

NEW HEADSHIP



Congratulations to Mr. Brown on his appointment to the post of Headteacher on 1st September 2013. He was originally appointed to the school as Head of Physics in January 2002, becoming Head of Sixth Form in 2005 and Deputy Headteacher in 2008. I am confident that the school will go from strength to strength under his leadership and I wish him all the very best in taking on, what I consider to be, the most fulfilling job I have ever undertaken.

H.J. DAVEY

PENGLAIS PUPILS WIN MEDALS AT THE NATIONAL URDD SWIMMING GALA

Penglais pupils had a very successful day at the National Pool in Cardiff when they represented Ceredigion in the National Urdd Swimming Gala. Many pupils swam their personal best times whilst all pupils were successful in the timed trials.

We are very proud of the Urdd swimming team who represented school and the County in 2012/2013. The team was organised, motivated, trained, committed and showed excellent sportsmanship. A huge thank you to all the parents involved for their continued support. The pupils who won medals include:- Lowri Donnelly, Lisa James, Rachel Donnison, Zoe Walker (Freestyle & Medley relay). Declan Revell, Lewis Drakeley, Cameron Thomas, Sion Davies (Medley relay). Isaac Williamson-Evans, Cai Elgood, Max Glasser, Rob Wallace (Medley & Freestyle relay). Lowri Donnelly won a medal for individual medley.

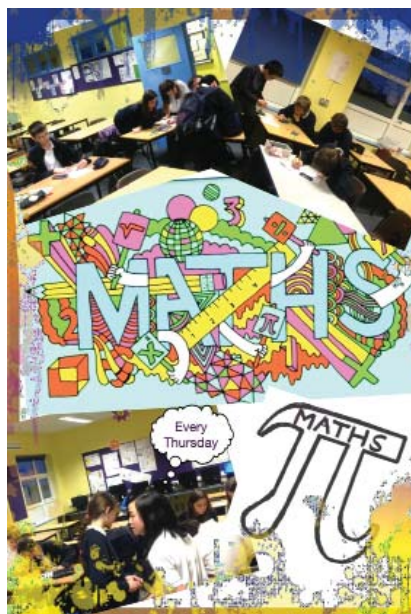


MANDARIN CLUB

A photo of the Mandarin Club, with Miss Hou Duoia, who comes to Penglais once a week as a British Council sponsored assistant.



The Maths Club meets every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 in B10. Miss K Williams and Miss L Fowler arrange lots of fun activities with plenty of games and puzzles. Often students have to be thrown out because it is time to lock up!!!



RETIREMENT

Mrs. S. Wildig will be retiring as our Food Technology Technician this half term. She has worked at the school since 1993 and we not only thank her for her hard work and service to the school but also wish her the very best in her retirement.

PUPILS' SUCCESS RECOGNISED AT PENGLAIS SCHOOL AWARD CEREMONY

The Annual prize and certificates' evening (Penglais School) was held at the Great Hall at the end of last term. The guest speaker was Mr Haydn Davey and Mr Jack Evershed, Chair of Governors presented prizes, awards, colours, A Level and GCSE Certificates to pupils. There was a presentation of the prestigious Royal Historical Society Frampton Prize to Angharad Gilbey who scored the highest A Level History marks in the U.K. This was a remarkable and outstanding achievement. Prof. Martin Alexander presented the award. Angharad is continuing her studies in Girton College, Cambridge reading Anglo Saxon, Norse and Celtic.



GCSE Prizewinners.



A Level Prizewinners.



Music Awards.



Sports Awards.



Angharad Gilbey



Year Awards.

Science and Energy

Thirteen pupils from 7G attended a guest lecture hosted by Aberystwyth University on Thursday 24 January. The lecture, given by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) was entitled 'Science and Energy'. Three of our pupils (Laura Davies, Lee Davies and Natasha Kemp) participated in demonstrations illustrating how energy can be changed from one form to another. Laura Davies investigated how extreme differences in temperatures, including using -200°C liquid nitrogen, could be turned into

DALEK DAISY VISITS PENGLAIS

Dalek Daisy visited Penglais School on Open Evening and proved to be a big hit with Year 6 pupils and their parents. Daisy was built by Tomos Fearn and his father and makes guest appearances for Tomos' chosen charity 'Diabetes UK'.



electrical energy. Lee Davies, using coils and magnets, took part in showing how work energy can be changed into electrical energy also learning how wind-up torches operate. Natasha Kemp used light and fluorescent tubes to turn electrical energy into work energy. 7G pupils, all keen and budding scientists, thoroughly enjoyed the event which was as entertaining as it was educational and wish to thank the RSC and Aberystwyth University for showing how Science can be fun!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Addition to the school uniform list:-

Following requests from pupils, we are adding a gillet (with the school logo embroidered onto the front of the gillet) to the school uniform list. This optional item joins the school fleece and can be worn over the school sweatshirt and polo shirt in cold weather. The gillet should not be worn instead of the school sweatshirt and polo shirt. The gillet is showerproof, has a hood which can be rolled into the collar, a mobile phone

pocket, two additional pockets and is fleeced lined. The price of the gillet is : Age 11-12 £14.95, small – medium £17.95 and large £18.95.

A few pupils are arriving to school in incorrect school uniform. **Pupils should wear black shoes/trainers – with no coloured bands or logos. Black trousers of a traditional style should be worn – leggings/jeans/jean style trousers, are not part of our uniform. Parents are asked to ensure that their child leaves home wearing correct uniform.** Further clarification on uniform can be viewed on the school website or contact Mrs Rudge (KS3) or Mrs Adamson (KS4).

L.S.C. trip to Cardiff

A small group of pupils from years 10, 11 and 12 enjoyed an overnight stay in Cardiff at the end of last term. The itinerary included a guided tour of the Millennium Stadium, a bus tour of the city, a boat trip, bowling and a visit to the Dr. Who exhibition. Preparation for the trip and follow up work in school will all count towards an O.C.N. certificate for all pupils who took part.



Modern Foreign Languages Department

This has been a busy time for MFL! We had a busy and enjoyable time at the Open Evening with our French/ Spanish café and a variety of activities and language games in French, Spanish and Mandarin. Many thanks to all our helpers on the night - from Year 10, Naomi Thorogood, Catrin Davies, Sarah Cooke, Sam Malvern, Tom Newbold, Camille Kirkwood, Atma Black and Eszter Pinter and from the Y9 Mandarin class Robin Harris, Lorna Harper and Megan Evans. Thanks also to Mrs Hague for letting us loose in her room! GCSE classes are now busy finishing off Controlled Assessments and in KS3 there have been puppet show presentations and some superb speaking assessments from Y9! We are trying to showcase as much of our KS3 work as possible on the Course- specific pages of our blog (<http://penglaimfl.blogspot.co.uk>), where you can also find links to useful websites, podcasts and games to help you learn.

Last December, Y11 pupil Tesni Clare represented Penglais in the national final of the BBVA Ruta Quetzal Competition with 19 other students from across the UK , selected on the basis of their knowledge of Spanish, their interest for sport and their involvement in the community. She spent a day at the Instituto Cervantes in London with the other finalists, completing a range of different tasks. ¡Enhorabuena, Tesni!

Penglais School has been awarded Confucius Classroom status! Confucius Classrooms are based in schools across Wales and serve the children of the school and of surrounding schools with opportunities to develop competencies in Mandarin and Chinese Culture. There are currently only 11 Confucius Classrooms across Wales. This will be an enormous boost to the teaching of Mandarin in school, where we currently have an option group in Y9 and new for 2013-14 a GCSE Mandarin



option. We also have a busy Mandarin club on Wednesday/Thursday lunchtime in E1 and German club on Tuesdays.



Before Christmas, the Year 9 European Studies class celebrated the successful completion of their module exploring different aspects of France by making pain au chocolat et chocolat chaud. They all enjoyed this experience, and would like to thank Ms Watkins and Mrs Wildig for their support in the lesson. Thanks also to Ms Pritchard for all her hard work!

Ysgol **Penglais** School

PTA Quiz & Curry Night



Friday 15th March at
Penglais School, Small Hall.

Join us for a brilliant night out!
Questions to tax your brain.

*Delicious Curry
provided by the Shilam*



Licensed Bar

All for only £8.50 per person. 7.30 p.m.

*Please complete and return this slip to reception by Tuesday 12th March at the latest.
Please indicate how many vegetarian meals (if any) your party will require*

Tickets are limited to 120, so don't delay.



Please Reserve Places for the PTA Quiz and Curry Night.

(Including Vegetarian Meals).

Friday 15th March 2013 @ £8.50 per person.

I enclose cash or a cheque payable to Penglais School for

£..... for people.

Name. Date...../...../.....

Very Generously sponsored by the Shilam Restaurant, all proceeds to PTA school funds.

Please return to Penglais Reception by Tuesday 12th March.