



FERN FEDERATION

SPRING TERM 2 - 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and spirits. As we enter the summer term, I wanted to update you on what your child will be learning about in the upcoming Summer 1 term, our AOLE will be 'Humanities' with the focus of 'Diversity & Governance'.

All staff have been working hard to develop exciting and engaging lessons that will challenge your children and promote their personal growth and development. We are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment where your child can thrive.

We have a variety of activities planned for the summer term including trips, guest speakers and a whole host of special events. Our aim is to provide your child with a well-rounded education that not only focuses on academics but also on the development of their social and emotional skills.

We believe that a strong partnership between parents and the School/Federation is essential for the success of our pupils. We welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can continue to improve the learning experience at our school, as a result we have created this link so you can share any comments, views, feedback or positive news that you may want to share with us

<https://forms.office.com/e/mus45JUcvj>

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We are committed to providing them with a positive and enriching learning experience for the forthcoming summer term.

Have a fantastic Easter holiday and see you on your return on **Monday 8th April 2024.**

World Book Day Thanks

Thank you to everyone who attended our World Book Day in both schools. The afternoon was well attended, and it was so nice to see so many of you there.

Staff loved reading to the pupils and parents some of their favourite books and visitors got to enjoy some refreshments whilst picking out some books to buy and read at home.

Across the Federation we managed to raise over £400 so thank you everyone



Attendance

As a School 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 for whole of Spring up until 15.03.24:

CRAIG YR HESG		CFEN	
Mrs Evans	81.24%	Miss Smith	81.03%
Miss Rogers	84.82%	Miss Osbourne	89.34%
Miss Dyer	86.12%	Miss Lewis	84.20%
Miss Davies	90.93%	Mrs Lane	93%
Miss Najian	90.39%	Miss Brown	87.28%
Miss Andrews	89.38%	Mrs Reynolds	92.18%
		Miss Griffiths	88.57%

These figures are based on Federation expectations

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

We will be focussing on punctuality this term.

Just a reminder holidays will not be authorised by the school as agreed by the Fern Federation Governing body in Autumn Term.

SUMMER 1 TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATES	Activity	What do I need to do?
Monday 8 th April CYH	Drumming Performances Parents invited.	Miss Wookey's Class 1:10-1:40 Miss Dyers Class 1:50-2:20 Mrs Davies Class 2:30-3:00
Tuesday 9 th April Cefn	Drumming Performances Parents invited.	Miss Osbourne/Miss Lane 1:00-1:30 Miss Lewis Class 1:30-2:00
Friday 12 th April	Parc Play trip for Humanities launch	Miss Osbourne, Miss Wookey, Miss Dyer, Miss Lane classes £10 contribution per child
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Scholastic Book Fair	Invites will be sent out
Wednesday 2 nd May 2024	Polling day Craig Yr Hesg	School will remain open
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last day of term	Half term holiday. Children will return Monday 3 rd June 2024

WHAT'S GOING ON OVER EASTER?

WALES SMALL BUSINESS MARKETS AND EVENTS PRESENTS

PONTYS BIG EASTER WEEKEND

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 11AM - 4PM

EASTER EGG HUNT WITH A PRIZE FOR EVERY CHILD!

FUN FAIR
GLITTER TATTOOS AND FACE PAINT
OVER 40 CRAFT STALLS
STREET FOOD VENDORS
AND MORE

FREE ENTRY!

Pontypridd RFC, Sardis Road Stadium, Sardis Road, CF37 1HA
events@smallbusinessmarkets.co.uk
[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/wales-small-business-markets-and-events/), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/wales-small-business-markets-and-events/)

EASTER SKILLS CAMP

JUNIOR RUGBY CAMP FOR SCHOOL YEAR 6, 7 & 8 / 9 & 10

USW SPORT PARK

USW SPORT PARK • INDOOR HALL

TUES 26 MARCH '24

YEAR 6, 7 & YEAR 8 **11AM - 12:30PM**
 YEAR 9 & YEAR 10 **1:30PM - 3:00PM**

THIS SESSION WILL BE COACHED BY THE CURRENT PSRU COACHES, USW BSC RUGBY COACHING AND PERFORMANCE COACHES AND PONTYPRIDD RFC SENIOR PLAYERS

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING
 *Water bottles / Bags with rubber-soled shoes
 *NO metal studs allowed

COST: £15 PER CHILD

Please register with pontypriddinitiative@gmail.com

Heritage Park

**£25 PER CHILD
£5 PER ADULT**

BUILD A BEAR EASTER

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024 PARTY

12PM - 3PM AT HERITAGE PARK HOTEL

BUILD A BEAR SESSION WITH AN 8" BEAR TO MAKE AND TAKE HOME WITH YOU!

FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO ENJOY INCLUDING AN EASTER EGG HUNT

VISIT OFF THE EASTER BUNNY WITH A GIFT FOR EACH CHILD

BALLOON MODELLING
DISCO & ACTION DANCING TO JOIN IN WITH PLUS TEAS & COFFEES WITH A SELECTION OF OUR FRESHLY MADE CAKES FOR ALL TO ENJOY

CALL: 01443 687057 FOR TICKET INFORMATION

EASTER FUN AND GAMES

COMPETITIONS
TREASURE HUNT
CRAFTS
GAMES
PRIZES

Wednesday 27th March
From 2pm
at Rhydyfelin Methodist Church
Children must be accompanied by an adult

BLUEBIRD EXPERIENCES

SOCCER SCHOOLS

Train like a Bluebird during the school holidays with Cardiff City Community Foundation!

For more information
Visit bluebird-experiences.co.uk

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO
Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon - Fri in Half Terms 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES
Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free When Stripes Rewards Members purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA
Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELLODE & PREMIER INN
Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS
Every Monday to Friday, 5 - 7pm. Kids mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEFEATER & BREWERS FAYNE
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

COCONUT TREE
One child (10 & Under) eats free per paying adult. Valid from 23/03/2024 - 14/04/2024

MORRISONS
Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

WHITBREAD INNS
Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

BILLS
Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 25th March - Friday 12th April 2024, with one adult main dish.

WOLFE'S GARDEN CENTRES
At Dobbles, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGBY HOUSE
Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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FEDERATION RUGBY?

Our amazing Year 5 and 6 pupils attended Sardis Road to play in the Super 10's RCT Rugby Tournament sponsored by High Motive.

The pupils behaved impeccably and played amazingly - which is even more astonishing considering that this was the very first time that they had all played together as a whole Federation Team.

The pupils did so well that they managed to get to the finals of the bowl where they narrowly missed out in the final to Ffynon Taf. We are so proud of them! They represented us all so well and looked fantastic in our new kits!!!!



GOODBYE & WELCOME BACK

On behalf of the Fern Federation, we would like to thank Miss Rogers who has done an amazing job in Craig Yr Hesg teaching the reception class while Miss Wookey was on her Welsh language sabbatical in Cardiff University. Whilst we are sad to see her leave, we are delighted to be welcoming back Miss Wookey who has immersed herself in the Welsh language and culture.

We are also delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Smith-Thomas Head of School of Craig Yr Hesg who will be returning fulltime after Easter from her role as a CSC DCF adviser.

GOOD
BYE



Miss Rogers



Miss Wookey



Mrs Smith-Thomas

WELCOME
BACK

EASTER

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Easter parade and produced such wonderful eggs and bonnets, they were spectacular!

As a Federation we have bought every child an Easter Egg to let them know how special they are to us and to wish them a happy Easter.



LUNCH MONEY

The Universal Primary Free School Meal scheme will roll out after Easter for all pupils in Year 5 and 6 and some eligible nursery pupils. Please note any outstanding dinner payment will still need to be paid so that your child's account shows a zero balance.

If you are unsure if your child is eligible for a free school meal, please contact Mrs Davies 01443 486830 or Mrs Morris 01443 400815.

GOVERNOR MESSAGE

On behalf of the Fern Federation governing body, I would like to wish you all a happy Easter break. This half term governors met with the Local Authority and Welsh government to discuss the new plans for the school. As a result, we have provided our feedback and hopefully next term we will have more information to share with you. Have a nice break and we will see you on your return on 8.4.24