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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 17th January 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a busy four weeks since the last Headteacher's letter. Year 11 have completed their Science practical exams and two students have undertaken their Latin exam. Year 10 have done a brilliant job in presenting their WBQ pitches. This week, year 10 pupils and parents/carers attended an Aspire/Seren evening at the school. My thanks to all parents/carers that attended. Our Year 8s have taken their first report of the year home. Our STF pupils enjoyed their 'Christmas Tree' trip just before Christmas. On December 10th, we enjoyed the annual Christmas Concert and we had one hundred and twenty pupils performing on what was a joyous evening. On Thursday 12th December, we took two buses to Harry Potter World. All pupils (and staff) had a magical time!

Sporting News

"A massive congratulations to our past and present pupils on their recent rugby achievements 🏉!"

Past Pupils



Harri Houston was back in the Ospreys squad as they took on Newcastle Falcons last weekend in the Challenge Cup.

Daniel Gemine has represented Wales U20s in their preparation for the U20s Six Nations.



Jayden Maybank, Emrys Jones and Bailey Porter have been selected for the Ospreys U18s Squad for the coming season.

Layla Kerr has been selected for Ospreys U18s for the coming season.

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Current Pupils

Ashton Maybank and Austin Howells have been selected for Ospreys U16's for the coming season.

We are very proud of them and wish them all the best for the future!

Our Year 11 rugby won their rugby fixture today against Pontarddulais 35-12. It was a fierce, uncompromising game with some good running rugby from both sides.



In boys football, Year 7 Boys put a great performance together on Thursday against a very strong Gwyr team. Despite losing 5-2 all players performed well and the score didn't reflect how well the boys competed.

Swap Shop

The shop is opening on the 14th February (school INSET day) between 10.30am and 12.30pm. The shop is the garage in the caretaker's house (now Ty Cynnydd). Parents/Carers are invited to come and have the opportunity to swap uniform. Coffee and Welsh cakes will be available for any visiting parents/carers.

Please see the flyer at the end of this letter.

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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

Every fortnight, five pupils are nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday'. Pupils are nominated for embodying one or more of our four Core Values. On Friday 13th December, I was joined by Hollie (Year 7), Gwen (Year 8), Rosie (Year 9), Christopher (Year 10) and Billy (Year 11).



Hollie and Billy were nominated for the Core Value **Respect**.
Gwen and Christopher were nominated for the Core Value of **Belong**.
Rosie was nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.

On Friday 10th January, I was joined by Oghosa (Year 7), George (Year 8), Fleur (Year 9), Scarlet (Year 10) and Josh (Year 11).

Oghosa was nominated for the Core Value **Thrive**.
George and Josh were nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**.
Fleur was nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.
Scarlet 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 over the last two weeks has increased to nearly 89% 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 four school weeks**.

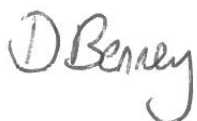
This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	46	1.4
8	40	4
9	24	3
10	18	3
11	13	1.5

Over the last four school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved **10** achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

As always, thank you to all parents/carers for their continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

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Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 20 th January	Health & Wellbeing Lesson 1
Tuesday 21 st January	
Wednesday 22 nd January	LA Safeguarding Audit
Thursday 23 rd January	Year 5 Parents/Carers Event at Penyrheol Primary
Friday 24 th January	Year 11 Reports Issued
Monday 27 th January	Year 7 Action Fortnight Year 9 Options Process Starts
Tuesday 28 th January	
Wednesday 29 th January	Year 11 Gower College Interviews
Thursday 30 th January	Year 11 Gower College Interviews Year 5 Parents/Carers Event at Gorseinon
Friday 31 st January	

Uniform Swap Shop Notice

Did you know you can request items of uniform from our shop for FREE?

We will be open on Friday 14th February to swap or collect any uniform you require.

Tea/coffee and Welsh cakes will be available too!

Alternatively, you can place an order and hand it into reception, order online or send an order form directly to FussellT1@hwbcymru.net.



We have in stock:

- Polo shirts
- Sweat shirts
- Trousers
- PE kit
- Shorts
- Skirts
- Shoes/Trainers
- School or PE kit bags



Friday 14th February



Ty Cynnydd



10.30 - 12.30pm

Order forms are available on the school website

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