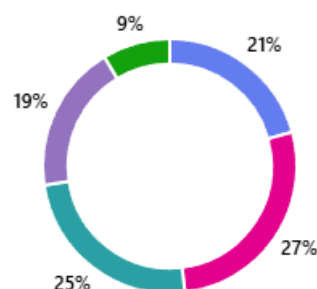
Parent/Carer Survey – Mobile Phones

Thank you to the many parents/carers that completed the survey on our proposed mobile phone ban for September. We had nearly 300 responses which is brilliant. Here are some of the headline figures:

1. Year group of your child(ren) (0 point)

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● Year 7	65
● Year 8	86
● Year 9	77
● Year 10	59
● Year 11	27



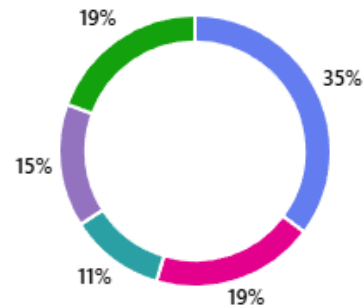
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4. Do you support the implementation of a mobile phone ban during the school day (including break and lunch)? (0 point)

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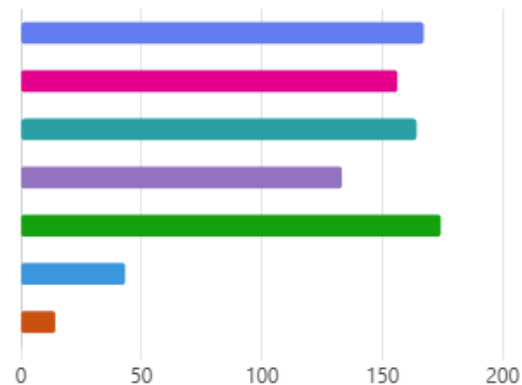
● Strongly support	96
● Support	53
● Neutral	31
● Oppose	40
● Strongly oppose	53



5. Which of the following do you believe would be benefits of banning mobile phones in school? (0 point)

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● Reduced distractions in class	167
● Improved focus and learning	156
● Less social media use during school hours	164
● Reduced bullying or peer pressure	133
● Better face-to-face social interactions	174
● No benefits	43
● Other	14



As well as these multiple-choice answers, we had a lot of really well considered and thoughtful comments made by parents/carers. These will shape our decisions as we plan for next year. The quantity and quality of the feedback has been superb and I am confident that parents/carers will feel listened to when we finalise our plans. This is why parents/carers views are so important to us. We genuinely value it.

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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 9th May, I was joined by Tilly-Rose (Year 7), Willow (Year 8), Ava (Year 9), and Trystan (Year 10)

Trystan was nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**.

Respect.

Ava and Willow were nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.

Tilly-Rose was 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 in the last two weeks has been 87%. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

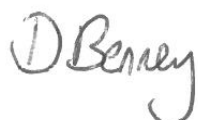
Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last two school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your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

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	15	1.7
8	16	2
9	13	2
10	7	1.5

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,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 23 rd June	Governors 'Getting to Know Your School' Day
Tuesday 24 th June	Health and Wellbeing Day
Wednesday 25 th June	Transition Orchestra Day (9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.)
Thursday 26 th June	Summer Concert (7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.)
Friday 27 th June	Year 8 Geography Field Trip (rearranged)
Monday 30 th June	Year 7 Action Fortnight Year 8 Action Fortnight Year 6 Taster Days (8.40 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.)
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 6 Taster Days (8.40 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.) Year 10 Gower College Taster Day
Wednesday 2 nd July	
Thursday 3 rd July	Transition Sports Day (Ashleigh Road) Year 10 Music Mock Performance Exam
Friday 4 th July	ALN Coffee Morning Lesson 1 (Year 6) Year 10 Music Mock Performance Exam Year 7 Geography Field Trip

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