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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 7th November 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 4

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter we have had what for me is the highlight of the whole year – the School Show! I cannot express how proud I am of the pupils for putting on such an amazing show over four nights. It is a true community event and I am grateful to all that came to support our pupils and our school. I must also thank the staff that worked tirelessly with our pupils to make the show the success that it was.



Since half term, Year 11 have had a busy week of exams with two English and two Numeracy exams from Monday to Thursday. They have conducted themselves superbly and didn't even complain about coming to school on an INSET day.

At some point over the next two weeks, we will be having a lockdown drill. This is something that we should practice every year.

Sporting News

In Netball, well done to all our Year 7 & 8 teams who took on Morryston Comprehensive the week before half term.

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Our Year 7 team delivered a strong performance, winning 10-1. From the first whistle, the girls played with energy and focus, linking passes accurately and communicating brilliantly across the court. Every player stepped up, supporting one another - it was a true team effort, with everyone working together to maintain pressure.

A special mention must go to Holly whose shooting was excellent and proved pivotal in securing the overall win. Well done Holly on being voted Player of the Match.

In the Year 8 match, our girls showed incredible spirit and determination. Despite facing opponents a year older, the team displayed resilience from start to finish. Although the final score was in favour of Morryston, Penyrheol made Morryston work hard for the win. Well done to all the girls and Seren Matthie who was voted Player of the Match.

In Girls football, the U15 team are now through to the 'top 6 schools' in the Welsh Cup. Before half term they played against Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen and won 7-1. They are now through to the next round against Morryston. Good Luck girls.

In boys football, Year 9 boys had a brilliant 10-0 win in the second round of the Welsh Cup against Morryston. They now move into round 3 and will face Y Dderwen on Monday 24th of November at home.

Year 7 were very unlucky in their second-round game against Gwyr. In a very tight contest and with the game heading to penalties, unfortunately Gwyr grabbed a late winner. But all the players including the other 12 year 7 boys who played against a second Gwyr team at the same time performed brilliantly.

Toronto 2026 Sports Tour Girls Captains



Helen and Snap-On Chris Bowen

A massive thank you to everyone who entered our kit sponsor raffle. You can see our captains modelling the new playing kits for Toronto.

Congratulations to the following sponsors who won: Black Ink Project, Celtic International Freight, Kingsbridge Auto Parts, Jamie Hitchings Memorial, X12 Logistics, Lewis Decorating, Dynamic Motion Wales, ASG Kickboxing, G&K Martial Arts, Soul Full Yoga with

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Boys Captains



Congratulations to our pupils who were involved in the ICO Kickboxing World Championships representing Wales last week in the LC2. It was excellent to see our pupils competing against fighters across the world! Well done to Jacob and Noah Jeffery, Jenson Morgan, James Evans, Olivia Lewis and Kaydn Scott.



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Annexe Toilets

I am making parents/carers aware that we have fitted 'mag-locks' to the toilet doors in the annexe. This allows us to program them to be locked during lesson time and open before school and at break and lunch. We have done this for safeguarding reasons. The two other sets of toilets in the main building remain open at all times.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 24th October, I was joined by Olivia (Year 7), Stephan (Year 8), James (Year 9), Oliver (Year 10) and Dylan (Year 11).

Dylan was nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**.
James was nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.
Oliver and Olivia were nominated for the Core Value **Thrive**.
Stephan was nominated for the Core Value of **Belong**.

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

Who will it be next time?

Standards

Attendance in the last three weeks has dropped to 88% which does reflect the number of seasonal illnesses that are still circulating. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

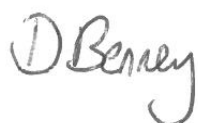
Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last two school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your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

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	15.2	0.6
8	13.6	0.7
9	10.4	0.8
10	7.4	0.8
11	5	0.5

Over the last two and a half school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over **15** 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 10 th November	Year 11 Maths GCSE Exam (small numbers)
Tuesday 11 th November	Transition Council Meeting (2:00pm -3:00pm) Year 7 Parents/Carers Helping your Child in Maths at Comprehensive School (3:30pm -4:30pm)- rearranged
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 11 Maths GCSE Exam (small numbers) Transition Year 6 MAT Maths Challenge (2:00pm -3:00pm)
Thursday 13 th November	Year 11 (2024/25) Awards Evening in Theatre (6:00 – 7:30pm)
Friday 14 th November	Year 11 Interim Reports Issued Non-uniform Day for Children in Need
Monday 17 th November	Year 8 Assessment Week Year 10 Interim Assessment Week Year 10 IRP (this week)
Tuesday 18 th November	Year 11 Music Controlled Assessment
Wednesday 19 th November	
Thursday 20 th November	GCSE Drama Unit 1 Devising Theatre Assessment Day PTA Meeting in LRC (3:10pm - 4:30pm) Year 11 Aspire Evening (provisional)
Friday 7 th November	Health and Wellbeing Lesson 1 ALN Coffee Morning L1 Canteen