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PENYRHEOL
Comprehensive SchoolFriday 16th October 2026

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we have enjoyed a very well attended Year 7 Progress Evening where parents/carers met with their child's Progress and Wellbeing Coach. My thanks to all parents/carers that attended. On Wednesday of this week, Year 7 enjoyed a fabulous "Shwmae Day" where they undertook 8 mini lessons all linked with Wales, the language and its culture. These included an enterprise activity, singing, cooking and attending sessions in Art and Geography with a Welsh theme.

Last week, some of our young enterprise pupils showed off their transferrable skills in a Romodels Expo event in the library. Our pupils also worked with Year 6 pupils from Penyrheol Primary. The staff from Romodels were blown away by our pupils' digital skills, their entrepreneurship, their creativity and their confidence.

Finally, pob lwc to all pupils involved in the school show Frozen which takes place next week. Rehearsals have been intense and have included last weekend and this weekend. That's great commitment and I know it will result in a show that will be enjoyed by the whole school community.

Sporting News

In Girls Football, we had two fantastic results last week against Olchfa! The U15s produced a brilliant performance, securing an impressive 5–1 victory, with Grace Morgan scoring an outstanding four goals! The U13s were equally impressive, celebrating a superb 4–0 win, with Ava Broome named Player of the Match.

A huge congratulations to both teams on two fantastic victories. The girls represented the school brilliantly and should be incredibly proud of their teamwork, determination and performances. What a brilliant week for girls' football at Penyrheol!

In Boys Football, last week saw a good win for our year 10 boys, beating Cefn Hengoed 7-2. Year 7s were once again involved in a close game away against Bishopston. They put in another great performance but eventually lost 4-3. Our year 9 boys took on Bishopston in round 2 of the Welsh cup. The boys put in a great performance winning the game 3-1 and moving onto round 3.

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Our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 boys' rugby teams have all been in action over the last three weeks, representing the school in a busy run of away fixtures.

Our Year 7s have played their first two fixtures against Morriston and Pontarddulais. Although both games ended in defeat, the boys gained some valuable match experience and can take plenty from their first taste of competitive secondary school rugby. There has been some stand out performances from a lot of players including captain Rhys Bowen and vice-captain Jackson Lorey.

The Year 8 team have also played twice, travelling away to Bishop Gore and Pontarddulais. The boys produced an excellent performance to secure a win against Bishop Gore, before suffering a defeat against Pontarddulais in their second fixture.

Our Year 9s have faced two tough away fixtures against Gowerton and Bishopston. Despite defeats in both matches, the boys represented the school well and will look to build on these experiences as their rugby season continues. Up next is Pontarddulais.

The Year 10 team have had the busiest schedule, with away fixtures against Gowerton, Bishopston and Pontarddulais. Following defeats against Gowerton and Bishopston, the boys responded brilliantly with a well-deserved victory away at Pontarddulais to finish this run of fixtures on a high. It was very difficult to choose player of the match with so many stand out performances! Well done to Harley Davies who played up a year and had an outstanding performance!

Well done to all the pupils who have represented the school so far. It has been great to see so many boys involved in competitive rugby, and we look forward to more fixtures over the coming weeks.

Our netball teams have made a fantastic start to the season!

Two weeks ago, our Year 8 and Year 10 teams took on Pontarddulais. Year 10's played two matches, winning one and narrowly losing the other by just two goals. Despite this, the girls played some excellent Netball. On the same evening, our Year 8 teams secured one win and a draw.

Later that week, our Year 7 teams faced Morriston in two closely contested matches, coming away with one win and one narrow defeat.



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This week, we travelled to Birchgrove, where our Year 10 and Year 11 teams all secured fantastic victories. Well done to everyone involved!

Our Year 11 team goes again on Monday, facing Pontarddulais, while our Year 9's have their first game of the season. Good luck to both teams!

This week, 15 girls from Years 8 and 9 attended the WRU Girls in Rugby Festival. It was a fantastic day of rugby, giving pupils the opportunity to develop their skills, build confidence and gain valuable experience in both touch and contact rugby.

Well done to all the girls involved for their enthusiasm and effort throughout the day!



Sport Outside of School

Congratulations to Alex Griffiths year 10 who has been selected to represent the Swansea city under 17s, and also to year 11 pupil Felix Jenkins who has been selected to join the Ospreys Rugby Academy a year early.

Both huge achievements.

Congratulations and good luck to Olivia Lewis, James Evans (all Year 10) and Jaxon (Year 7) who have all been selected to represent Team Wales in International Combat Organisation World Championship in France this month.



Jaxon also competed in the Welsh Open in Cardiff recently and won his first Grand Champion, winning a Welsh title belt and trophy.

Good luck to all the pupils that are representing Wales in the upcoming tournament.

Congratulations to Jacob (Year 8) who has been selected for the second round of Welsh Schoolboys trials. Jacob is also part of the Swansea City Academy.



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Swansea City Centre and Bowling- STF Trip

Our Year 10 STF pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Swansea Bowl, combining a fun day out with valuable opportunities to develop their independence and life skills.

The trip formed part of our practical life-skills work, with pupils involved in planning and organising the day themselves. Before the trip, they researched bus timetables and planned their journey from Gorseinon Bus Station to Swansea. They also located Swansea Bowl, planned how to get there, researched places to eat and worked out the costs involved.

Pupils had the opportunity to practise real-life skills including using public transport, reading timetables, following directions, managing money, making decisions, communicating with others and working as part of a team. They also had the experience of planning their return journey and considering how to manage their time throughout the day.

Once in Swansea, the pupils enjoyed their bowling session and had a brilliant time together. There was plenty of laughter, friendly competition and encouragement, with pupils supporting each other and celebrating their successes.

The trip was a great opportunity for pupils to put the skills they have been developing in school into practice in a real-life situation. They showed increasing confidence and independence throughout the day and, most importantly, a fun time was had by all!



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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

On Friday 9th October, I was joined by Connie (Year 7), Ianis (Year 8), Morgan (Year 9), Isabel (Year 10) and Finley (Year 11).



Ianis was nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**.

Finley was nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.
Connie and Isabel were nominated for the Core Value of **Thrive**.

Morgan was nominated for the Core Value of **Belong**.

These pupils have embodied our core values. Congratulations to all our winners.

Who will it be next time?

Standards

The whole school figure for attendance over the last two weeks has remained at 89%. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

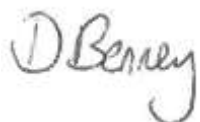
Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last two school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	29	0.6
8	23	2
9	22	3
10	16	1.8
11	10.5	1.2

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over 11 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

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 19 th October	School Production Matinee (12:30pm) School Production (7:00pm)
Tuesday 20 th October	Year 9 Space Workshop School Production (7:00pm)
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 8 Animal Aid Visit (in school- E&P) Year 10 Geography Field Trip (River Nedd) School Production (7:00pm)
Thursday 22 nd October	Careers in Care Event- Year 11 School Production (7:00pm)
Friday 23 rd October	
	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	
Tuesday 3 rd November	Mathematics and Numeracy Unit 1 GCSE exam (am)
Wednesday 4 th November	
Thursday 5 th November	Health and Wellbeing Lesson 1 English Language and Literature Unit 4b GCSE exam (am)
Friday 6 th November	Mathematics and Numeracy Unit 2 GCSE exam (am)



PENYRHEOL
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YOUTH PRODUCTION OF

Disney
FROZEN JR.

OCTOBER 19TH – 22ND
— SHOW STARTS AT 7PM —
PENYRHEOL THEATRE
TICKETS £10 EACH

SCAN FOR TICKETS

Music & Lyrics by
**Kristen Anderson-Lopez
& Robert Lopez**

Book by
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film
written by Jennifer Lee
and directed by Chris Buck
and Jennifer Lee

This amateur production is presented by Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

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Volcano Theatre**17–22 October**

SEE THE CLIMATE THROUGH MY EYES

Explore a interactive art installation about climate change, created by learners from special schools and alternative provision settings.

Made from recycled materials, this accessible exhibit invites visitors of all ages to engage, reflect and explore at their own pace.

LEARNERS FROM**Ysgol Penyrheol STF****Ysgol Calon Lân****Interactive
art
installation**

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