



PTA CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

An invitation to the next PTA event – the ever popular **CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT** – is attached to this newsletter. The PTA is funding equipment for the Media Studies department, football posts and equipment for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. This level of support is always very welcome and school is very grateful for the work of the PTA Committee. I do hope that you will be able to come to the Curry and Quiz Night so make sure you fill in the reply slip and return to school as soon as possible and by 1st March at the latest as numbers are limited.

THE WELSH BACC AND THE WINE BAR GAME

Approximately 140 Year 12 students played the Wine Bar Game with the help of Careers Wales West during the 5th and 6th January. Students were given help from the Careers Wales West experts on how to run their own businesses. All students had to work in teams and make the most profit for their own Wine Bar. Students were regularly given problems to negotiate and had to work together for the best outcome. The students will be awarded certificates for their Key Skills practice in Working with Others and Problem Solving.

All students had a great time and this is the fourth year Penglais has been lucky enough to participate in this activity. It also counts towards the Enterprise element of the Welsh Bacc as well as providing excellent Key Skills opportunities. Well done Year 12.

PENGLAIS SCHOOL NEW WEBSITE

Penglais School has a new website. It can be found on www.penglaisschool.org.uk. This is an interactive website which is still being developed. Later this year a new section is due to be added allowing students and staff, in a secure area, to exchange information including setting and marking work .

The website has a public face, including a scroller with up to the minute news, where appropriate. This should prove useful in providing information about meetings and in case of inclement weather. We will use the scroller to provide information to parents and students.

The website also has a school face in which items available only to Penglais School staff, parents, governors and students will be visible. To access this service you have to register on the site.

SCHOOL NURSE TEXTING SERVICE

A school nurse texting service is to be introduced in Penglais School. All pupils will be issued with an information card giving the mobile phone number. This will enable them to text the school nurse with any questions or concerns they have. A reply will then be sent to the pupil and contact arranged if necessary.

www.penglaisschool.org.uk

Penglais Certificate Evening



Lillian Ball Prizewinners



Sports Colours Awards



Music Colours Awards

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

MATHEMATICS

When you are admiring the school's new website www.penglaischool.org.uk, please have a look at the web links in the Maths Department. I have carefully chosen a number of sites which I believe will help every pupil in the school. It includes an excellent site for practising basic numeracy which is great fun. It also has revision sites for SATs, GCSE and A level Maths and a beautiful look at the Geometry of the Incas.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Football – Congratulations to the U18 and U14 Penglais football teams who were crowned as Dyfed Champions. They are now in the last sixteen of the Welsh Cup. On 17th January the U18s will play Llandrindod Wells and on 19th January the U14s will play John Beddoes school from Presteigne. We expect both games to be very difficult fixtures. They will be played at home on the Penglais top pitch and kick off is at 2.00 p.m. Good luck to both teams.

Congratulations are also due to the Girls U14 football team for winning the North Ceredigion Football tournament. Well done girls.

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to Cambrian Tyres for donating two football kits to the school.

Rugby – Congratulations to Josh Jones, Year 10, who has represented the U15 Ceredigion Rugby team.

Swimming - Alex Thorogood, 10KT came first in the Ceredigion County swimming championship winning the overall points competition for 14 year old girls. Her sister Elinor, 9SE, won a silver and a bronze medal at the same championships.

Cross Country - Both Elinor and Alex Thorogood also ran in the 2005 West Wales Cross Country championships. Elinor finished a very impressive third with Alex in 9th position. Both girls have now been selected to represent West Wales at the Welsh Inter-Regional Cross Country championships in December.

Skiing- On Thursday 19th January the annual Penglais Ski course will depart for Les Deux Alpes in France. We are taking 47 children and everyone concerned is looking forward to it. The ski snowboard course for 2007 is already organised and we will be travelling to Alpe D'Huez, one of the premier resorts in France. We have received a tremendous deal from the tour operator and if you would like more information then call and see Mr. O. Jones in the PE department. The closing date for this course is 14th February.

Canoeing – In October Gareth and Fiona Farrow were among the 16 junior members of the Wales Canoe Slalom Team that flew to Klagenfurt in Austria to take part in the International Canoe Kayak Slalom Competition, the Alpe-Adrai-Cup. The weather was cold and the white water flowing over the falls at 33 tonnes per second. Fiona was competing in the Junior class against girls up to 18 year olds. She came a creditable 4th. 13 year old Gareth was entered into the Cadet category which is for Under 14s and won his event by 11 hundredths of a second! Congratulations to both of them.

SCIENCE

On Wednesday 11th January pupils from Years 10, 11 and the Sixth Form attended a lecture at UWA 'Nature's Chemistry Set'. The 'Top of the Bench' trophy was also presented to the school's winning team.

Cylchlythyr

On Thursday 19th January 30 members of the Years 7 and 8 Science Clubs will be attending a demonstration lecture on science and energy at UWA, Aberystwyth.

Pupils from Years 9 and 11 have been given order forms to buy revision guides for the SATs and GCSE exams. Forms and payment should be returned to science teachers before 20th January.

WELSH

Theatr Arad Goch will be giving two free performances on 24th January in order to promote new Welsh novels for teenagers: all pupils in set 1 in Years 7, 8 and 9 will attend.

Year 7 second language pupils are invited to apply for a place on the Llangrannog Welsh course from 1st – 3rd February. Details of the cost etc. will be given in a letter which pupils will collect from the Welsh department.

JAPAN EXCHANGE

Six Penglais pupils will visit Otemae School Osaka, Japan for ten days in July (provisional dates Monday 3rd – Friday 14th July). This is part of an on-going cultural exchange between our two schools.

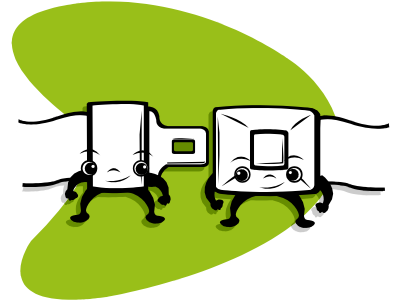
See: mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/Penglais-otemae for details of previous exchanges. There are two places left for Year 11-13 pupils. Anyone interested should see Miss Edwards in C10.

PENGLAIS HEALTH & SAFETY

SAFETY BELTS NOTICE TO PUPILS

This is a reminder to all pupils that you must wear safety belts on coaches.

It could
save your
life !



L.S.C.



Pupils at Penglais Learning Support Centre were very busy with the making of Christmas Cards in the LSC. before Christmas.

The cards were sold amongst staff in the school and proceeds shared between the “Sudan” appeal and L.S.C. Seen in the picture busy at work are Sophie and Chris.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 18th January	Open Evening for new Year 7 entry 6.00 – 8.30 p.m.
Wed 25th January	Year 11 Parents' Evening 3.30 p.m.
Wed 1st February	Year 7 Parents' Evening 3.30 p.m.
Friday 3rd February	IN SERVICE TRAINING DAY FOR TEACHERS. School closed to pupils
Wed 8th February	Year 9 Options Information Evening for parents (there will be separate meetings for pupils taking the vocational courses and parents will be contacted by letter about these)
Wed 15th February	Year 12 Parents' Evening at 3.30 p.m.
Monday 20th Feb – Friday 24th Feb	HALF TERM
Wed 1st March	Year 9 Parents' Evening at 3.30 p.m.
Friday 3rd March	PTA Curry and Quiz Night 7.30 p.m.
Wed 8th March	Year 10 Parents' Evening at 3.30 p.m.
Friday 10th March	IN SERVICE TRAINING DAY FOR TEACHERS. School closed to pupils.

Yours faithfully,

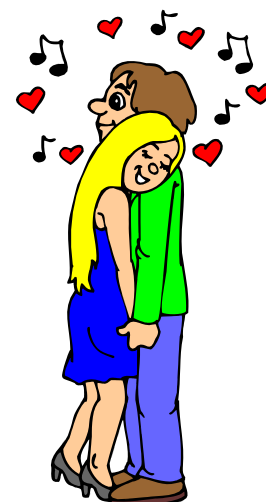
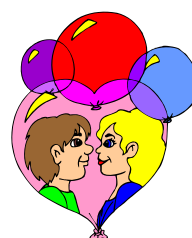
H. J. Davey
Headteacher



Valentine



Disco



Tuesday 14th February 7.30 - 10.00

PTA QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

Join us for a brilliant night out!

Questions To Tax Your Brain

Delicious Curry

Licensed Bar

All for only £7.00 per person

School Hall — 7.30pm



**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS SLIP TO RECEPTION BY
WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH AT THE LATEST
INDICATING HOW MANY VEGETARIAN MEALS (IF ANY) YOUR PARTY WILL REQUIRE**

**PLEASE RESERVE _____ PLACES FOR THE PTA QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT
(INCLUDING ___ VEGETARIAN MEALS)**

ON FRIDAY 3rd MARCH @ £7.00 PER PERSON

I ENCLOSE CASH OR A CHEQUE PAYABLE TO

PENGLAIS SCHOOL PTA

NAME: _____