



FERN FEDERATION

SUMMER TERM 2 - 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we have shared together. Our Federation community has demonstrated resilience, creativity, and unwavering support for our pupils.

This year our pupils have achieved remarkable milestones across all year groups. From mastering multiplication tables to exploring Children's Rights to mastering the djembe drums, their enthusiasm for learning has been truly inspiring. Our dedicated staff have nurtured their curiosity, ensuring that every child reaches their full potential.

Our sports field has witnessed countless victories, not only in terms of goals and tries scored but also in the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship which was one of our core values this year.

Our Federation's commitment to community service has flourished. From food drives to environmental clean-up initiatives, our pupils have actively contributed to making our local community a better place. Their empathy and kindness are truly heart-warming.

I must also mention that your unwavering support has been our greatest strength. Whether attending parent-teacher meetings, or volunteering for school events, your involvement has made a significant impact on our pupils' growth.

To our Year 6 pupils goodbye and good luck you will be missed, however we know that we have given you the strong foundations in which to thrive in the next step of your journey. To our returning pupils I assure you that exciting opportunities await you in the coming year and we look forward to seeing you all on your return on [Tuesday 3rd September 2024](#)

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. Together, we have created a nurturing environment where every child feels valued, respected, and inspired. Wishing you a restful summer break filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones. Mrs Haggett

STAFF GOODBYE'S & WELCOME'S



It is with great sadness that I inform you that we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff at the end of this term, however we will also be saying hello to some returning staff!

Miss Lewis our TLR leader and Year 2 and 3 teacher will be leaving us to take up a new post in Blaengwawr Primary school as the seconded Deputy Head. We are incredibly proud of Miss Lewis and know that she is going to thrive in her new position. Blaengwawr are very lucky to have her, but don't worry you will still see her around the Federation. **Miss Osbourne** will be taking up the Year 2 and 3 post in September.

Miss Salmon one of our nursery practitioners in Craig Yr Hesg will be embarking on a new adventure by taking up a HLTA post in the new Ysgol Afon Wen 3-16 school in Rhydfelin. Miss Salmon has been an integral part of our team, and we wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

Miss Griffiths who has been teaching in our SEBD since Autumn Term who will be leaving us for pastures new. Miss Griffiths will be missed by everyone, and we wish her all the very best for the future. **Miss S Lane** will be starting with us in our Nurture class in September and **Mrs Rosser** will take up the position of SEBD teacher.

Mrs Mezey will be returning after her maternity leave and will alongside Mrs Smith be running our P1/2 unit, we want to thank Miss Osbourne for all her hard work this year and we are delighted she is staying with us.

Miss Rogers will be leaving us at the end of the half term to take up a post in Trehopcyn. We want to thank Miss Rogers for her service, and we look forward to Miss Dyer's return in September.

Miss Lewis

Miss Osbourne

Miss Salmon

Miss Griffiths

Miss Lane

Mrs Mezey

Miss Rogers





YEAR 6 LEAVERS



It only feels like just yesterday that most of you were walking through our nursery doors, and now here you are, ready to leave our Federation and step into the next phase of your learning journey. You've shown resilience, determination, and a positive attitude throughout your time in the Federation, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.

Remember that mistakes are part of growth, and you've learned from each one. As you move on to high school, be brave, be bold, and most importantly, be yourselves—because you are all brilliant! You've been part of [Cefn](#), [Craig Yr Hesp](#) and the [Fern Federation](#), and that foundation will serve you well. Now, go out there and shine and take on the world! We wish you all the luck in the world.



WHAT'S GOING ON OVER SUMMER?

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES THIS SUMMER!

FUNDED BY RCT MULTIPLY

HOSTED BY THE IGNITE PROJECT AT DARE VALLEY COMMUNITY WOODLANDS, DARE VALLEY COUNTRY PARK, ABERDARE, CF44 7PT

TUESDAY 30TH JULY 11:00AM-2:00PM
HEDGEHOG HOUSE CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST 11:00AM-2:00PM
BIRD BOX CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 11:00AM-2:00PM
BIRD FEEDER CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

LIMITED TO 1 SESSION PER FAMILY TO BOOK VISIT [HTTPS://IGNITEUP.CO.UK/EVENTS/](https://igniteup.co.uk/events/)

FREE BIRD BOX MAKING WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! RCT MULTIPLY AND CAMBRIAN VILLAGE TRUST HAVE TEAMED UP THIS SUMMER TO PROVIDE...

MONDAY 12TH AUGUST 10:00AM-12:00PM

MONDAY 12TH AUGUST 1:00PM-3:00PM

WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST 10:00AM-12:00PM

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Venue - Cambrian Village Trust, Clydach Vale, Tonypanddy, CF40 2xx

PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST BE A PARENT/CARER TO ATTEND AND THERE IS A MAXIMUM RATIO OF 1 ADULT 1 CHILD (SUITABLE FOR AGES 4 PLUS). THE SESSION IS ALSO AIMED AT PARENTS WITH LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN MATHS/NUMERACY. SPACES ARE LIMITED SO WHEN BOOKING YOUR SLOT, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE MEETING THIS CRITERIA.

TO BOOK ONE OF THE SESSIONS PLEASE EMAIL LYNDESEY.R.WILLIAMS@RCTCBC.GOV.UK

FAMILY pizza making

19th and 21st of August 10am-12pm

At Cambrian Village Trust, Cambrian Industrial Park, Clydach Vale, CF40 2XX

Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer Only 1 session per family. The session is also aimed at parents/carers with little confidence in maths/numeracy. Spaces are limited so When booking your slot, priority will be given to those meeting this criteria. sessions must be pre booked by emailing lyndsey.r.williams@rctcbc.gov.uk

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST TEAM EXTREME SHOW

CLWB PRESENTS

Time: 2pm - 7pm

Adult Entry £4.50

Child Entry £3.50

What have we got for you?

- 3 x Ramp
- 4 Professional Stunt People
- Match BMX, inline skis, scooter and skateboard stunt shows
- Equipment provided for you - the public, to take part in stunt practice!
- Please note it is 8+ only for the public coaching / involvement

Cwb Crown, Penny Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1BA

SUPERHEROS AT THE CASTLE

August Bank Holiday Weekend 24th, 25th & 26th

ALL TICKETS ONLY £12!

OPEN 10AM UNTIL 4PM

Fairytales By Firelight

Join RCT Multiply and Cambrian Village Trust for stories and craft around the campfire this Summer! Recommended for ages 3-7 years old

Wednesday 28th August 10:00am-12:00pm or 1:30pm-3:30pm

Cambrian Lakeside, Clydach Vale, Tonypanddy, CF40 2XX

Children must be accompanied by a Parent/carer Only 1 session per family. The session is also aimed at Parents/carers with little confidence in maths/numeracy. Spaces are limited so When booking your slot, priority will be given to those meeting this criteria. sessions must be pre booked by emailing lyndsey.r.williams@rctcbc.gov.uk

BUILDING STORIES

COME AND HELP US CREATE OUR NEW LIBRARY STORY!

Willmott Dixon have partnered with local storyteller George Summers to deliver STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) workshops for local children to help create a storybook of our 'Half Mile Redevelopment project and Pontypridd's magical River Taff.

We'd like to invite you to join us in our creative writing, arts and crafts, building and storytelling workshops. Our story and illustrations will later be transformed into a hardback storybook which will be housed in the new library for all to view and enjoy.

Our workshops are available to toddlers up to 8 years, and are free to access. All are welcome, no need to pre-book, simply turn up! Children must be supervised by parent/guardians at all times.

If you have any questions, please get in touch: 01443 486850

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Workshops funded by WILLMOTT DIXON SINCE 1832

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ALLEZ LES ROUGES

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CYMRU - ENGLAND 05.08.2023 | CG/NO 5:30PM

CYMRU - SOUTH AFRICA 19.08.2023 | CG/NO 3:15PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

KIDS EAT FOR FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 24

ASDA Cafe

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required. The offer has been extended until the end of 2024.

Asda also provides FREE Ella's baby food pouches for children under 18 months old with any purchase.

Beefeater

Two children get free breakfast with one paying adult!

Bella Italia

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid between 4-6pm Monday to Thursday.

Brewers Fayre

Up to two Kids (under 16) eat free, unlimited breakfast with any purchase of an adult's breakfast. More Information can be found [here](#).

Future Inns

At Future Inns, under 5's always eat for free with any adult meal. More information can be found [here](#).

IKEA

Kids can enjoy Kids Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50 every day from 11am. More information can be found [here](#).

Morrisons

Kids eat free all day, every day in Morrisons cafes nationwide, daily with every adult meal over £4.49. This offer includes half terms.

Pausa Cafes at Dunelm

During School Holidays, for every £4 spent by an adult in the cafe, kids can enjoy one free mini main, two yummy snacks and a drink - across all menu items. The offer is running all day every day, at Pausa Cafes at Dunelm.

Sainsburys Cafe

Sainsbury's Cafes offer one child hot meal or lunch bag for £1 with any adult main meal purchased over £5.20. This offer is on every day from 11:30am. Kid's mains include one main, 3 sides a drink and a piece of fruit.

Sizzling Pubs

Between 3pm - 7pm (Monday to Friday), kids eat for £1 with the purchase of every 1 adult main meal in Sizzling Pubs in England, Scotland and Wales.

Table Table

Two children under 16 years old can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult! More information can be found [here](#).

TGI Fridays

Kids Eat Free all day every day When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal. If you're not a rewards member, just book your table and then simply download the app before your visit.

Whitbread Inns

Purchase one great value £9.50 breakfast at any Whitbread Inns pub or restaurant and two kids under 16 eat breakfast for FREE. More information can be found [here](#).

Source - [Places Kids Eat Free in School Holidays & Half Terms 2024](#)
(moneysavingcentral.co.uk)



THE FEDERATION IN A YEAR!



Take a look at all the amazing things that went on in the Fern Federation this year, oh what fun we had!!!!!!



Together We Will Prosper!

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us to organise and supported the Federation sports days and Fetes. These days take a lot of work and organisation and without everyone pulling together these days do not happen.

If you would like to volunteer for any school /Federation events or have any ideas of what we could do to fundraise, then please see your child's class teacher or message them on dojo to let them know or message using the feedback link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/mus45JUcvJ>

For your information all monies raised go towards Federation events, resources, and experiences.



FRIENDS OF THE FERN FEDERATION

THE FERN FEDERATION
TOGETHER WE WILL PROSPER

This year a new team of volunteers at Craig Yr Hesg has formed to raise money to put straight back into the school to benefit the children. We joined with Cefn school to form a joint Friends of the Fern Fed team- You might have seen us selling lollies on a Friday or arranging and running stalls in the summer fete, giving a few hours of time to raise money for all the children. We have LOADS of ideas to make next years fundraising super fun and profitable but we need more helpers.

COME JOIN US
If you have any time to spare please let school know in September, and as always, thank you for your support in making these events a success.

ATTENDANCE

As a Federation we are committed to helping ensure that all our children are in school nearly all the time. Our target each term across the school continues to be >95%. Attendance is from September – 28/6/24.

| CRAIG YR HESG | | CEFN | |
|---------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Mrs Evans | 83.03% | Miss Smith | 83.35% |
| Miss Wookey | 85.4% | Miss Osbourne | 89.32% |
| Miss Rogers | 91.2% | Miss Lewis | 86.65% |
| Mrs Davies | 91.2% | Mrs Rosser | 96.24% |
| Miss Najian | 91.8% | Miss Brown | 87.34% |
| Miss Andrews | 91.7% | Mrs Reynolds | 91.10% |
| | | Miss Griffiths | 87.94% |

These figures are based on Federation expectations.

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| | 95% and above | (excellent) |
| | Between 90%- 94% | (good) |
| | Between 85-89% | (below average) |
| | Below 85% | (unsatisfactory) |

Next Year's Targets:

Craig Yr Hesg Primary School - **Punctuality**
Cefn primary School- **Persistent absenteeism**

Just a reminder holidays will continue to not be authorised by the Federation as agreed by the Fern Federation Governing body during the Autumn Term.

STAFFING STRUCTURE 24-25

Fern Federation Staffing roles and responsibilities 2024-2025

| Exec. Head Teacher-Mrs Haggett- Leadership | | Head of School Cefn -Mrs Byers- Curriculum | | Head of School CYH- Mrs Smith-Thomas-Teaching & Learning | | Federation ALNCo- Miss Lewis | |
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| TLR- Miss Dyer-ITE | | | | SLT- Miss Brown- ITE | | | |
| CEFN PRIMARY | | | | | | | |
| Cefn Class | Nursery Reception/Year 1 | Nurture | Year 2 & Year 3 | Year 4 &Year 5 | Year 5 &Year 6 | SEBD | |
| Cefn Class Teacher | Mrs Mezey Mrs Smith | Miss Lane | Miss Osbourne | Mrs Brown | Mrs Reynolds | Mrs Rosser | |
| Teaching Assistants | Mrs Newbury Mrs Williams | Mrs Hill Miss Lewis | Miss Rees | Miss Whiting | Miss Varaga | Mrs Lynch Miss Jones | |
| CRAIG YR HESG PRIMARY | | | | | | | |
| CYH Class | Nursery/ Reception | Year 1 & Year 2 | Year 2 & Year 3 | Year 4 & Year 5 | Year 5 & Year 6 | | |
| CYH Class Teacher | Miss Wookey Mrs Evans | Miss Dyer | Mrs Davies | Zoe Najian | Miss Andrews | | |
| Teaching Assistants | Miss Jones | Miss Jones | Mrs Shine-Roberts | Miss Hughes | | | |
| FEDERATION STAFF | | | | | | | |
| Cefn Clerk | Mrs Morris | CYH Clerk | Mrs Davies | ALNCO | Miss Lewis | Caretaker | Mr Davies |
| Cefn cook | Mrs Morris | Cefn Cook | Mrs Paul | CYH Cook | Mrs Griffiths | CYH cook | Mrs Talbot |
| Mr Bradbury | | | Mrs Jones | | | Mrs Talbot | |

MEET THE STAFF

As the schools embark on their journey towards amalgamation, we think it's important for you to get to know the staff across the Federation. Last half term you met Mrs Byers Head of School of Cefn and Mrs Smith-Thomas Head of School of Craig Yr Hesg. This half term you will be learning all about Miss Andrews Year 5/6 teacher in Craig Yr Hesg and Mrs Reynolds Year 5/6 teacher in Cefn.



MISS ANDREWS

Why did you want to become a teacher?

I always dreamed of being a teacher from such a young age, I loved working with children, watching them grow and develop a range of new skills to use in life.

How long have you worked in the federation?

I have worked in the Fern Federation for 5 years.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy going for walks with my friends and family and also going out for meals together.

What are your favourite foods?

My favourite meal would have to be sausage and mash! But my children also know I love any meal with beans!

What is your favourite band/ song?

Mrs Haggett is not happy about this choice but it's the Spice Girls.

What are you most looking forward to in the new school?

I am most looking forward to being on one site all together with the staff and children. We can't wait to have a brand-new school and as a Federation we get to enjoy it together!



MRS REYNOLDS

Why did you want to become a teacher?

My mother who worked in a school, set an excellent example for me. I love helping children learn new skills and knowledge, reach their potential, and have the lightbulb moments.

How long have you worked in the federation?

I have worked in the Fern Federation for 5 years.

What are your hobbies?

I used to play netball; I cannot wait to get back into it when my youngsters gets a little older.

What are your favourite foods?

My favourite food is a steak dinner and freshly baked cookies!

What is your favourite band/ song?

Whitney Houston- I wanna dance with somebody

What are you most looking forward to in the new school?

For us to all finally be under one roof to work as a team! We work so closely together that by finally being together I really think we will thrive and really show what we can do!

NEW SCHOOL

On Monday 8th July and Tuesday 9th July parents, guardians and members of the community had the opportunity to attend either school to see and discuss the new plans for the school with members of RCT, Wilmott and Dixon and Welsh Government officials. Unfortunately, the turn out in both schools were poor. 2 parents/guardians attended on day 1 and 6 parents/guardians on day 2. We ask that if you are able to attend these sessions to please do so, your thoughts, opinions, views, and questions really do make a difference! After the summer holidays we will be holding a coffee morning in both schools for you to come along and take a look at the full plans.

Take a look at the plans as part of the consultation here: <https://glyncochschoolplanningconsultation.com>



GOVERNORS

Dear Parents, carers, and guardians,

As we bid farewell to the 2024/25 school year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you.

Our children have continued to learn, grow, and shine over the academic year. Their resilience and enthusiasm have been inspiring. We've celebrated achievements, both big and small, and witnessed the unwavering dedication of our teachers and staff.

As we look ahead to the summer break, let's embrace the joy of sunny days, family time, and relaxation. Our commitment to providing a nurturing environment for your children remains unwavering, and we eagerly anticipate the next chapter in their educational journey, on that note good luck to our Year 6's who will be leaving us for pastures new, remember the Federation will always be here for you.

Thank you for being part of our Federation family. Your support, encouragement, and involvement make a huge difference.

On behalf of the Governing Body, we wish you all a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you on your return on **Tuesday 3rd September!**

Warm regards,

Councillor Doug Williams.

