

Penyrheol

Summer Newsletter



Our Design and Technology department wins prestigious environmental award!

A Message from the HeadTeacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils,

It is my pleasure to introduce the Penyrheol School Summer Newsletter. Please take time to read about some of the many and varied activities undertaken by our pupils this term. There are a number of exciting events and achievements which take place both in and out of school to read about. 2021/22 has been another challenging year and we have continued to be impacted by the pandemic. However, this last term has been the most 'normal' since the Christmas term of 2019 and this augurs well for the next academic year. I am sure we can expect the impact of the pandemic will be less again in 2022/23.


We are currently reviewing our school uniform options. In particular, we are looking at a greater choice of skirts. This is to ensure a greater range of styles are available and ensuring that affordability is factored in. Details of this and more will be communicated to parents/carers in due course.

GCSE results day is Thursday 25th August. School will be open for Year 11 pupils from 9:00am and Year 10 pupils from 10:00am. We wish all our pupils every success.

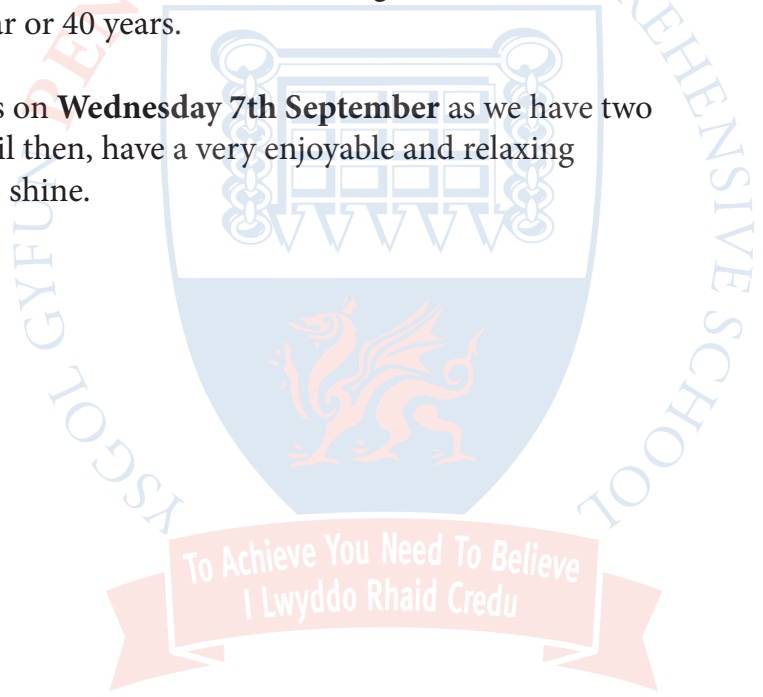
We have a large number of staff that are retiring or moving on from Penyrheol this summer. Mrs. Meah (D&T), Mr. Mulligan (English), Mrs. Matthews-Wederell (ICT and WBQ), Mr. Cook (Music), Mrs. O'Sullivan (D&T), Madame Young (MFL), Madame Tanner (MFL and Welsh) and Mrs. Picton (RE) are the teaching staff that are leaving us. Mr. Kissisck (TA), Ms. Watkins (TA), Mrs. Wilmot (TA STF), Ms. Cosgrove (LRC Manager), Mrs. Lee (Yr 9 PSO), Ms. Lewis (Yr 8 PSO) are the non-teaching members of staff that we are saying goodbye to. I would like to genuinely thank all of our colleagues for their service to the school. It is worth noting that Madame Tanner has given 30 years' service to the school with 20 of those as a senior leader. Mrs Picton has given an incredible 40 years' service to Penyrheol. I am sure the whole school community would like to thank all the staff that are leaving for their hard work and dedication, whether it has been for 1 year or 40 years.

The next academic year begins for our pupils on **Wednesday 7th September** as we have two INSET days at the start of term for staff. Until then, have a very enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. I hope the sun continues to shine.

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney
Headteacher



Important Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2022	TERM DATES		HOLIDAY DATES		TERM DATES	
	Mon 5th September	Fri 28th October	Mon 31st October	Fri 4th November	Mon 7th November	Fri 23rd December

SPRING TERM 2023	TERM DATES		HOLIDAY DATES		TERM DATES	
	Mon 9th January	Fri 17th February	Mon 20th February	Fri 24th February	Mon 27th February	Fri 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2023	TERM DATES		HOLIDAY DATES		TERM DATES	
	Mon 17th April	Fri 26th May	Mon 29th May	Fri 2nd Jun	Mon 5th June	Mon 24th July

Bank Holidays

Friday 7th April 2023 - Good Friday
 Monday 10th April 2023 - Easter Monday
 Monday 1st May 2023 - May Bank Holiday
 Monday 29th May 2023 - Spring Bank Holiday

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A Fond Farewell

This term we bid fond farewell's to a number of staff, who are either retiring or moving on to pastures new.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all, for their outstanding contribution to the school and wish them all the very best in their individual endeavours.

Mrs. J. Tanner

French/Previous Deputy Head

Mrs. L. Picton

Head of Religious Education

Ms. T. Lewis

Pastoral Support Officer

Ms. A. Cosgrove

Manager - Library Resource Centre

Mrs. K. Lee

Pastoral Support Officer

Mrs. C. Young

Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Mrs. H. O'Sullivan

Technology

Mr. M. Cook

Music Teacher

Mrs. L. Meah

Design & Technology

Mrs. C. Matthews

ICT/Literacy Support

Mr. L. Kissick

Teaching Assistant

Mrs. N. Wilmot

Teaching Assistant (STF)

Ms. D. Watkins

Teaching Assistant

Mr. S. Mulligan

English



Penyrheol Comprehensive School Parent Teacher Association



We are excited to announce that we have now launched a Parent Teacher Association

We are thrilled to be forging strong links between the school, parents, pupils and the wider community. At the same time, we will be raising funds to support our pupils in their learning, whether that be inside the classroom or during extra-curricular activities.

Meet Our PTA:

Chairperson: Tanya Fussell

Secretary: Michelle Pow

Treasurer: Nadine Ireland

Co-Secretary: Marie Tudor

Committee Members: Karen Jones, Clare Hyndman, Ceri Metcalfe, Carol Matthews, Karen Harries, Liz Dennis, Sarah Nicholas & Joanne Ralph.

Please keep an eye on our website and social media for details of our upcoming meetings and events. If you are interested in volunteering to help with any of these, please do get in touch...your involvement would be much appreciated.

Contact us:

Email: pta@penyrheol-comp.swansea.sch.uk

or **Tel:** 01792 533066

**Thank you for supporting the valuable and
exciting work that we have ahead of us.**



ROYAL ACADEMY OF ART

Huge congratulations to Megan Sanger in Year 10 whose art work has been accepted for the 'Young Artists' Summer Show 2022' at The Royal Academy of Art.

Penyrheol has many pupils who excel in art, and Megan was actually one of four whose work was entered to be judged by the prestigious panel. This in itself is an achievement, so we also congratulate Sophie Brannigan, Paige May and Oxana Olaru.

Since it was Megan's painting that impressed the judges the most, it is hers that will be displayed as part of the exhibition. Her painting of a skull was drawn from direct observation in class and is pictured below:



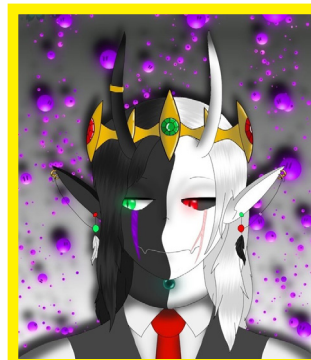
Skull Painting by Megan Sanger



Skull Light-Painting by Sophie Brannigan



Eye by Oxana Olaru



**Ranboo
by Paige May**

GREEK THEATRE

Year 7 were involved in some cross-curricular learning with the Drama and Music Departments this term. Pupils learnt about the Greek theatre, Greek mythology and Greek Fables. They created amazing masks, using various materials and the results, as you can see, were amazing!



Geography Fieldw

Over 60 Year 8 pupils visited the Brecon Beacons this term.

We began our walk near Storey Arms, where there were lots of people who had already reached the top and were on their way down. The first part was very steep and the path was quite busy.



Most pupils reached the half way point and we learnt about some of the problems of having too many people in the area, and how these problems might be solved.

Our second location was the Garwnant Visitors Centre which is a woodland. The walk here was only 1km and much flatter. We followed a marked footpath and managed to discover a small waterfall.

We finished the day off with an **ice cream** before heading for home!



In July, forty pupils visited Caswell Bay, to look at coastal processes, landforms, erosion and management strategies. This was followed by a hike across Pennard Common to view the meanders of the River Ilston from Pennard Castle.

The majority of pupils are taking GCSE Geography next year and this was ideal preparation. It was a scorching hot day and there was a selection **ice creams** available at the various locations... though it was noted that the prices had gone up!



work...and Ice Cream!

Year 10 Geography students ventured out to the River Ilston in Gower, for their river fieldwork task, and pupils were asked to measure the width and depth of the river, along multiple points of the river from the source, to the mouth.

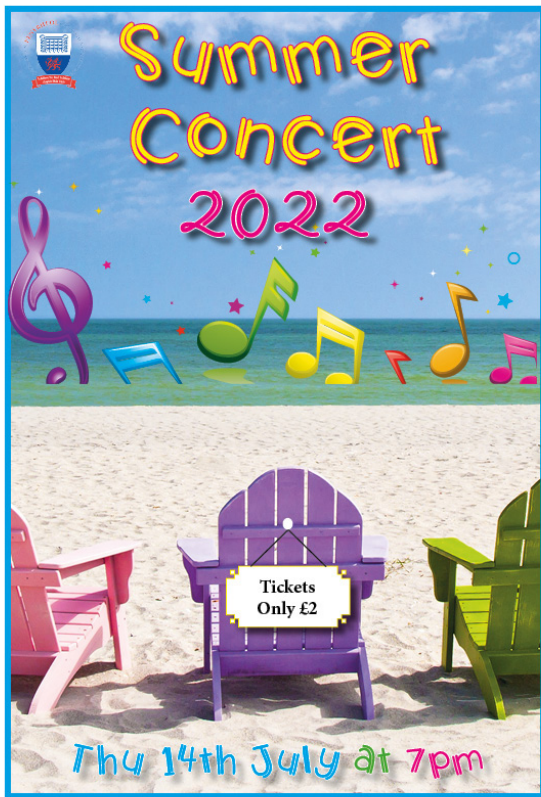
The pupils enjoyed the trip, even though a few of them tried to eat the oranges that we were using to measure the velocity of the river and one pupil even fell in...all in day 'messing about on the river'!

The day ended with even more hilarity when Mr Hyndman nearly lost his £2.50 coffee to the wind on Langland Beach. It was a near miss and he wasn't best pleased, much to the enjoyment of his students.

Although educational, the trip was loads of fun and the pupils were able to return to school with measurements and data to support their studies.



Let the Music



This term saw the return of Penyrheol's Summer Concert, the first live concert since 2019!

The evening was a huge success with nearly 100 pupils from Years 7-10 taking part in a variety of Musical items, covering a range of genres.

The Guitar Group opened the concert with a rousing version of 'Summertime Blues'. This really set the scene for the evening- upbeat, uplifting and a real feel-good evening!

Highlights included 'Don't Stop Believing' performed by the Year 9/10 Band and Sarayah Jones 9H and the heart wrenching performing of 'Jar of Hearts' by the Senior Choir.

The concert finished with a Year 9/10 Band accompanying the whole school Choir performing 'Let it Be,' which brought the house down.



Pupils can watch videos from the concert and highlights from the year on our department instagram page @PenyrheolMusic



Here's to a whole year of live concerts in 2022-23!



ic Play On...

The Music Department has a range of Extra Curricular activities for all pupils of all levels to get involved in. These will start back from the second week in September:

Extra Curricular Ensembles

DAY	REGISTRATION	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	KS4 rehearsal platform Year 8 MAT ensemble	Orchestra
TUESDAY	Senior Choir-Years 9-11	Chamber Choir- Years 10&11 Year 10 Ensemble
WEDNESDAY	Boys Ensemble Year 9-10	
THURSDAY	Guitar Group Year 7-11	
FRIDAY	Junior Choir- Year 7 & 8	

If you are interested in any of the following lessons. These fill up really quickly, so make sure that you see a member of the Music Department as soon as possible in September to secure your place.

Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

DAY	INSTRUMENT
MONDAY	Brass Woodwind Keyboard/Piano
TUESDAY	Singing Drums
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Guitar
FRIDAY	Keyboard/Piano Strings



Y11 Leavers Prom



Wednesday 22nd June 2022 was our Year 11 Prom and to make it extra-special, the sun was shining! This was the first Prom in two years because of the pandemic, so the atmosphere was electric!

The pupils were taken to the Liberty Stadium by coach from the school, where staff and parents were there to wave them off. Once at the venue, the pupils enjoyed a 2 course meal and a disco where they danced ALL night long!

The venue was dressed beautifully for the occasion with balloons in black and gold on every table. Krispy Kreme Doughnuts were free to enjoy as well as a table full of sweets!

The pupils had professional photographs taken and were also able to make use of a 'Selfie' photo mirror.

In addition to the food and dancing, there was a lighthearted awards ceremony hosted by Head Boy Harvey Thomas. It was a lovely evening and everyone looked amazing!

To purchase photographs from this lovely occasion, please go to:
www.raphotography.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who made the evening possible.



A 'TASTE' OF GOWER

On the 5th July 2022, all year 10 pupils had the opportunity to visit a Gower college of their choice. Teaching Assistant, Mrs. T. Fussell accompanied three of our pupils to Llwyn Y Bryn Campus: Macy Jenkins 10U, Megan Griffiths 10R and Paige May 10S

This part of Gower College specialises in photography and design, so the pupils were given the challenge to make up a design using various materials and techniques to add to a bag. The staff at the campus were amazed at their talent and enthusiasm and their willingness to try various equipment to produce their unique design.

All three pupils were congratulated on their final design, and behaviour and were told that the college would be excited to have them as students for the next 2 years.

The pupils really enjoyed the experience, which was hugely beneficial. Well done, Macy, Megan, and Paige for representing Penyrheol School in such a positive manner.

WILL ROBERTS CYCLING SUCCESS

Its is always lovely to see Penyrheol Alumni doing so well, so imagine our pride in hearing that Will Roberts has been selected to represent Wales in cycling, in this years Commonwealth Games!

We will be keeping a keen eye on his progress and wish him every success.

Go for **GOLD** Will!



Pupils Recognised for Attainment

SUBJECT	YEAR 7	YEAR 8
ART	Anabel Williams & Andrew Nolan	Oliver Davies & ...
BUSINESS STUDIES		
COMPUTER SCIENCE		
CONSTRUCTION		
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Isabella Stock & Trystan Jones	Ella Branigan & ...
DRAMA	Ffion Leahy & Jennifer Pengelly	Jodie Swiston & ...
FOOD & NUTRITION		
FRENCH	Griffith Cadogan & Isabelle Jewell	Joseph Salter & ...
GEOGRAPHY	Kayden Rees & Kieran Broom	Adam Jones & ...
ICT	Rhys Wonnacott & Megan Daszewski	Keaton Taylor & ...
MATHS	Griffith Cadogan & Seren Ellis	Nathan Lee & ...
MEDIA STUDIES		
MUSIC	Eluned Botzaropoulos & Zack Willis	Mollie Bird & ...
P.E	Cody Jones & Ben Courtney Sophia Edwards & Seren Ellis	Thomas Davies & ... Mollie Bird & ...
PHOTOGRAPHY		
PRODUCT DESIGN		
R.E	Henry Davies & Kate Garland-Thomas	Alex Thomas & ...
SCIENCE	Tom Keogh & Annabel Williams	Martha Shepard & ...
SPANISH		
WELSH	Isabelle Jewell & Henry Davies	Cadie Isaac-Har & ...
WBQ		
YEAR GROUP WINNERS	Lowri Gambell 7M Griff Cadogan 7S	Mollie Joseph

Gift and Effort: Summer Term 2022

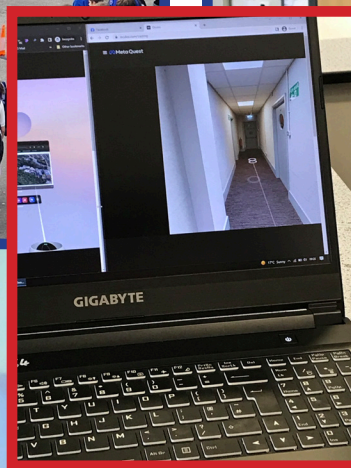
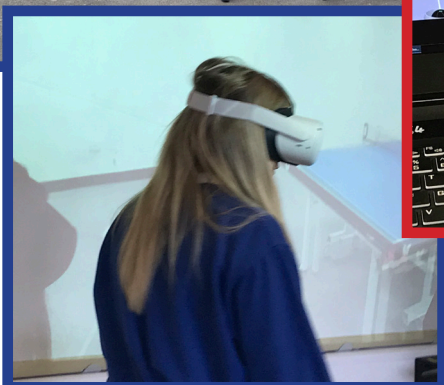
YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Max Summer Creber	Jack Parslow & Grace Kirmse	Megan Sanger & Ffion Williams
		Mia Lee & Jessica Draisey
		Jordan Marles & Rhys James
		George Davies & Tomos Rees
Max & Hannah Evans	Tianna Boast & Rhys Williams	
Max & Oliver Davies		Jade Williams & Faye Thomas
		Kaylee Brain & Amelia Williams
Max & Nicole Rice		
Max Darren Taymori	Jaden Thomas & Luke Hutchings	Liam White & Megan Berrell
Max & Carys Alves	Evan Smith & Logan Thomas	Digital Technology: Amelia Chetty & Tahlia James
Max Kamilla Bargiel	Rain Woods, Charlie Griffiths & Nicole Farcas	Winnie Liu & Millie John
		Ellie Page-Smith & Rebecca Delve
Max & Joseph Salter	Mollie Prothero & Darcy Champan	Amber Treharne & Jade Williams
Max & Sam Davies & Carys Alves	Kai Hughes & Gethin Tudor Ash Harries & Kianna Macey-Cloke	Jayden Maybank & Alex Delaney Sasha Hurst & Millie John
		Sophie Brannigan & Eliza Hazell
Max & Nicole Rice	Kleo Bowen & Emily James	Phoebe Williams & Winnie Lie
Max & Sophie Brewer	Cellan Freeman & Emily Rowley	Matthew Jones & Sophie Brannigan
	Ashley Morris & Mia Howells	Megan Griffiths & Annalina Phelps
Max & Josef Nisbet	Leiland James & Grace Kirmse	Megan Griffiths & Sasha Hurst
		Ava Williams & Ryan Bond-Morgan
Bird 8D Salter 8D	Jamie Morris 9Y Darcy Chapman 9C	Millie John 10D Rhys James 10S

PSE DAY

On Thursday 7th July, pupils enjoyed a fabulous PSE Day, where a variety of sessions were organised for them. It was particularly nice to welcome guest speakers who joined us for the first time in two years, which made all the difference to the delivery of the sessions.

The sessions included:

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
What is a Councillor?	Drug Awareness	#nottheone	Applying for a job
Nutrition	Careers Personality	Career Choice	Next Steps
Back Me Up	Keep Kind	What Does That Mean?	Budgeting
Online Relationships	Safety	Islamophobia	Positive Relationships
Safety	Nutrition	Uni Life	What Does That Mean?



Student Voice

Earlier in the year, members of our Student Voice took part in a virtual meeting with all Swansea secondary schools to share topics that matter to our young pupils in Swansea.

Students discussed effective practice in our schools and shared their 'one voice' across Swansea to develop a pupil voice manifesto.

Through the course of the meeting pupils agreed as a collective, on what mattered to them, and each school presented and recorded their slides onto a shared powerpoint.

Fast forward to July 7th when 2 pupils involved in the manifesto were invited to attend the Council Chamber in Swansea's Guildhall. Here, they presented the manifesto to the council.

We were thrilled. that both Charlie Griffiths (Year 9) and Millie John (Year 10) were able to represent Penyrheol Comprehensive School at this important event.



Wind Turbines

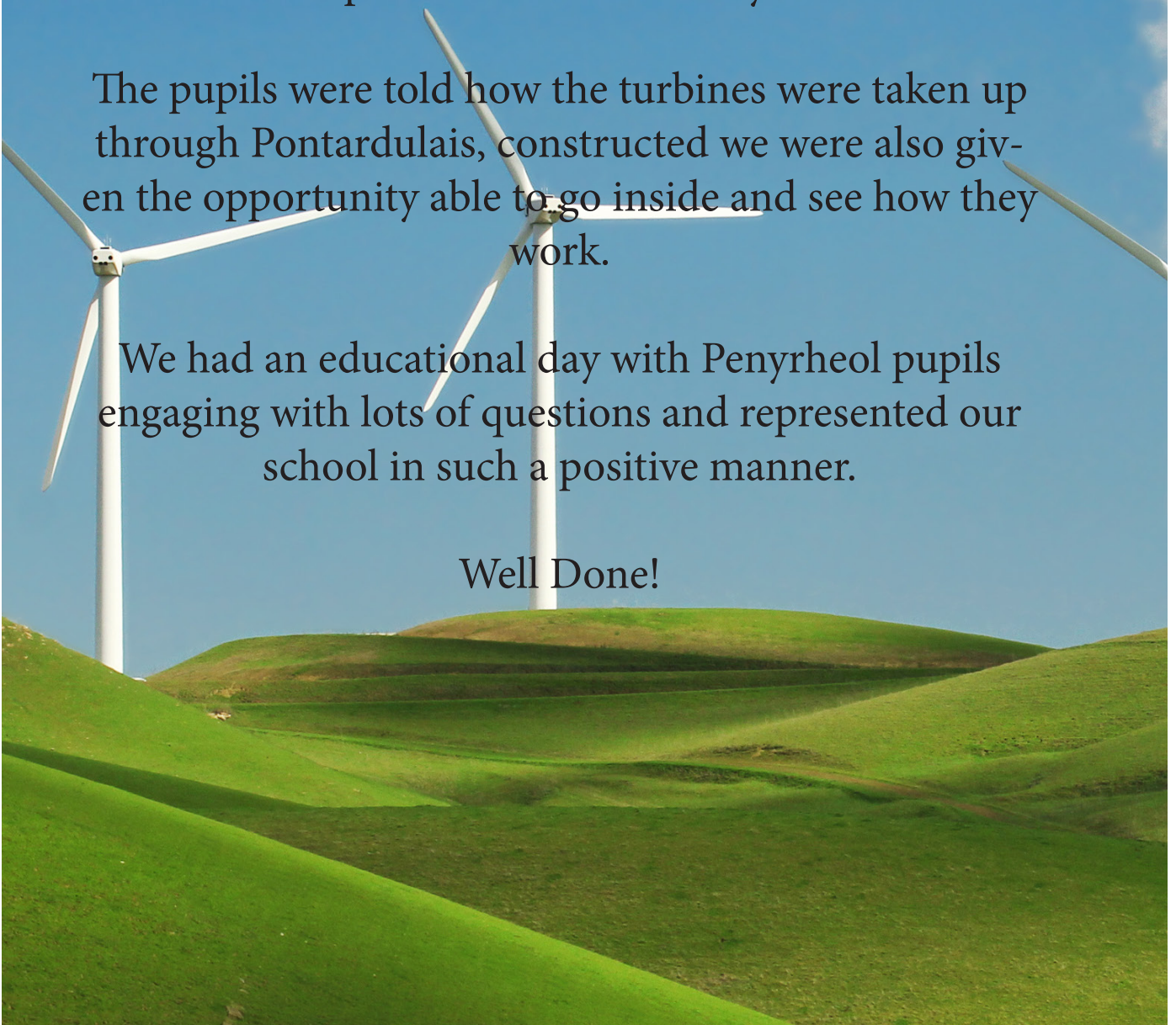
On the 10th of May 2022, some of our budding year 10 pupils under the leadership of Miss S Evans Science, with Mrs Fussell as Minibus driver and Mrs J Perkins assisting, we all headed off to Awel Y Gwrhyd <http://awel.coop/>.

Although the month was May the weather decided to pretend it was February.

The pupils were told how the turbines were taken up through Pontardulais, constructed we were also given the opportunity able to go inside and see how they work.

We had an educational day with Penyrheol pupils engaging with lots of questions and represented our school in such a positive manner.

Well Done!



STF Pupils Make the News!



Heartwarming moment Ukrainian soldiers surprised by British school children

In May this the year, our STF pupils, touched by the crisis in Ukraine, made some drawings and posters to include in aid packages that were sent to the soldiers.

We thought this was the last we would ever hear, but to our absolute delight, they made the news!

Here is what what reported on the news and in the Daily Express:

Soldiers fighting on the frontline in Ukraine were taken aback after receiving boxes of supplies from Britain - including some adorable drawings made by school children in Wales.

Opening up the packages, the brave heroes were astounded to find the sweet images of hearts, flowers and the Ukrainian flag.

The children had even learned some Ukrainian and Russian letters to be able to write messages to other children in Ukraine.

"How lovely," one soldier said as he opened one of the pictures, while another added: "Super nice!". A third can be heard just repeatedly saying "wow" as they opened up the packages to find even more drawings and pictures.

A spokesperson said: "When they open those pictures, they were just blown away. They couldn't believe these children had done that for them, to take home to their children



GSUS BU

We were thrilled to welcome GSUS Live at Penyrheol again this term, especially during the pandemic. GSUS Live is an interactive learning experience set up in a school classroom by Paul Davies, Steve Tresder, and Adrian Morgan. Pupils from KS3 and the option class can participate. It helps secondary school students explore the themes of fear, forgiveness and rejection.

I enjoyed my experience learning about forgiveness, rejection and fear. We watched fun music videos on iPads. I liked the one about Ben, and used the programme to help him find forgiveness for his brother.

This was a good R.E. lesson and very educational. It was interesting to look at how other people view their problems.

During GSUS Live, we listened to music and watched videos about God, Fear, Forgiveness and Rejection.

We picked characters to chat to and helped them with their worries. This was a good R.E. lesson and very educational. It was interesting to look at how other people view their problems.

We watched a video of a boy and his dying Daughter. We used the questions to try and help him.
It was a good lesson.

We worked together on the iPads and chose to look at Jack and his weight problems, because we wanted to help him. We asked Jack what the problem was and he told us that he was being made fun of being called 'Fat Jack'. We told him to tell a teacher. I thought this was a really good lesson and I learned lots about Jack and Jesus. We also watched lots of cool music videos and watched religious videos.



GSUS LIVE!

pecially as we havent had visit over the last couple of years due to the room and is delivered by inspirational speakers: Andrew Knight, Tim Payne, GCSE class were able to get involved, as part of their R.E. studies. GSUS Live through the teachings of Jesus. Here is a selection of some of their thoughts:

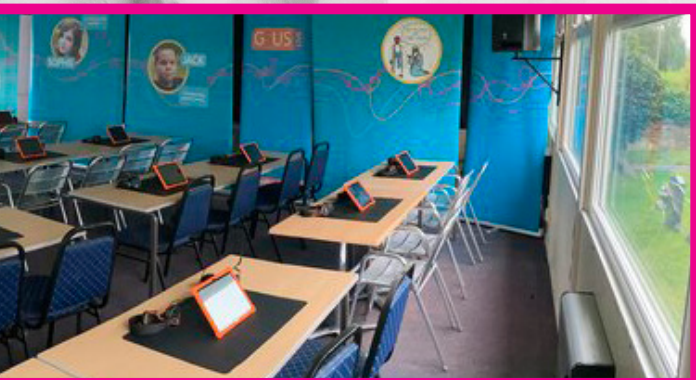
a grieving Father and used the multiple choice and cheer them up. cool!

I wrote about a girl called Sophie. She was scared that her friend was going to die because she had experienced this already when one of her family members had passed away.

I read Ben's story about how he couldn't forgive his brother for running away and stealing his mother's money. After his brother came home, his mum forgave him and even threw him a party!

We learnt about people being bullied.. fear and rejection. We had to choose between three different scenarios and we had to reply to a text from one of the people we chose.

GSUS Live took place in June. We worked in pairs to choose and help one of the characters. We chose 'Jack' who was feeling rejected. Through the video, we helped him get back on his feet.



The session helped me understand forgiveness, by listening to music and watching videos...I really enjoyed it.

GIRLS P.E. NEWS

Bronze+ Sports Ambassadors

Our Bronze+ Sports Ambassadors at Penyrheol, Sophie Pennino, Ellie Pennino and Annabel Williams, have continued to show commitment and passion in this role throughout the Summer term. The girls have volunteered at one of our feeder primary schools, coaching Netball and Rugby sessions on a weekly basis. They have also set up a Track and Field Athletics Club for our own Year 7 pupils which has been very successful.

More recently, the girls have volunteered at the Year 4 Swansea Schools Basketball Festival, helping to referee matches throughout the day. Feedback received from colleagues at the festival has been extremely positive and the girls were congratulated for the outstanding attitude and effort they displayed during this event. Well done girls – fantastic work this year!



Netball

Congratulations to the Year 7 and Year 9 Netball teams who both reached the quarter-final stage of the Afan Nedd Tawe Schools Netball Cup. An outstanding achievement for both teams. Well done to the following squad members:

Year 7:

Ellie Pennino, Sophie Pennino, Annabel Williams, Seren Ellis, Lily-Mae Jones, Pollyanna Richards, Bridget Caswell, Sophis Edwards & Jennifer Phillips

Year 9 :

Tia Broome, Katie Robinson, Ellie Tench, Layla Pullen, Keira Knight, Carys Ryan, Amy Wake, maddison Jones & Hannah Beech

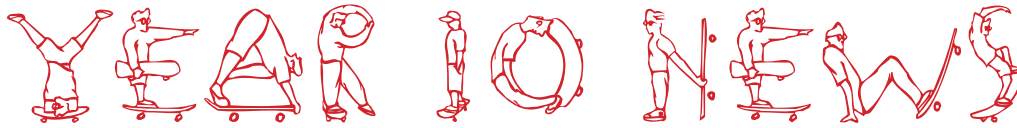
Duathlon

In June, our Year 7 pupils took part in a duathlon event, organised by Welsh Triathlon in conjunction with the Active Communities Team at Swansea Council.

The aim of the duathlon was to raise the profile of the sport amongst young people ahead of World Triathlon Para Series Event', which will be held in Swansea in August.

The event proved to be thoroughly enjoyable, with 104 pupils from the year group taking part. Well done to all those who competed!





Exams & Work Experience

It has been another eventful term for Year 10. Most of the year group have sat whole GCSEs and modules towards their final GCSE grades.

Friday 15th July marked the last school day for Year 10 as they embarked on a week of work experience and we can't wait to hear about their experiences!

Reach the Beach

On Friday 15th July, Mrs Fox took 10 Year 10 pupils to the 'Reach the Beach' football tournament. We returned as tournament champions. All pupils represented the school in an exemplary manner:



Back (L-R): Jacob Hills, Ryan Bond Morgan, Levi Oliver, Emmanuil Sidorenko, Sam Seager, Daniel Dennis, Josh Pennino, Alfie Bradley, Ashton Ridd.

Front: Rhys Lawrence.

100% Attendance

We have two pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for this academic year. This is an excellent achievement and something to be extremely proud of, so congratulations to Megan Griffiths and Ffion Morris.

Our attendance award for this term goes to Layla Kerr (10R) and our achievement awards go to Rebecca Delve (10M) and Ffion Davies (10S)

SUCCESS AT THE NATIONAL

A new collection of eco champions in Wales were crowned at The National Environmental Awards

The awards recognised individuals and organisations in 13 categories from all across Wales. The evening was hosted by The National magazine in Newport on Thursday 14th July. Mrs O'Sullivan attended the black-tie event on behalf of the department and was also part of a panel discussion about simple ways we can all reduce our carbon footprints from the clothes we wear, the food we eat and the places we visit.

The main event of the evening was the awards ceremony and our Design and Technology department won the award for environmental education in the Education/School or College category!

The department was praised for the efforts over the last few years in redesigning the KS3 curriculum to ensure sustainability, the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and social and environmentally responsible design and consumption is embedded across the subjects.

Examples of this are found in all of the projects delivered in Fashion and Textiles, such as the eco upcycled toy project, which not only aims to reduce textile waste and less dependency on synthetic oil-based fabrics like polyester, but also equips our pupils with the hand sewing skills required for life beyond school. All pupils will leave school being able to repair and maintain their clothes which ultimately saves clothes from landfill and also lots of money!

Within Product Design the focus is on plastic waste and pollution. The department has established a collaboration with Swansea City to collect, shred and then recycle plastic bottle tops which are often thrown away. They are then recycled by slowly melting them into a brand-new material which is used to create a range of products!

These two projects are particularly relevant considering the current oil crisis we face as plastic is actually made from oil and is a finite resource – which means it's running out!

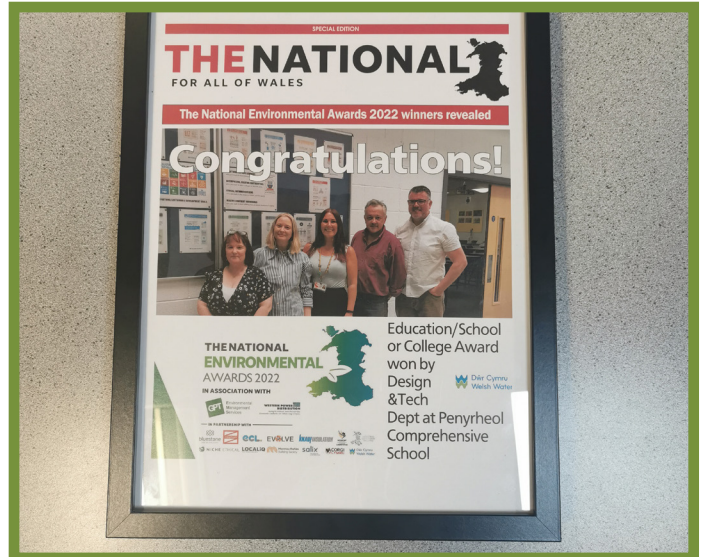
Other notable examples of environmental excellence in the department include:

- “Second Hand Cultures” video created by Year 7 pupils, which was presented to a global audience via a Cardiff University symposium last year.
- Eco-fashion after-school clubs with work featured at national events such as Cardiff Fashion Week and Sustainable Fashion Week UK.
- Special lessons around global events such as COP26, Fashion Revolution Week and World Circular Textiles Day.
- Developing a Sustainable Development Goals passport for KS3 pupils.
- Working with our local Barnardo's charity shop to source free materials for our projects, that would have otherwise been thrown away.

Our pupils should also be commended for their passion and enthusiasm for the environment and for creating such fantastic products using eco-friendly materials. They are well equipped to be the designers, makers and leaders of the future!

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

wards this week and Penyrheol's Design and Technology Department was one of them!



Writing with the N

This year, a number of pupils from Year 10 and 11 have been involved in a playwriting project with the National Theatre called 'New Views'.

The pupils involved were Lucy James 10R, Millie John 10D, Emma Arthur 10M and Sophie Wilson 11R.

They all worked really hard preparing their scripts and had to submit the completed work for the deadline in April.

After submitting their scripts to the judges, the feedback from the National Theatre stated that the standard of work in the competition had been 'exceptional this year and all of these pupils should be incredibly proud of the work they had done.'

Sophie Wilson's script, however, made it to the longlist, and was also highly commended by the National Theatre.

In the written feedback from the playwright Christopher Hill, he wrote that:

'There is much to enjoy in this darkly comic retelling of Welsh history. Melwyn is a wry and amusing protagonist, loyal to a prince who does not deserve this loyalty – it reads like a potted Shakespeare play crossed with Horrible Histories, and I really admire this.'

Having made it to the longlist, others judges stated that they 'thought this was a fantastic play' and 'it deserves special recognition.'

This is a huge achievement for Sophie as there were over 400 entries for this national competition. Sophie is now leaving us and moving on to further education, but we all very much hope she will continue with her writing as she is obviously extremely talented.

This is just a short excerpt from the beginning of Sophie's play:

National Theatre

The Last by Sophie Wilson

Cast

Dafydd ap Gruffyd – The Last Prince of Wales

Melwyn – The Prince's royal advisor

William Godwin – Commander of the Welsh army

The entire play is set in the manor of the last Prince of Wales, during the 1200s.

Scene One

The Stage is dimly lit. A figure emerges from the darkness, the spotlight is on Melwyn. He is reading from a scroll of paper as if announcing to the audience.

Melwyn: Never was there a more guileful King, As he, our Prince, for whom the angels sing. 'twas he who led the mighty fair, And remains immune to the English Sovereign's glare. He has sat for seven months on the Gruffyd throne, Guarding our rightful home. In joy and fate his legacy shall lie,

Upon the terrible misfortune in which he may-

The Prince of Wales is illuminated, standing in a noble position. His face is stern.

The Prince: DIE!

The whole stage is illuminated. Melwyn turns around with a start.

The Prince: Dai? Where the bloody hell is he?!

Other News

Sew & Sew

Harvey Thomas, our Head Boy from July 2021-June 2022, paid a visit to Sew and Sew Embroidery Services, High Street Gorseinon.

The reason for the visit was to thank Steve, the owner and his wife for their kind donation of over

200 items of uniform
for our established Swap Shop.

Harvey and many other Penyrheol pupils have benefited greatly from this scheme, so we'd like to take this opportunity to shout out a massive thankyou from all of us at Penyrheol.



Staff v Y11 Pupils Football Match

At the end of this for-fun-only match on the 27th May, the score was an even 2-2, so it went to a dreaded penalty shoot-out, where Mrs B. Davies scored the winning goal against Ellis Davies, leading the staff team to **GLORIOUS VICTORY!**



50 Pints of...

BLOOD!

www.raphotography.org.uk Yes, Mr Binding has just received a **GOLD** award for donating 50 pints of blood.

Don't worry, this wasn't in one go!... Mr Binding is a regular blood donor and is passionate about doing so. He was delighted to receive his gold badge as well as a lovely letter from the Blood donor scheme.

Da iawn Mr. Binding!





Penyrheol Comprehensive School



UNIFORM SWAP SHOP!

Swap or Not - The Choice is Yours!

FREE! - Please take what you need. Our donated and sometimes brand new items are here waiting for you. You don't have to have items to swap.

FREE! - Perhaps you have out-grown your uniform or coat...Swap it here, for a new size.

And please don't forget to **donate** your 'good as new' uniform when you have finished with it and help our school re-cycle, re-use and re-educate!

**POLO SHIRTS * TROUSERS * SKIRTS * SWEAT SHIRTS * SHORTS *
P.E. KIT * COATS * KIT BAGS * SHOES**

(All uniform MUST have school crest and/or logo)

Re-Use



Re-Cycle

Re-Educate