



# Penyrheol Easter Newsletter



**Outstanding Sports Achievements**



**Disneyland Paris!**



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**St. David's Day Eisteddfod  
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# Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Pupils

I am devoting almost all of this term's letter from me to the progress we have made in reviewing our school uniform. In discussions with Student Voice, we established four key principles that our uniform must adhere to. It must be SMART, PRACTICAL, COMFORTABLE and AFFORDABLE. Following discussions throughout the school, we agreed that certain aspects of our uniform will remain the same:

- The colours of blue, white and black.
- The white polo shirt with the school crest.
- The blue sweatshirt with the school crest.
- Black socks.

Two proposed changes were agreed by governors after consultation with pupils, staff and parents. These are:

- School uniform shorts will be allowed during the Summer Term each year.
- Black trainers as well as black school shoes will be allowed.

These changes are due to come into effect from September 2018. However, we have been able to work with our suppliers, Sew and Sew and Picton Sports, to enable shorts to be available from this Easter for next term. The shorts will have the new Penyrheol trademark on them and will retail at £15-16.99. We are working to acquire some less expensive shorts as well, but these won't be available in time for the start of next term.



Please note that, from September 2018, **all** trousers, skirts and shorts that are part of our uniform will have the Penyrheol trademark on them and will only be available from our named suppliers. Further information about our uniform changes will be issued next term.

Term ends for pupils on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March is an INSET day for staff. The Summer Term begins on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. By then there will be just three weeks before GCSE written papers begin for Year 11, so final revision should be in full swing. Year 10 have mock exams during the first week back in subjects that have external exam modules this summer. Pasg hapus pawb!

Yours faithfully

ALAN TOOTILL

Headteacher



# Important Dates & Information

SUMMER TERM	TERM DATES		HOLIDAY DATES		TERM DATES	
	16th April 2018	25th May 2018	28th May 2018	1st June 2018	4th June 2018	24th July 2018

## Bank Holiday Mondays

Monday 7th May - May Day  
Monday 28th May - Spring Bank Holiday

## A Governors Perspective Penyrheol Comprehensive School...

is a very special place and was where I studied between 2005-2010. It is for this reason that I put myself forward for selection as an LA Governor in 2014.

At Penyrheol, Governors are considered an important part of the school community and where Governors can be included, they are. The work of the governing body is essential to the life of unlocking the talent and realising the potential of every child in our school. It's refreshing to hear the staff recognise children as unique individuals with specific talents and needs and they work tirelessly to provide rich learning opportunities through a positive school experience.

Working with teachers and parents is an essential prerequisite to helping the governing body shape its vision for enabling learners to realise their full potential, leading to higher levels of attainment, promoting good citizenship and preparing learners well for their lives. That is what Penyrheol did for me.  
I look forward to continuing my term of office.

**Arron Bevan-John, LA Governor**



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# Staff News

## All Change in the Welsh Department



Having been in Penyrheol for almost a year, we say hwyl fawr to Mr. M. H. Davies or “Syr” as he’s been affectionately known. We’d like to say diolch yn fawr and wish Mr. Davies pob lwc for his new post in Ysgol Gyfun Llandeilo Ferwallt (Bishopston Comprehensive School).

He leaves Penyrheol at the end of term and starts in Bishopston straight after the holidays. Da iawn, Syr! As well as teaching in A2, Mr. Davies has helped out with the Year 7 Activity Day trip in July 2017, the Year 7 Shw Mae Day in October 2017, the Year 7 / 8 Llangrannog weekend trip in January 2018 and the St. David’s Day Festival in Disneyland, Paris in March 2018.



So, we welcome back Miss B R Davies and say “Croeso nôl, Miss.” A2 has been waiting for you! Miss Davies joins Miss Llewellyn who teaches in A3, and Head of Department, Mr. N. D. Binding, who teaches in A1



## Geography Department

We welcome back Mrs. L. Kingdom, who returns after her maternity leave and we therefore say farewell to Mrs E. Elliot who has been covering. We wish her well in her new ventures.



# Literacy

## Literacy across the curriculum

Literacy skills are essential for success in all aspects of the curriculum.

All pupils need to be technically accurate in their writing so it is important for them to practise punctuation and spelling.



## Literacy Challenge 3 - Homophones

Homophones are words which sound the same but have different meanings and spellings.

Can your child use the following words correctly?

allowed / aloud	knew / new	steal / steel
bare / bear	one / won	tear / tier
board / bored	pain / pane	there / their / they're
brake / break	passed / past	threw / through
cell / sell	peace / piece	tire / tyre
grate / great	soar / sore	to / too / two
hear / here	sight / site	wear / where
hole / whole	sole / soul	weather / whether
it's / its	stair / stare	your / you're

## Literacy Challenge 4 - Proofreading

If pupils can't spot the errors in someone else's work, they're not likely to find the errors in their own.

Can your child find the 5 errors? Look for **punctuation** and **spelling** errors.

Volunteer's are needed to help with setting up and running the stalls at Saturdays fair. A short training session will be held and there will be experienced staff members on hand all day to help answer any questions.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please note that you will not be aloud to carry your mobile phone while working so make sure you leave it somewhere safe. This is a great opportunity for all pupils. If your interested in helping out, please let us know as soon as possible.

Check to see if you're right.

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# Our Trip to Llangranog

Imagine the joy on staff's faces when an e-mail was received asking if we'd mind being upgraded for our accommodation to one of the newer en-suite blocks!

**What a great start to the weekend!**

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Miss A Llewellyn was unable to join us and she's yet to visit the Urdd Centre at Llangrannog.

Nevertheless for those of us there, just over 40 Year 7 + 8 pupils, ably accompanied by Mr. N. D. Binding (Head of Welsh / Party Leader), Mr. M. H. Davies, Miss C. Francis and Mr. A. Clarkson, the weekend was a good one.

All of the usual activities were thoroughly enjoyed including skiing, archery, go-karting and bushcraft, where pupils start a fire with a flint and some twigs and/or cotton wool before toasted marshmallows are served. Blasus iawn. Very tasty.

As ever, other schools from the Neath Port Talbot and Swansea areas were with us for the weekend and the weather was better than expected with just the odd shower but a little chilly at times.

Enjoy the photographic evidence, some of which made it into the 2018 Eisteddfod Power Point presentation put together by Mr. A. Clarkson. Diolch, Syr!



# Disneyland Paris



At 8:15p.m. on Thursday 8th March, a coach pulled out of Penyrheol bound for **DISNEYLAND**, Paris, for the eleventh annual trip! On board were 8 staff and 67 pupils all excited, phones fully charged, bags full of goodies, well prepared for the long journey ahead.

We quickly made our way to the tunnel with a few service stops en route and reached McDonalds in Disney Village by 9a.m. ready for 'le petit déjeuner français'. All pupils made the effort to order in French and showed off their linguistic ability. After leaving our luggage at the Explorers' Hotel the group jumped on the packed shuttle bus and headed for the Disney parks ready for a day full of rides, shopping and enjoyment with friends. After regular check-ins with staff we headed back to unpack and freshen up before the amazing buffet dinner, lots of French food to try and plenty of choice. The evening was then spent 'chilling' or those who were not feeling too tired went in the pool.



Saturday morning, everyone was up early 'bright-eyed and bushy-tailed' after a lovely night's sleep (in a bed!), breakfast was quickly eaten and we set off for day 2 in the parks. The sun shone and pupils were planning which ride to go on first. Armed with money and rain ponchos (just in case!) the staff eagerly followed! Meeting at lunchtime and at 6p.m. it was clear that everyone was having a great time but by 8p.m. some were 'Disneyed-out!'. So a decision was made and most went back to the hotel but a few of us managed to stay alert long enough to see the incredible firework and laser show at 10p.m. before wearily making our way back to the hotel on a packed shuttle bus.

Checking out is the worse part of the weekend but we packed quickly, rooms were checked so deposits could be claimed and we headed to Calais, waving goodbye after another wonderful weekend and shouting à bientôt' as we are already planning next year's trip!

Unfortunately we had a delay at Calais but this did not dampen our spirits and our ferry soon arrived. More eating and shopping was done on board as we sailed back in glorious sunshine.

Pulling in to the school carpark at 10:30p.m. we reflected on how well the weekend had gone but also how proud we were of our pupils who had thoroughly enjoyed their weekend but also made it a great weekend for the staff too.



**If anyone is interested in the Disney trip next year, see Mme. Hyndman for more info and follow us on Twitter @PenyrheolDisney**

# Give & Let Live



As part of our PSE day this term, we were thrilled to help launch the new Welsh organ donation campaign for schools. Our PSE Coordinator, Ms H Steel, contacted the organ donation association in search of resources to share with the pupils at Penyrheol and was delighted to be invited to help launch the new video.

The sessions took place on Tuesday 13th March and were filmed by the BBC and recorded by The Wave radio station.

The pupils were asked to fill in a simple true or false questionnaire about organ donation before finding out the correct answers. Some of the facts included:

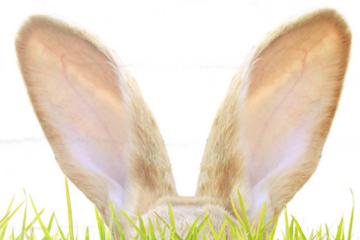
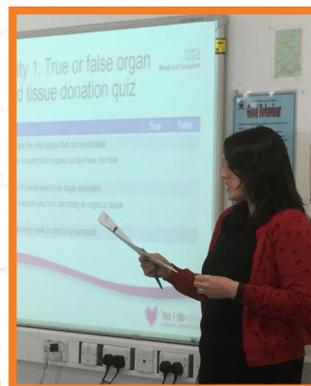
- 1. 3 people die every DAY waiting for organ donations**
- 2. Medical conditions do NOT stop you from donating your organs**
- 3. You can still donate your eyes, even if you wear glasses.**
- 4. Donating your organs can save up to 9 lives!**

The pupils were then introduced to Mr and Mrs Marshall whose son Connor died in a tragic attack in 2015. Connor had already made it clear that he wanted to be an organ donor, so his parents knew they were doing the right thing in approving the donation. Mum, Helen, expressed how proud she was that Connor had made this decision and knows that his organs helped 3 other people to live.

The session was emotional and most pupils, when questioned afterwards, said their opinion on organ donation had changed. The biggest fear of the children watching this particular session was having to discuss this matter with their families, but now felt that it was important to do so. With the new legislation in Wales now in place, organ donation is presumed consent and one has to opt out, if one doesn't want to donate. The class felt this was a brilliant idea and hoped that England and other countries would soon follow.

For more information on Organ donation or the latest campaign please see:

**[www.organdonationwales.org](http://www.organdonationwales.org)**



# Netball This Season



Our Year 7 Netball team have had a very successful season and are currently preparing for the Afan Nedd Tawe County Netball Championships at the end of Term.

### Squad Members:

Olivia Francis, Olivia Hicks, Megan Catroll, Hollie Bainbridge, Phoebe Hall, Abbie Hall, Niamh Kelly-James, Ellie-Jade Latronico, Mia Williams, Shona Maddocks, Hannah Roberts, Ellie Banks, Ffion Williams & Libby Evans



The Year 9 Netball team have played a number of fixtures this season, competing well against other schools in the county.

### Squad Members:

Kelcy Hooper, Nia Davies, Arwenna Griffiths, Naomi Boyes, Lucy Havard, Chloe James, Caitlin Evans, Cerys Thomas, Katie Randall & Faith Thomas

Four members of the squad were selected to represent Penyrheol as Silver Sports Ambassadors, a sports leadership programme run by the 5x60 Sports Development Department.

**The Young Ambassadors include: Naomi Boyes, Arwenna Griffiths, Nia Davies and Chloe James.**

Kelcy Hooper has also provided support to the Young Ambassadors, assisting with the organisation and undertaking of netball practices for the Year 7 team.



The Year 10 Netball team have had a very successful season, reaching the Final of the Afan Nedd Tawe County Netball Championships. They beat Bishopston 17-12, Pontardulais 17-5 and Bishop Gore 15-13 in the pool stages to qualify for the final which will take place after the Easter holidays.

**Squad Members:** Lia Morruzzi-Jones, Caitlin Morgan, Olivia Thomas, Ffion John, Thierry Evans, Sofia Evans, Taylor Derrick, Saraia Walker & Katie Jones

The Year 11 Netball team have competed exceptionally well against other schools in the Swansea League and reached the semi-final stage of the Ann Smart Tournament, where they lost by a narrow margin.

### Squad Members:

Lauren Evans, Lauren Francis, Grace Thomas, Ffion Berrell, Catrin Thomas, Isobel Owens & Melissa Samuels



## International Honours



Lauren Evans and Lauren Francis were both selected for the Welsh U17 Netball Squad.

Both girls have since gone on to represent Wales this season; Lauren Francis represented Wales against Northern Ireland in November 2017 and Lauren Evans represented Wales against Mavericks in February 2018.

# Girls P.E. News

## FOOTBALL

The Y7 and Y8 girls 5-a-side Football teams both enjoyed success this term. Both teams had qualified for this tournament back in October. The Year 8 team finished second overall, losing out in the final to Morryston. In March, a combined Year 7 and Year 8 girls 6 a-side team played in a competition at Morryston Comprehensive. They played 8 games, winning all of them. They scored 21 goals and gave one goal away to finish top of the league system. They will now go into the next stage of the competition and face the best two teams from Neath, Brecon, Swansea and one other.



### The Year 8 Football Team:

Mali Scoberg, Millie Everest, Katlyn Williams, Leah Adams, Jasmine Mclean & Maddi Williams.

### The Year 7 team finished as champions!

They won their first three games 6-1, 4-3 and 4-2, then went on to win the final match 7-2 against Morryston. Olivia Francis stood out for the year 7 team, winning a trophy for player of the tournament!



### The Year 7 Team:

Ashleigh Grove, Olivia Francis, Olivia Hicks, Ellie-Jade Latronico, Grace Hughes & Megan Cattroll.

## CROSS COUNTRY

A number of pupils from Years 7-10 took part in the Afan Nedd Tawe schools Cross Country Championships in February. All pupils competed well in very difficult race conditions, however, the most notable performance of the day came from **Darcie Bass** in Year 10. Darcie finished 2nd in the race and was selected to represent Afan Nedd Tawe in the Welsh Schools Championships in Brecon. Darcie finished 6th in that particular race and has since been selected to represent Wales in the British Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 24th March.



## ACRO GYMNASTICS



The Penyrheol Sports Acro team competed in the Welsh Schools Acro Championships in Cardiff on 12th March 2018. **Rebecca Davies** and **Olivia Street** won the U19 Pair event, with **Aimee Griffiths** and **Lily Thornhill** finishing runners-up in the same event. In the U14 Pair event, **Jessica McNulty** and **Lydia Taylor** also finished in 1st place. All girls will go forward to represent Wales in the British Championships in Stoke at the beginning of May.

**Gymnastic Team Members:** Rebecca Davies, Aimee Griffiths, Georgina Matthews, Olivia Street, Lily Thornhill, Lydia Taylor & Jessica McNulty

## SWIMMING

Chloe Grigg-Williams in Year 10, has been successful in the Regional Swimming Championships, collecting a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke event.

Ffion Johns in Year 8 has been competing most weekends in Club Swimming Galas and has achieved personal best performances in all of her 200m backstroke races. Ffion recently competed in a Regional Gala but unfortunately missed out on getting into the Nationals by only 1 second!

# St. David's Day Eisteddfod



The 2018 Eisteddfod will probably be remembered for the early closure due to forecast snow, the snow that missed Swansea as we were in a “snow shadow”! That said, the show did go on until 11:50 and what a showcase of talent was enjoyed up until that point.

The Eisteddfod started with some reflections on the life of St. David, with an emphasis on the word ‘dathlu’ which means to celebrate. Lauren Francis (Head Girl) and Joshua Bainbridge (Head Boy) presented the assembly-type start.

Mrs. Marian Davis (ex Head of Welsh) was welcomed back as an adjudicator as was Mrs. R. Davies who retired just last summer. Both enjoyed the talents displayed in our on-stage competitions and made reference to the learning and preparation put in by the performers.

The Year 7 competitions all took place before break and with an amended timetable, session 3 was made up of the Year 8 on-stage competitions. Fillers for the morning included some video footage of an Indian man, an American weather forecaster and a Japanese Professor all saying

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch which was pretty impressive. The same village was referred to on a Jonathan Ross show [March 2016] with Luke Evans and Taron Egerton stating the place name.

Winners of the homework competitions, from various curriculum areas in school, have recently been presented with a certificate and a £5

W H Smith Voucher. Da iawn one and all.

Students have recently filled in an Eisteddfod evaluation form stating what went well, what didn't go so well and what could have been done better so that next year's Eisteddfod will be the best yet.

**Diolch to all participants and a huge diolch to staff for their support and encouragement.**

**FULL RESULTS**





# Canlyniadau Eisteddfod 2018 Results



1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

SCIENCE	<b>Millie Lewis</b>	<b>7M</b>	Cameron Crayford	7U	Chloe Howells	7R
	Cari James	8R	Alice Austin	8S	Antonia Constable	8M
	Bo Haynes-Foster	9M	Rhys Delaney	9D	Dylan Caswell	9D
CYMRAEG	Summer Thomas	7E	<b>Millie Lewis</b>	<b>7M</b>	Keiran Cross	7R
	<b>Lowri Rowlands</b>	<b>8E</b>	Katlyn Williams	8E	Rhianna Carmichael	8E
ENGLISH	Abigail Goudge	7R	Hannah Roberts	7U	Charlotte Powell	7R
	<b>Lowri Rowlands</b>	<b>8E</b>	Casey Swistun	8D	Charlotte Benney	8D
PE: Boys	Y7	Dŵr [524m average]	Tân [495m average]		Tir [363m average]	
(12 mins run)	Y8	Dŵr [436m average]	Tir [407m average]		Gwynt [396m average]	
Pe: Girls		Tir [1489m] with 15 girls	Dŵr [1360m with 13 girls]		Gwynt [1299m with 15 girls]	
(15 mins run)		Gwynt [1765m with 13 girls]	Dŵr [1613m with 15 girls]		Tân [1556m with 16 girls]	
RE	<b>Millie Lewis</b>	<b>7M</b>	Hannah Roberts	7U	Hollie Bainbridge	7U
			Alfie Atkinson	7U	Morgan Lecrass	7R
	Mia Evans	8S	Summer James	8R	Rhianna Carmichael	8E
			Laith Hazell	8S	Ethan Bowers	8S
	Rhianna Rees	9E	Dean Thomas	9U	Shania Bissmire	9D
			Luca Rabaiotti	9R	Kyle Harries	9E
MATHS	Alfie Atkinson	7U	James Howard	7D	Sophie Clarke	7M
	Ethan Bowers	8S	Mia Evans	8S	Keira Newport	8R
ICT	Isabelle Paul	7M	Niamh Kelly-James	7E	Jay Jones	7D
HISTORY	Elima Banicau	7S	Summer Thomas	7E	<b>Millie Lewis</b>	<b>7M</b>
	Ffion Johns	8D	Cari James	8R	Ranoosan Ratheeshan	8U
	Lucy Havard	9U	Luca Rabaiotti	9R	Samuel Lovering	9D
MFL	Summer Thomas	7E	Scarlet Davies	7R	Alfie Atkinson	7U
	Joe Bates	8R	Cari James	8R	Olivia Bettney	8U
STF	Codi Roberts	8M	Jack Halloran	9D	Jake Burder	9E
GEOGRAPHY	Charlotte Powell	7R	Morgan Lecrass	7R	Amelia Kent	7E
ART: Photography	Nathan Keeling	7M	Mary O'Connell	7D	Charla Katkay	7U
	Kieran Harris	8D	Joe Bates	8R	Ryan Adams	8R
ART: Love Spoons	Connor Richards	7D	Keira George	7D	Jessica Kelly	7D
	Ryan Jones	8D	Sarah Lavers	8R	Jasmin Llewellyn	8R
ART: Poster	Eden Bevan	7D	Mitchell Jones	7D	James Howard	7D
	Katlyn Williams	8E	Soren Neyland	8R	Hassan Butt	8E

**Overall Homework Winners:** Yr 7: Millie Lewis 7M Yr 8: Lowri Rowlands 8E  
Llongyfarchiadau, ferched! Congratulations, girls!

**Most Promising Musicians:** Yr 7: Alfie Atkinson 7U Yr 8: Ffion Johns 8D

**Winning Houses:** Yr 7: Gwynt Yr 8: Dŵr

# What a Difference a Day Makes!

Our PSE Day this term was packed full of interesting sessions aimed to educate and inspire our pupils in all year groups. The day, which was organised by PSE Co-ordinator Ms. H. Steel, included over 30 sessions delivered by a mixture of school staff and visiting guest speakers. Our PSE days take place every term and are considered of the upmost importance at Penyrheol...when you read the list of subjects being discussed, this is no surprise!

## The sessions included:

**Belt Up - Car safety**

Emergency Life support

A Night to Remember - Fire Safety

*Well-Being*

**ALCOHOL**

**Junk Food Wars**

**Double Trouble - Consequences**

REVISION

*Unity*

**Give and Let Live -  
Organ Donation**

Careers

**Diversity**

**NPS - Drug education**

Work and Pay

Mindfulness

**WELSH ASSEMBLY**

**Vanity Insanity**

ABUSE

*Mental Health*

Sexting

**Think About Drink**

Families

Magistrates

*Risky Pics*

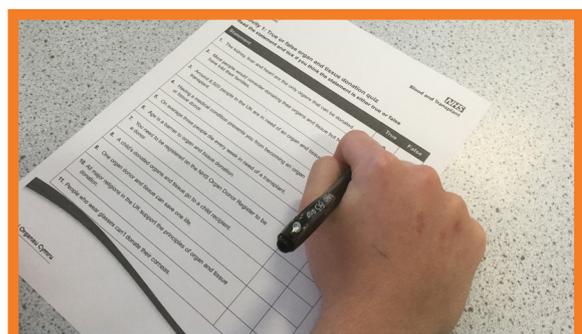
**BACK ME UP**

Sharing Problems

Know Your Body

**Law and Animals**

Relationships



# Shw Mae Day

This was Penyrheol's second 'Shw Mae Day' for our Year 7 pupils.

## The WELSH Language

The day followed a similar format to that of 2016 with six sessions, the last of which was the cross-curricular quiz. Before having some form feedback, here's a taster of what students participated in during the day.

The PE department hosted two inter-form competitions. The first was between MED and the second between RUS. Four forms were able to make and eat fresh, warm Welsh cakes in the Technology Department and four forms played some Welsh games in the Drama Studio with Urdd staff member Nia Eleri Johns. Other sessions included a Welcome to Wales ICT presentation, a Tale from Wales activity, a session considering the work of the National Assembly and a singing session with Mrs. N. Finney in her Music room.

*"I enjoyed the PE session, the Welsh cakes were tasty and I really enjoyed the urdd games."*

*"P.E. was awesome, the Theatre activities were good and the library tasks were a lot of fun."*

*"I really enjoyed the urdd session and learnt a lot of Welsh words, but P.E. was the best."*

*"The Welsh cakes were delicious and fun to cook. PE was great because it made me exercise."*



# ZooLab Visit

On the 17th February, the company 'Zoo Lab' visited Year 10 GCSE Arts and Geography departments. The pupils learned various facts on the rainforest, which forms part of the curriculum in both subjects.

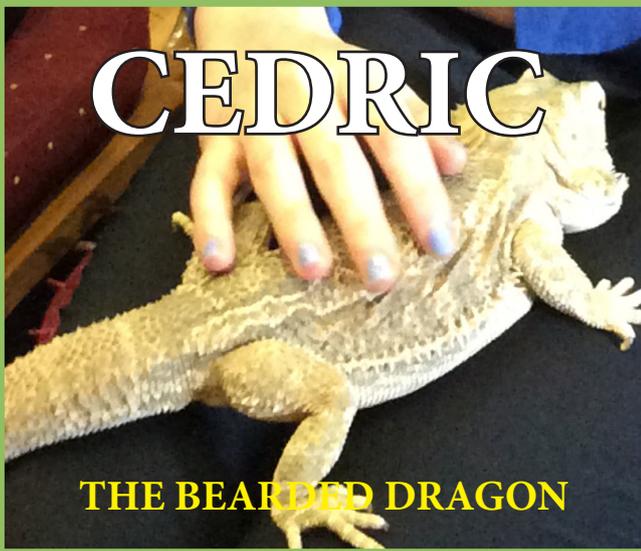
ZooLab deliver educational experiences across all subjects and explain the concepts of science in ways that children can see and touch. Animals are used to amaze, educate and inspire and in the case of Art, the animals will form part of their environment topic and the pupils will sketch them. In Geography, the experience will aid their understanding of the rainforest and the animals that live there.



Meet Rosie...the hairy but not so scary tarantula!

# Meet the Creatures

**CEDRIC**



**THE BEARDED DRAGON**

**WINSTON**



**THE GIANT SNAIL**

**MARMALADE**



**THE CORN SNAKE**

**PUMBA**



**THE MILLIPEDE**

**BEANS**



**THE RAT**

**ROSIE**



**THE TARANTULA**

# Student Voice



Student Voice has been busy this term speaking out and making decisions on behalf of Penyrheol pupils...Here are a few of the issues that are either under discussion or have already been actioned.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM REVIEW

Mr Tootill updated student Voice what had been done so far to meet their requests and explained that there will be feedback provided during assemblies, to explain what changes will be taking place.



## HOMEWORK

Following departmental meetings where staff have highlighted that non-completion of homework is an issue for far too many of our pupils, Mr Benney addressed Student Voice to get their views.

He produced a list of questions which will now be discussed during Year Council meetings. Pastoral Support Officers will ensure that the results of the questions will be fed back to Mr Benney.



## UPDATE ON CHARITY WEEK

Letters of thanks have been received from our chosen charities for the recent donations made by the school. The letters from Macmillan Cancer and Dolen Cymru are displayed on the Student Voice notice board.



# Student Voice

## BIG BUDGET CONVERSATION

Ffion John and Ethan Roberts from Year 10, recently participated in the initial session of the Big Budget Conversation which took place at Bishop Vaughan School, where young people from Swansea schools are invited to give their views on how Swansea City Council spend their annual budget.

They fed back to members of Student Voice on the items discussed.

## REDUCING THE USE OF PLASTIC

Representatives from each year group were asked to submit their ideas for reducing the use of plastic in school, as discussed in their Year Council meetings.

### **The ideas were as follows:**

- Pupils being supplied with or being able to purchase refillable water bottles.
- Arranging a meeting with our canteen manager, to discuss how packaging food in plastic could be reduced.

Mr. Trotman, our Site Manager also gave his input. Pupils are concerned that we are still not recycling plastic bottles efficiently. Mr Trotman reported that pink bags are being contaminated with other waste, and are then not able to be recycled. Mrs Dyche is going to check on the progress of signs for bins being made by our STF pupils.

## SAFER SWANSEA CAMPAIGN

Following a recent 'Pupil Voice' meeting, where pupils had a say on issues they feel should be addressed through Safer Swansea Campaign, Student Voice members were asked if they would like to volunteer for a 'Working Party' to share their ideas with professional designers in order to produce the new safer Swansea Campaign. The names of the volunteers have now been forwarded to Beth Thomas, who is the Participation and Children's Rights Worker for City and County of Swansea.



## STUDENT PLANNERS

Pupils were asked for their views on the current design of their planners.

Their views were passed to Mrs Tanner and Ms. Murphy for approval and re-design in time to order the new planners for next year. The changes include an Attendance record sheet and Achievement/Behaviour points sheet, to enable the pupils to keep an eye on their own progress.





In line with our new Behaviour and Achievement Policy, we recognise pupils  
At the end of each half term, two pupils from each year group are nominated for: 'The Best' Award  
Each of these pupils receive 4 achievement points which

## Top Achievers - Half Term Nominations

### For outstanding practice across the year group:

Y7: Elima Balican & Ella Brown  
Y8: Olivia Llewellyn & Charlotte Moslin  
Y9: Dylan Caswell & Chantelle Thomas  
Y10: Alex Messer & Darcie Bass  
Y11: Callum Everest & Caitlin Grigg-Williams

### Modern Foreign Languages

Y7 - Isobella Badger & Danny Lewis  
Y8 - Millie Everest & Josh Griffiths  
Y9 - Josh Lewis & Harri Houston  
Y10 - Katie Broome & Jack Ford  
Y11 - Iona Beynon & Melissa Samuels

### Business Studies

Y10 - Owen Griffiths & Katie Broome  
Y11 - Ben Harris & Dylan Peel

### Music

Y7 - Kaidy Thomas & Brandon Davies  
Y8 - Ryan Baker & Courtney Phillips  
Y9 - Gareth Williams & Aaron Williams  
Y10 - Laurcie Keogh & Sam Kent  
Y11 - Katie Thomas & Zoe James

### Computer Science

Y10 - Freddy Dimmock & Molly Bates  
Y11 - Jessica Cowen & Oliver Jones

### P.E

Y7 - Ellie Jade Latrinico & Phoebe Hall  
Y8 - Millie Everest & Ffion Johns  
Y9 - Naomi Boyes & Bethan Davies  
Y10 - Chloe Grigg-Williams & Ffion John  
Y11 - Grace Thomas & Mia Cozens

### Design & Technology

Y7 - Millie Lewis & Madison Garforth  
Y8 - Ryall sharp & olivia Bettney  
Y9 - Abbie-Leigh Burder & Brandon Logan  
Y10 - Brandon Green  
Y11 - Nathan Pyart & Carys Edwards

### English

Y7 - Ethan Hext & Danny Lewis  
Y8 - Alexia Lewis & Ratheeshan Ranoosan  
Y9 - Sameer Naseer & Kyle Harries  
Y10 - Shayne Devey & Sarah Feraru  
Y11 - Tristan Kostromin & Mia Cozens

### Religious Education

Y7 - Alfie Atkinson & Ervine Bongat  
Y8 - Laith Hazell & Summer James  
Y9 - Abigail Ashman & Dean Thomas  
Y10 - Harriet Powell & Eleri Thomas  
Y11 - Caitlin Grigg-Williams & Abbie Messer

### History

Y7 - Charlotte Powell & Ryan Davies  
Y8 - Harri John & Madison Todhunter-Jones  
Y9 - Kinga Borycka & Lewis Mason  
Y10 - Emily Thomas & Shane Devey  
Y11 - Callum Everest & Samuel Connors

### Science

Y7 - Morgan Lecrass & Maddi Bonham Clatworthy  
Y8 - Katlyn Williams & Owen Matthews  
Y9 - Kyle Harries & Jessica Francis  
Y10 - Alyssa Patrick & Euan Morris  
Y11 - Thomas Davies & Dylan Peel

### ICT

Y7 - Millie Lewis & Ashleigh Grove  
Y8 - Harry john & Mia Evans  
Y9 - Leon Clarke & Naomi Buckley  
Y10 - Alex Messer & Ella Whitton-Stroud  
Y11 - Matthew Newcombe & Nathan Pyart

### Welsh

Y7 - Alfie Atkinson & Isobella Badger  
Y8 - Bethan Thomas & Joshua Francis  
Y9 - Dean Thomas & Lucy Havard  
Y10 - Freya whitely & Neave Bell  
Y11 - Thomas Haynes & Felicity Smith

### Media Studies

Y10 - Robert Potter & Mary Buckland  
Y11 - Thea Peters-Thomas

### Welsh Baccalaureate

Y10 - Ella Whitton-Stroud & Ethan Davies  
Y11 - Robert Potter & Sandy Saunders

for effort and attitude above and beyond what is expected of them.  
'Best Effort Made in a Subject Area' and 'The Best Attainment in a Subject Area'  
contribute towards prizes throughout the year!



## Top Achievers - Easter Nominations

### For outstanding practice across the year group:

Y7: Libby Evans & Nicholas Luca  
Y8: Rhianna Carmichael & Katie Gibson  
Y9: Dean Thomas & Rhianna Rees  
Y10: Dewi Griffiths & Mollie Austin  
Y11: Thomas Seager & Ffion Brine

### ICT

Y7 - Elima Banicau & Morgan Christopher  
Y8 - Charlotte Benney & Niamh Thomas  
Y9 - Ieuan Humphries & Sameer Naseer  
Y10 - Sophie Meredith & Ben Tench  
Y11 - Zoe James & Melissa Samuels

### Business Studies

Y10 - Milly Hands & Ethan Davies  
Y11 - Jacob Williams & Cian McBrian

### Modern Foreign Languages

Y7 - Elima Balican & Ashleigh Grove  
Y8 - Olivia Bettney & Jane Wanacott  
Y9 - Morgan Davies & Faith Thomas  
Y10 - Shayne Devey & Ffion Ryan  
Y11 - Nia Downing & Zoe James

### Computer Science

Y10 - Dewi Griffiths & Connor Bragg  
Y11 - Jamie Richards & Robert Potter

### PE

Y7 - Abie Hall & Shona Maddocks  
Iowan George & Jayden Brewer  
Y8 - Mia Graham & Mali Scoberg  
Cory Swistun & Kristian Beavers  
Y9 - Olivia Street & Jessica McNulty  
Tristan Thomas & Tom Davies  
Y10 - Saraia Walker & Darcie Bass  
Callum Evans & Jay Roberts  
Y11 - Melissa Samuels & Rebecca Davies  
Ben Harris & Dylan Peel

### Design & Technology

Y7 - Finlay Hopkins & Connor Davies  
Y8 - Keira Gibbs & Leon Beynon  
Y9 - Naomi Boyes & Lily Thornhill  
Y10 - None awarded  
Y11 - Aimee Davies & Zoe James

### Religious Education

Y7 - Morgan LeCrass & Sophie Clark  
Y8 - Kelly Fagg & Lowri Rowlands  
Y9 - Caitlin Jenkins & Naomi Boyes  
Y10 - Sarah Feraru & Isobel John  
Y11 - Felicity Smith & Sukie Selby

### Geography

Y7 - Abigail Goudge & Daniel Leahy  
Y8 - Joe Bates & Emma Morgan  
Y9 - Leon Clarke & Alex Badger  
Y10 - Edan Reid & Ben Tench  
Y11 - Kimberley Randelsome & Iona Beynon

### Science

Y7 - Millie Lewis & Olivia Hicks  
Y8 - Holly Isaac & Max Morton-Lewis  
Y9 - Ryan Matthews & Aaron Williams  
Y10 - Ellie Jones & Alina Klinka  
Y11 - Sam Cousins & Jacob Williams

### History

Y7 - Danny Lewis & Alfie Atkinson  
Y8 - Kelly Fagg & Courtney Phillips  
Y9 - Lucy Rabbiaotti & Amy Evans  
Y10 - Sophie Meredith & Lauryn Healey-Rahilly  
Y11 - Alisha Job & Rhys Jones

**Congratulations!**

# Year 9 Activities

## Author Visit Engages Year 9 Boys

On the 14th and 22nd March, local author David Brayley visited Penyrheol to workshop with a selection of our Year 9 boys. The pupils were given advice and support with their extended writing. The sessions took place in the Library Resource Centre and the results were quite astonishing. The Boys really engaged with David Brayley and listened to the advice and tips being given. They were given the title - 'I hit the floor and....' and they had to continue with the story. The quality of the work showed just how capable the boys were and by the time they sit their English GCSEs they should have the tools to ensure their grades are raised.

David is a freelance sports writer, author and education consultant from Swansea who, uses his interest in and around sport, to deliver school based educational literacy programmes using sport as the central theme. This resonated with the pupils who immediately engaged.

His debut novel, "Champion of Champions" was published in October 2017, and is an inspirational cycling based tale aimed at teenage readers. His daughters Georgia and Olivia were both pupils at Penyrheol Comprehensive School.



## Special Assembly for Holocaust Day



9R held a special assembly for Holocaust Day in January for pupils in Year 9.

Poems were performed and a powerpoint was played using the song 'Fields of Gold' by Eva Cassidy.

Thank you to Naomi Boyes, Leon Clarke, Cara Morgan and Nathan Dicks for their powerful contributions.



# Other Events

## Big Business Bonanza

At the end of last term, Year 10 Business Studies pupils attended the 'Big Business Bonanza' at the High Street campus of the University of Wales, Trinity St David. Pupils were split into groups and participated in several workshops which were led by PGCE Business Studies students and also lecturing staff. Topics included

'International Trade' and 'Build a Bottle for Bear' which required creativity and resourcefulness in addition to other skills.

This workshop helped pupils to think about their presentation skills and was a real confidence booster!

Pupils had to work closely with other Business Studies students from other secondary schools to successfully complete a series of tasks within each workshop. Year 10 enjoyed their day and felt it gave them an insight into University life.

*"It was great to work with people from other schools."*

*"It helped me build confidence with small group presentations."*

## Radio 1 Visit Penyrheol

On Tuesday March 21st, BBC Radio 1 came to visit Year 10, as part of the Radio 1 Academy School Tour.

They hosted a Q and A session with You Tube stars, Saffron Barker and Casey Barker, who between them have 1 million followers on You Tube.

Year 10 pupils asked lots of excellent questions to the vloggers, about how they have made a successful career out of You Tube and completed several seven second challenges with the vloggers. It was an informative session, enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.



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# Basketball Boys are Bouncing!

Seven boys - Bo Haynes-Foster, Tom Davies, Jayden Paoella, Ryan Millar, Alex Dubjaga, Joseph Herbert and Ryan Davies, represented Penyrheol Comprehensive School at the Welsh National Basketball Finals in Cardiff on Saturday 17th March.

(Dylan Davies was also a part of the team that beat other schools in Swansea to reach the final, but he was unfortunately unable to make the game on Saturday).

They have mainly developed their skills through practicing during school lunch breaks and not from any coaching they had received other than from when the 5x60 officer Gavin Lewis came to the school.

Unfortunately the boys had to borrow a basketball kit and play against 2 other Welsh schools that not only had far more players to rotate than we did, but also had their coaches with them to offer guidance and advice on game play.

A 'stand in' coach very kindly gave up his time to help our boys on the day, but unfortunately he had not had the opportunity to meet the majority of the boys previously nor had he seen them play as a team before.

The boys played with absolute passion and determination, narrowly missing out on winning.

Thanks to the parents who gave their time voluntarily to help the team.



# A Fashion Revolution!



## It's been another exciting and busy term of Mrs. O'Sullivan's after school eco fashion clubs!

Following the success of our sustainable fashion designs appearance at Cardiff Fashion Week last November we have been busy making a new spectacular gown made entirely from recycled fabric from our scrap bin for an exciting new event. Pupils have been working on this Cinderella style gown since the beginning of the Spring Term and this is an excellent example of pupils working in cooperation.

The pupils should be very proud and their work which is a testament to the creative and technical talent of the young people at Penyrheol!

Mrs. O'Sullivan will be joined by her talented team of Y7 and Y8 young designers to showcase all club designs at an exciting sustainable fashion show! The show will be at the National Waterfront Museum on Saturday April 28th during the global campaign Fashion Revolution Week.

Parents, friends and staff are welcome to see the designs at the ticketed event, which is also organised by Mrs. O'Sullivan as part of SustFashWales to raise awareness and funds for Fashion Revolution. Other designs shown are from emerging and established designers in addition to university students. See the poster for more details about how to buy tickets or search on the Eventbrite website.

We all hope to see you there!



## **Sustainable Fashion Wales** presents **A Fashion Revolution Show!** Saturday 28th April 2018 – 7-9pm

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y Glannau  
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BLAENGREDD CYMRU

National  
Waterfront  
Museum  
WALES' STORY OF  
INDUSTRY & INNOVATION



Showcasing the best of both established, emerging and young sustainable fashion design within Wales and the UK! Family friendly. Tickets available in advance via Eventbrite £5/7.50 or £10 on the night.

**All profits go to the Fashion Revolution Campaign**



**Eventbrite**

@SustFashWales #SustFashWales @Fash\_Rev #FashRev



...plus our primary school partners:



# Stop Press Sports!

## Rugby at Rosslyn Park

This March, our Year 8 Team were privileged to attend famous Rosslyn Park, the world's largest schools sevens tournament. The team played excellently and were undefeated for the tournament and topped their group. Here are their full results:

Penyrheol 25 - 20 St Joseph's College, Ipswich

Penyrheol 45-10 Sidcot School

Penyrheol 15-5 Waterloo School, Belgium

Penyrheol 10-10 Pitsford School

Penyrheol 35-5 Berkhamstead School

**What a fantastic achievement for our Year 8 team and indeed the school!**



## Hockey is Back!

With a new start to the term hockey has returned to Penyrheol Comprehensive School. Every pupil can play hockey; boy or girl, experienced or inexperienced, Penyrheol prides itself on meeting the needs of all. Every player has access to all facilities and expert guidance.

Our emphasis is not just on winning but rather on player and pupil development whilst giving players the ultimate hockey experience. We would like to encourage and welcome as many pupils possible to the club so that we can develop as a community.

**Please follow us on for regular updates!**

**Twitter - @penyrheolPE**

**Instagram - PenyrheolPE**



# Ex-Pupil Successes!

## Ex-Head Boy, Josh Thomas is selected for an Oxford PhD



**H**uge congratulations to **Josh Thomas** who has recently been selected to study for a PhD in Social Evolutionary Biology and Genetics at Oxford University, starting in October 2018. Josh was carefully selected following an extensive interview process for this prestigious position and in his words is 'over the moon!' Josh is already at Oxford University, studying a BA in Biological Sciences and is a scholar on a First Class Mark. We have no doubt that the potential Dr. Thomas has an amazing academic career ahead of him.

## Winner of the 'Performing Arts Achievement' Award at Penyrheol, Alex James-Hatton makes his acting debut in London's West End!

**A**lex James-Hatton, who also left in 2013, went on to study a BA Honours degree in Musical Theatre at The Arts Educational Schools, London.

We are proud to announce that even before he graduates, Alex has signed with major talent agent Jonathan Arun and makes his professional acting debut in London's 'West End' next month in J. M. Barrie's 'Peter Pan'. This creative production, written to include scenes from the World War trenches, commemorates 100 years since the end of WW1 and is being performed at The Regents Park Open Air Theatre in May/June.



**T**he stars must have been well-aligned for these boys who are not only best of friends, but both share birthdays in the same week and recently turned 21! During their final year at Penyrheol the boys played the parts of Danny Zuko (Alex) and Kenikie (Josh) in our production of Grease. We should have known then that only good things were destined for this talented duo! Both boys were also presented with special awards by the school: Josh - 'Outstanding Service to the School' and Alex 'Performing Arts Achievement Award for the best contribution to Music and Drama.' We couldn't be more proud and will be following the careers of both boys for years to come!

## Abigail Hanford is selected for The Commonwealth Games 2018!

**T**alented gymnast, **Abigail Hanford** left Penyrheol whilst in Year 9 to move to Cardiff in order to fulfil her dream of competing at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. We are proud to announce that Abigail has indeed been selected to represent Team Wales at the games, which take place on the Gold Coast in Australia this summer. At only 15 years of age, Abigail will be representing Wales in the Rhythmic Gymnastics.

The Commonwealth Games is one of the World's biggest sporting events and to represent your country is such a huge achievement. We hope you join us in following the games this summer and wishing Abigail the best of luck - Bring home the Gold Abigail!

