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PENYRHEOL
Comprehensive SchoolFriday 26th June 2026

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 16

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is fair to say that the last few days have been very surreal. We are used to making decisions about opening or closing when it has been snowing in the winter but this is the first time in our history that we have had to contemplate closing because of the hot weather. I also fully appreciate the support we have had from the community in terms of our messaging and our decision making this week. The most important aspect for us that we wanted to offer emergency childcare on both Wednesday and Thursday for any pupils that needed it. I am glad to say that this offer was taken up on both days and pupils came in to access this safe and cool space.

This Tuesday, just as the weather was getting warmer, we enjoyed a fantastic Health and Wellbeing Day. We have had great feedback from our guest speakers and outside agencies in terms of the enthusiasm and friendliness of our pupils.

Last week Year 7 and 8 had a week of assessments. The results of these will be shared in the end of year reports due in July. I hope all pupils get the results they deserve.

In the appendix of this letter is a poster from Swansea Bay Health Board's Speech and Language Department. Parents/Carers can now refer directly to Speech and Language for advice, guidance and support.

Estyn Inspection Report

We are a few weeks away from the publication date of Estyn's Inspection Report from their visit in May. We look forward to sharing this with the whole community on Wednesday 8th July.

Year 11 Prom

I am writing this on Thursday 25th just before the Year 11 Prom. We are looking forward to a wonderful night with a very special year group. As it coincides with the hottest day in Swansea's history, we are very grateful for air conditioning at the Manor Park (and on the buses on the way down). Photos will be shared in the next fortnightly letter.

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Sporting News

Two weeks ago, we said congratulations to Sienna in Year 7, who was recently crowned Welsh Champion in the 100m and Long Jump events. We can now share a photo of her with her medals. Well done, Sienna.



Sophia (Year 7) was part of the Swansea Schools FA team who beat Warrington Schools FA in the English Schools' FA Champions Plate Competition Final last weekend. Well done Sophia - another fantastic achievement!

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Tackle Project

12 pupils gained a qualification in First aid through the TACKLE project last week. The instructor commented this was one of the best classes he had taught! Very well done all.



Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 19th June, I was joined by Frankie (Year 7), Toby (Year 8), Declan (Year 9) and Joshua (Year 10).

All four pupils 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?

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Standards

We don't have a meaningful attendance figure to share for the last 2 weeks because so many pupils were off school on Wednesday and Thursday due to the heatwave. When 7 and 10 were in on Wednesday, we did say that we would authorise any absences in those year groups if parents/carers decided to keep their children home. This week aside, and going forward, our message remains the same: 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	10	1.5
8	8.5	2.5
9	13.5	2
10	7	1.5

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 5 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded. This dip reflects the fact that very few points have been awarded this week due to the weather and the Health and Wellbeing Day.

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

Yours faithfully,



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Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 29 th June	Year 7 Action Fortnight Year 8 Action Fortnight Transition Year 6 Taster Day Year 8 and 9 Axiom Trip
Tuesday 30 th June	Transition Year 6 Taster Day Year 10 Gower College Taster Day
Wednesday 1 st July	
Thursday 2 nd July	Summer Concert
Friday 3 rd July	Transition ALN Coffee Morning L1 Canteen Transition Cluster Sports Day (Ashleigh Road)
Monday 6 th July	Penyrheol Parliament Meeting (This Week) Year 8 Geography Field Trip Year 10 Work Experience Begins Sports Day Initial Finals (this week)
Tuesday 7 th July	Music Year 10 Mock Performance Exam
Wednesday 8 th July	Core Value Awards Evening in Theatre (5:00pm -6:30pm)
Thursday 9 th July	Year 7 Geography Field Trip PTA Meeting in G4 (3:10pm -4:30pm)
Friday 10 th July	Year 9 Art Optee Trip – Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Singleton Park, Mumbles Pier and Clyne Park





Speech and Language Therapy for School Aged Children

Is your school-aged child, or a child that you support, struggling with their communication?
If so, you can now request help and advice using this QR code.



SCAN ME!



IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS THE DIGITAL FORM, THEN PLEASE CONTACT US ON 01792 517863.

1 PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Understanding and/or use of words and sentences
- How clearly they say words
- Do they stammer, get stuck on or repeat the same sound in words?

2 WHO CAN REQUEST A TELEPHONE APPOINTMENT?

We want to speak to the person who is concerned - this may be the parent/carer, the school, another professional such as Paediatrician or Audiologist, or the young person themselves.

3 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

You complete the digital form via the QR code.
We will contact you to offer you a 20 minute telephone slot with a Speech and Language Therapist.
During the telephone call we will ask you about the following:

- What is your main concern?
- What is the impact of this on the child's everyday life - at home, in school and with their friends?
- What are you and other people such as school, childcare and family, already doing to help?
- How can we help?

MAKE SURE YOU ARE READY FOR THIS TELEPHONE APPOINTMENT BY PREPARING ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS

4 TOGETHER WE WILL DECIDE THE NEXT STEPS, WHICH MAY BE:

- School based support
- Information sessions or training
- Specialist assessment and/or intervention
- Helpful websites and resources
- Advice and strategies to try

