



PTA COFFEE MORNING



The Parent Teacher Association is organising a coffee morning for parents of the new intake in September. The event will be held on Saturday 6th September in the Small Hall between 10am and 12 noon and all new parents are warmly welcomed. The PTA would be delighted to receive offers to help from new parents in its fund raising and social events. The first committee meeting will be held at The Orangery on Wednesday 10th September at 7.30pm and new parents willing to join the committee are invited to the first meeting of the year.



BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Aberystwyth Town and University Neighbourhood Policing Team are organising a Blue Light Disco for school pupils aged between 11 and 16 years of age. The event is designed to build relationships between the local police and young people and to provide pupils with a fun and memorable evening. The disco will be held on Saturday 19th July 2008 from 7.00 to 10.00pm, at the Students' Union, UWA Campus, Aberystwyth. There will also be the opportunity to win raffle prizes including a mountain bike and DVD player. Tickets cost £2 and will be on sale at lunchtimes in the school foyer from Thursday 10th July.

NEW HPV VACCINE – BEATING CERVICAL CANCER



The Welsh Assembly Government has announced: A NEW HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) Vaccine is being offered to all 12 and 13 year old girls in Year 8, starting in September 2008.

There is now a vaccine to protect against cervical cancer and it is being offered to your daughter when she starts her second year at secondary school. You may have heard about it on the radio or seen advertisements on the TV or in the newspapers. By having this vaccination your daughter will be protected against the commonest cause of cervical cancer for many years to come.

The vaccination programme will be aimed at girls aged 12-13 (Year 8) and will begin in September 2008.

There will also be a catch up campaign for older girls re-starting in Autumn 2009 and running for two years. Girls aged 16-18 (Years 12 and 13) will be offered the vaccination in 2009-10. Girls aged 15-17 (Years 11-12) will be offered the vaccination in 2010-2011.

If you require further information, please contact the School Doctors: Dr. Upadhyay or Dr. Skeete on 01970 635726 or the School Nurse, Helen Stretch on 01970 621157 or 07980277360.

There will be an information evening for parents on Thursday 4th September at 6.30pm in the Main Hall.

S C I E N C E

- All our year 7 classes have been out on fieldwork trips in Parc Penglais this term, conducting botanical surveys to investigate how a succession of different plants gradually colonises disturbed land and looking at how some plants are adapted to living in dry stony environments.
- Mr. Ward's year 8 class have also been on a fieldtrip to Castle Rocks to study the animals found living in rock pools.
- The CSI forensics workshop will be back by popular demand next November – another chance to work with an ex forensics police officer to look at evidence and piece together clues to solve a crime. Look out for more details on this in September....

FAIR TRADE



Penglais School Fair Trade group have won an Impetus Award from the Institute of Global Ethics for the way in which their campaigns on behalf of producers in developing countries have promoted human rights.

The award is for their information campaign about Fair Trade footballs during Fair Trade Fortnight.

The group wrote and presented assemblies highlighting the poor conditions of workers (including children) in football factories in Pakistan and explained how Fair Trade cooperatives improve pay and conditions for the factory workers so that they can afford basic human rights such as access to health care and education.

The group worked hard to research and prepare for the assemblies and presented them with real confidence and flair. Congratulations to the pupils involved – Amelia and Martha Martin, Fred Harper, Freya Pryce and Alma Piotrowicz. The awards ceremony will be held in the National Botanical Gardens on July 15th.

More details of the group's work can be found on the school website in the Pupils' Documents section.

ACTIVITIES WEEK – 14TH – 18TH JULY 2008

There are a number of trips away from school during this week: Japan; Iceland, Aegean Sea; Battlefields; Parc Asterix; Oakwood and Llain. As a consequence, we will be suspending the timetable for the last week of the term and providing a range of opportunities for the students. A full programme will be available soon and students will be encouraged to sign up. There will be a series of activities for those who do not opt into the programme and attendance at school is expected as if it were a normal week.

Activities planned will include: Build your own Robot; Learn to Dive; Kayaking; Ground Force Penglais; Fair Trade; Make a Movie; Football / Rugby / Dance; Surfing at Borth; Horse Riding at the Rheidol Centre; Sailing; Mountain Biking at Nant yr Arian and Bird Watching.



END OF TERM

Term finishes on Friday 18th July and we shall close at 1.45pm. The buses will have left school site by 2.00pm.

The new term resumes for pupils on Wednesday 3rd September.

I would take this opportunity to thank all staff, pupils and parents for their hard work and support of the school this year and to wish you all a happy and restful summer break.

Yours faithfully, **H.J. DAVEY**
Headteacher