

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 14

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we have had a visit from Estyn, the school inspectorate. They came to Penyrheol on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and left at 4pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. There were eight inspectors in total and they spent the week observing lessons, meeting staff, meeting pupils and meeting with parents/carers and Governors. I would like to thank all parents/carers that completed the Estyn questionnaire and an extra big thank you to the parents/carers that attended the meeting at 5pm on Tuesday. The team really valued your views on our school.

The report will be published on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The report reflects the school and particularly the pupils that attend Penyrheol. Our school belongs to our community and we look forward to being able to share the report with everyone in our community in July.

### Sporting News

The PE department (and the whole school) are really proud of our three football teams that reached Swansea finals this week.

Yesterday our U15 girls enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at Briton Ferry football ground. The girls played extremely well and fought to the bitter end. It came to a 3-3 draw and went onto penalties against Bishopston.

Unfortunately, we did not have the luck today and the win went to Bishopston. A

huge congratulations to the girls though for getting to the final and being the 2<sup>nd</sup> best team in Swansea.



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Huge congratulations to the year 8 and 9 boys football teams.

On Wednesday the year 9 boys were crowned Swansea School Boys Champions after they beat Bryntawe 3-2 in the final. A huge achievement for all the boys involved.

Well done to the year 8s as well. They finished their game 3-3 against Bishopston. The result was decided on penalties where unfortunately we lost out. It was however still an amazing achievement and they will look to go one step further next year.



Congratulations to Sofia in Year 7, who proudly represented Swansea Schools FA against Carmarthenshire Schools FA in the Welsh Schools Football Finals held in Flintshire last weekend. Swansea were crowned champions - a fantastic achievement. Well done, Sofia!

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## Premier League Inspires Challenge

Hundreds of young people from across England and Wales come together to showcase their Premier League Inspires projects designed to help boost mental wellbeing. Everton's Hill Dickinson Stadium was the venue as young people representing more than 50 football club charities recently came together to take part in this year's Premier League Inspire Challenge celebration.

For the last few months, these teams have been working on mental wellbeing social action projects, coming through regional heats to be selected for the celebration event on Merseyside. We are incredibly proud that Penyrheol pupils represented Swansea at this event.

Read all about it here including Awstin's story:

[Premier League Inspires Challenge: 'Helping other people means so much'](#)



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### Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, I was joined by Jayden (Year 7), Nathaniel (Year 8), Sam (Year 9), Rosa (Year 10) and Junior (Year 11).



Rosa was nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**.  
Jayden was nominated for the Core Value of **Thrive**.  
Nathaniel, Sam and Junior were 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 for the last two weeks dropped to 85%. 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.

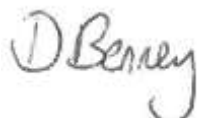
Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	<b>24.5</b>	<b>2</b>
8	<b>24</b>	<b>1.9</b>
9	<b>16</b>	<b>1.8</b>
10	<b>7.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>
11	<b>3.5*</b>	<b>0.2*</b>

\* Year 11 is lower as they have started exams and spend less time in class.

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved nearly 9 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

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

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

### Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	ALN Review Week Casllwchwr Deputy Headteacher Interviews
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Half Term
Half Term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 11 Study Leave Starts
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 10 Cymraeg Mock Oral Exams
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 10 Cymraeg Mock Oral Exams
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Cymraeg Mock Oral Exams Transition Council Meeting (2:00pm -3:00pm) Green Energy Careers Workshop (STEM) event
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	ALN Coffee Morning L1 Canteen Year 10 Cymraeg Mock Oral Exams Green Energy Careers Workshop (STEM) event

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