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PENYRHEOL
Comprehensive School

Friday 20th November 2026

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 5

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another busy few weeks at Penyrheol. Our Year 11 Business Studies pupils attended a trip to the Swansea.com stadium. The pupils enjoyed the experience and their behaviour was immaculate. Our Year 11 Music pupils have been undertaking their controlled assessments. This is a crucial time for Year 11 as they have English Orals next week followed by their mock exams in December. This week we hosted an Engineering Careers Bites session in our Library as part of our 'Penyrheol Futures' initiative. This was well attended and the pupils asked some great questions about the world of work around engineering. Last Friday we had a non-uniform day for children in need and we raised hundreds of pounds for charity.

Yesterday evening we had our fabulous PTA Christmas Fayre. This is a true community event and we had outside stallholders attending as well as ones run by pupils and staff. Our WBQ pupils stole the show and their wares sold out across the board. Pupils undertake this as part of their WBG Entrepreneur Unit. It is safe to say they smashed it! Thank you to all parents/carers that attended.

Sporting News

Huge congratulations to year 9 boys football team who have made it through to the national rounds of the Welsh cup after Christmas after beating Y Dderwen 3-2 on Tuesday. A huge team effort and a massive achievement.

A huge well done to all of our netball teams who took to the court this week, demonstrating impeccable attitude and sportsmanship throughout. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and determination from everyone involved.
There were some brilliant performances and results across the age groups.
U16's had an excellent match against Gowerton, securing a convincing 17–4 victory. A fantastic team performance from start to finish! Congratulations to Ava, who was deservedly named Player of the Match.
Year 9 faced a tough challenge against a Morriston Year 10 team but rose to the occasion brilliantly. Showing great determination, teamwork and resilience, the girls secured an impressive 9–6 win. Well done to Seren, who took home Player of the Match.
Year 8 were also involved in a thrilling and closely contested match against Morriston. It was a fantastic battle right down to the final whistle, with the girls narrowly missing out on

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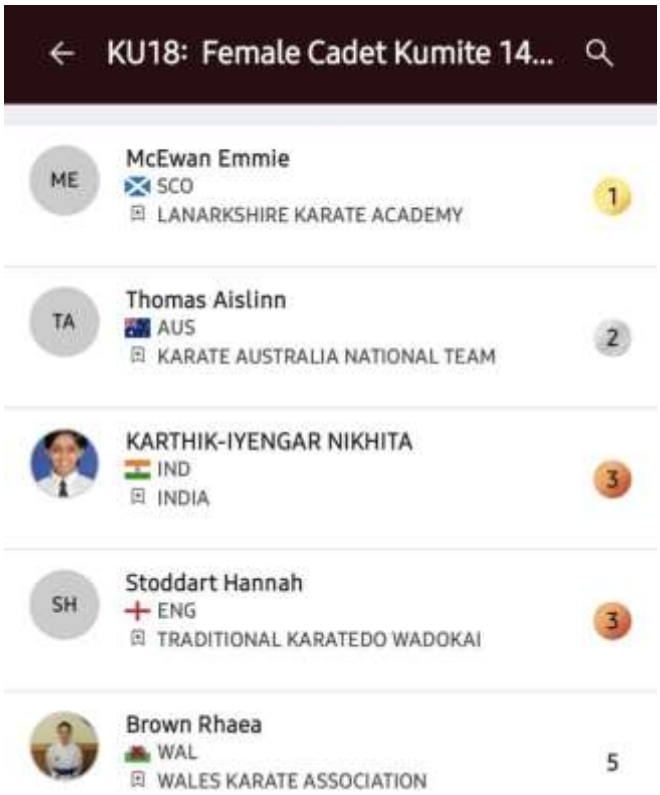
an 8–7 result. Despite the close defeat, the team showed brilliant spirit and determination throughout. Congratulations to Olivia, our Player of the Match.
A fantastic week of netball all round! Keep up the hard work, girls!

We are delighted to be working in partnership with the WRU Schools Engagement Officer and students from Gower College's Rugby Academy to help introduce, develop and promote girls' rugby within our school.
The WRU are visiting us every Thursday until Christmas, delivering engaging and exciting sessions as part of our PE lessons. We are now into our second week of delivery, and it has been fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved, embracing the opportunity and participating with such enthusiasm and positivity.
A huge well done to everyone who has taken part so far! This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to develop new skills, build confidence and experience the enjoyment of playing rugby in a supportive environment. We hope these sessions will help spark an interest in the sport and encourage more girls to get involved.
We are also excited to announce that a girls' rugby club will be starting after Christmas, run by the WRU, giving pupils the opportunity to continue developing their skills and enjoy playing rugby beyond their PE lessons.
Further details about the club will be shared in due course.

Sport Outside of School



Congratulations to Rhaeanna Brown on her amazing performance in the recent Commonwealth Karate Federation Club Championship. Rhaeanna came fifth place which is an incredible achievement in an U18 global competition.

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Remembrance Sunday

The school is very proud of Shawn (Year 7) for representing his cadet unit during the recent Remembrance Sunday event in Swansea. Shawn exemplifies our core value of Respect both inside and outside of school.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday13th November, I was joined by Morgan (Year 7), Lucian (Year 8), Charlie (Year 9), Isla (Year 10) and Caitlin (Year 11).

Isla and Caitlin were nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire.**
Charlie and Lucian 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 dropped to 86%. 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	**26**	**0.9**
8	**21.1**	**2.6**
9	**22.5**	**3**
10	**16.8**	**2.6**
11	**8**	**0.9**

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over 9 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 23rd November	Year 9 Progress Evening Year 11 English Paired Poetry Discussion (this week)
Tuesday 24th November	Year 7 STEM Careers Event in Science Year 11 Drama Unit 1 NEA (L1-4) Career Bites 1.30pm-2pm (library)
Wednesday 25th November	Year 7 STEM Careers Event in Science
Thursday 26th November	Career Bites 1.30pm-2pm (library) Year 10 Interim Reports Issued
Friday 27th November	NSET Day
Monday 30th November	Year 8 Action Fortnight Second WJEC Sustainability in Action Course Work Day- KS4 STF Swansea City FC Inspires Event (all day) Year 10 English Individual Presentations (this week)
Tuesday 1st December	Core Cymraeg NEA 1 Orals Year 11
Wednesday 2nd December	Core Cymraeg NEA 1 Orals Year 11
Thursday 3rd December	Core Cymraeg NEA 1 Orals Year 11
Friday 4th December	Core Cymraeg NEA 1 Orals Year 11 ALN Coffee Morning

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