FERN FEDERATION

SUMMER TERM 2 – 2025-2026

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As I reflect on my time within the Federation, I do so with immense pride and gratitude. It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated staff, supportive families, and, most importantly, the wonderful children of Craig Yr Hesg and Cefn who bring life and purpose to our schools each day. Together, we have built something very special, a community grounded in care, ambition, and a shared commitment to ensuring every child flourishes.

What has always made our schools so strong is the collective spirit that sits at the heart of everything we do. This is not something that changes with new roles or leadership adjustments; rather, it is something that continues to be nurtured, strengthened, and celebrated by all who are part of it. I have every confidence that this spirit will continue to shine brightly in the months and years ahead. Transitions also provide a valuable opportunity to recognise just how far we have come. The foundations are secure, the direction is clear, and there is a strong sense of momentum that will carry the Federation forward. New perspectives often bring fresh ideas, renewed energy, and exciting opportunities, all of which will build upon the already high standards you have come to expect. For your children, it will remain very much "business as usual" in the ways that matter most, high-quality teaching, nurturing support, clear routines, and a safe, happy environment in which they can learn and grow. The familiar faces they trust are still here, and the values that underpin everything we do remain unchanged. As I prepare for my next chapter, I do so with complete confidence in the future of the Federation and deep appreciation for the role you, as families, play within it. Your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership are invaluable and make a genuine difference to the success and happiness of the children. Thank you for your continued trust, Change may bring moments of uncertainty, but it also brings opportunity, and I am certain that the very best is yet to come. **Don't forget pupils return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.**

Mrs Haggett

STAFF GOODBYES

Mrs Smith-Thomas, Head of School at Craig Yr Hesg, has dedicated over 12 years to the Federation and has made a significant contribution to its improvement journey. She has been instrumental in driving key initiatives including Kagan structures, the effective integration of ICT across the curriculum, the implementation of the Digital Competence Framework (DCF), and providing valuable support to pupils through the Reading Coach programme.

Mrs Smith-Thomas gained her NPQH and we are delighted that she will now be moving on to take up the post of Headteacher at Miskin Primary School RCT, we are so proud of her!

Miss Katie Hughes has been a valued member of the Federation for the past 16 years, contributing across a wide range of roles. Throughout this time, Katie has worked as a class-based teaching assistant, an intervention worker, and has led a small nurture-based classroom, supporting pupils with care and dedication. In addition to this, Katie has shown great commitment beyond the classroom, giving generously of personal time to support the Federation's football teams. Alongside professional responsibilities, Katie supported by the Federation successfully gaining a degree in Professional Practice from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David whilst continuing to work full time, we wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Evans has been a valued member of the Federation for the past 16 years, providing exceptional leadership of the Nursery class at Craig Yr Hesg throughout this time. She has supported countless children and families with warmth, care, and dedication, becoming a trusted and nurturing presence within the school community. Mrs Evans has truly been both a guiding influence for staff and a source of reassurance for parents over the years. As she now looks ahead to a well-deserved retirement and more time spent tending to her beautiful garden, we extend our heartfelt thanks and wish the very best for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Mrs Jones, a fluent Welsh speaker, has worked within the Federation for the past five years and has supported pupils across a wide range of roles. During this time, Mrs Jones has worked as a teaching assistant in Nursery, Reception, and across Years 1 to 6, demonstrating flexibility, commitment, and a strong dedication to our school community. Mrs Jones will not only be leaving the Federation but is also preparing to welcome a beautiful baby girl. We wish Mrs Jones and the family every happiness and success for the future.

STAFFING STRUCTURES FOR SEPTEMBER
Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch

Interim Headteacher Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch				
Emma Byers				
Senior Leadership Team Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch				
Chloe Andrews	Rhysian Brown	Elizabeth Lewis	Elyssa Lewis	Carys Reynolds

CRAIG YR HESG			**CEFN**		
Class Structure	Class Teacher	TA	Class Structure	Class Teacher	TA
Nursery	Miss French	Miss Jones2	Nursery & Reception	Mrs Meazey	Miss Williams
Reception	Mrs Smith Miss Wookey	Miss Leach			
Year 1 & 2	Miss Osborne	Miss Chantalle Marsh	Nurture	Miss Reardon	Miss Lewis Miss Hill
Year 2 & 3	Mrs Davies	Mrs Shine-Roberts	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Reynolds	Miss Rees
Year 4 & 5	Miss Najian	Miss Anna	Year 3 & 4	Miss Brown	Miss Whiting
Year 5 & 6	Miss Andrews		Year 5 & 6	Miss Lewis	Miss Varga
			SEBD	Mrs Rosser	Miss Lewis Miss Lynch
School Office	Mrs Rebecca Davies		School Office	Mrs Elizabeth Morris	

Caretaker Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch
Mr Anthony Davies
Family Engagement Officer
Amy Young

ATTENDANCE SUMMER 2

As a School we are committed to helping ensure that all our pupils are in school nearly all the time. Our target each term across the school continues to be >95%. Attendance shown is from September until 10th July 2026.

CRAIG YR HESG		CEFN	
Mrs Evans	77.5%	Mrs Meazey	88.32%
Mrs Smith Miss Wookey	87.60%		
Miss Osborne	89.43%	Miss Reardon	93.61%
Mrs Davies	89.69%	Miss Reynolds	88.81%
Miss Najian	89%	Miss Brown	86.72%
Miss Andrews	91.5%	Miss Lewis	88.02%
		Mrs Rosser	91.12%

These figures are based on Federation expectations.

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

During 26-27 Attendance will be a key focus in our Improvement Plan. We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a Family Engagement Officer Amy Young who will support us with this Target.

TESCO FREE FRUIT

During Summer 2, we were fortunate once again to receive Tesco funding, enabling us to provide a free healthy snack for every child each day, should they wish to take part.

Pupils were offered a selection of fruit and were encouraged to make positive, healthy choices, supporting our ongoing commitment to becoming fully health-focused schools. It has been wonderful to see so many children embracing this initiative and developing healthy habits together.

TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Year 6 Thorpe Park

Our Year 6 pupils showed great determination in fundraising towards their chosen end-of-year treat a trip to Thorpe Park on Thursday 11th June. Pupils and staff enjoyed a full and exciting day, setting off bright and early at 7:00am and returning at 7:30pm. It was a fantastic experience, with everyone making the most of the rides and attractions on offer. A huge thank you goes to all who contributed and supported this special opportunity the generosity of the community made it possible.

Nursery – Year 5 Noah's Ark Trip

Our Nursery pupils, along with their family members and pupils up to Year 5, enjoyed a wonderful trip to Noah's Ark on Monday 22nd June. Everyone set off at 8:30am, full of excitement and eager to see the animals. The day was a great success, with the children thoroughly enjoying the experience and making lasting memories. Pupils from both schools represented the Federation exceptionally well, demonstrating impeccable behaviour throughout and truly showcasing what makes our community so special.

Violins

Once again, our pupils have been enjoying weekly violin sessions delivered by the RCT Music Service. It has been fantastic to see the children's skills and confidence develop with each term of learning. In addition to whole-class teaching, the school is pleased to support those pupils who demonstrate particular aptitude and commitment by funding small group tuition, allowing them to further develop their musical talents.

Cricket Wales

The Federation was delighted to be successful in its bid to receive seven weeks of cricket coaching through Cricket Wales. Pupils from Reception through to Year 6 took part in weekly sessions led by the fantastic Gareth, who ensured that each session was engaging, inclusive, and enjoyable for all. The programme has been a wonderful opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence, and develop a love of sport. We hope this has inspired a new generation of cricketer's, families interested in local opportunities can find out more about clubs by visiting the Cricket Wales website.

Swimming

Pupils across the Federation in Years 4, 5, and 6 have been taking part in weekly swimming sessions throughout this term, fully funded by the school. It has been wonderful to see such positive progress, with every pupil benefitting from the opportunity to develop confidence and skill in the water. From those who were initially more hesitant to our more experienced swimmers, improvements have been evident each week, demonstrating the value of this important life skill opportunity.

Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Tournament

On 3rd June, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils proudly represented the Federation at the RCT Football Tournament, held at the University of South Wales in Treforest. The teams demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. Their efforts were rewarded with excellent results, with one team finishing in 5th place and the other achieving an impressive 2nd place. To top off a fantastic day, one of the pupils was also recognised as a Player of the Tournament. We are incredibly proud of all the girls, what a wonderful achievement!

Sports Days and Play sports

Cam, our fantastic Play Sports Coach, has been a tremendous support to staff, contributing not only to the success of our Sports Day events but also to the coaching of a range of summer sports. In addition, Cam has led two popular after-school clubs, which have been thoroughly enjoyed by the children. It was wonderful to see pupils confidently apply the skills they had developed during these sessions on Sports Day well done to everyone involved and thanks to you the parents and families for supporting.

The Federation Versus the Cluster

Miss Lewis's class (Cefn) and Miss Andrews' class (Craig Yr Hesg) took part in an exciting F1 Race Car Challenge in collaboration with Cardiff Metropolitan University and RCTCBC, who kindly funded the project. With valuable support from a number of wonderful volunteers including several supportive parents who preferred to stay behind the scenes (and not have their photos taken) the pupils worked hard to design and prepare their cars for race day on Tuesday 16th June. The event was a fantastic success, with parents and pupils thoroughly enjoying the experience and relishing the opportunity to compete against other schools within the cluster with one of our teams even winning fastest lap of the day,Wwoohoooo!!!!!!

Year 6 Leavers and Families

To Our Amazing Year 6 Pupils,

It hardly seems possible that the time has come to say goodbye. Some of you have been with us since your very first days at school, while others joined our Federation along the way, but every single one of you has played an important part in our story.

Over the years, we have watched you grow into the remarkable young people you are today. We have seen you learn new skills, overcome challenges, build lasting friendships and develop the confidence to believe in yourselves. You have made us laugh, made us proud and created memories that will stay with us long after you have left our classrooms.

As you get ready to begin your secondary school journey, remember that it is perfectly normal to feel excited, nervous and everything in between. The important thing is to believe in yourselves because we certainly believe in you. You have shown determination, resilience, kindness and courage throughout your time with us, and those qualities will help you succeed wherever life takes you.

Although you are moving on, you will always be part of our Federation family. The friendships you have made, the lessons you have learned and the memories you have created here will stay with you forever, just as you will remain a part of our school community. We will continue to celebrate your achievements, cheer you on from afar and take great pride in all that you accomplish.

We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to your parents and families, thank you for your support, encouragement and partnership throughout your child's journey with us. From first-day nerves and school performances to trips, celebrations and achievements, it has been a privilege to share these special moments with you. Your support has played a huge part in helping your children grow into the wonderful young people they are today, and we are grateful for the trust you have placed in us over the years.

As you take your next steps, be confident, be curious, be ambitious and never be afraid to try something new. Most importantly, always remember to be kind, work hard and stay true to who you are.

We could not be prouder of each and every one of you. Thank you for being such a special group of children and for filling our school with laughter, energy and happiness.

Good luck, Year 6. Your next adventure awaits, and we know you are going to be amazing.
With love, pride and best wishes, All the Staff at the Federation

Remember: Together We Will Prosper!

What learning has been going on in the Fern Federation?

Take a look at just a few examples of what the pupils have got up to over the Summer 2 Term!

CRAIG YR HESG- MRS EVANS - NURSERY

We have had a wonderful start to the new term and would like to give a very warm welcome to all of our new Nursery children. They have settled in brilliantly and are already showing what little superstars, they are! We are so proud of how quickly they have become part of our Nursery family, making new friends, exploring the environment and joining in with activities with growing confidence. This half term, our topic has been all about turtles. The children have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a turtle, discovering how turtles grow and change from hatchlings into adults. We have also explored different turtle habitats and talked about the importance of looking after our oceans and beaches. Through stories, discussions and creative activities, the children have developed a greater understanding of how we can all help to protect wildlife by keeping our beaches clean and caring for the environment. Over the past few weeks, the children have also been busy practising a variety of sporting activities in preparation for our Nursery Sports Day Festival. They have enjoyed developing their running, balancing, throwing and jumping skills while learning the importance of taking turns, working together and trying their very best. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they take on new challenges and celebrate each other's successes. We are incredibly proud of all the children and the enthusiasm they bring to Nursery every day. We look forward to creating many more happy memories and exciting learning experiences together throughout the term.

CEFN- MRS MEAZEY- NURSERY & RECEPTION

What a fantastic and memorable Summer 2 term we have had! Our classroom has been full of excitement as we have travelled the world through stories, learning about the countries and cultures of Wales, Mexico and China. The children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in each country's traditions through food tasting, music, dance, art activities and imaginative role play. Our new airport role play area has been a huge hit, with the children loving the opportunity to become pilots, cabin crew, passengers and airport staff as they embarked on exciting adventures around the world. Our literacy learning took an unexpected twist when we discovered that the elephants had been in the custard! The children were determined to help Granny by making a fresh batch of custard, carefully following the recipe before writing their own recounts of the experience. Once it was ready, everyone enjoyed tasting the delicious custard they had made, making it a memorable hands-on learning experience that developed their speaking, listening and writing skills. Alongside our classroom learning, we have enjoyed a number of special experiences this half term. We coped brilliantly with some exceptionally hot weather, had a wonderful day exploring and learning at Noah's Ark Farm, and showed great determination, enthusiasm and teamwork during Sports Day. It has been a joy to watch the children grow in confidence, curiosity and independence throughout the term. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing summer break!

CRAIG YR HESG- MRS SMITH & MISS WOOKEY - RECEPTION

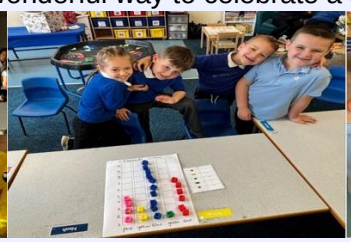
What an exciting half term it has been in Reception! Our children have been busy exploring, discovering and making connections with the world around them, showing fantastic curiosity and enthusiasm in all their learning.

As part of our Humanities learning, we became little globe-trotters as we explored Wales and countries around the world. Through our popular Travel Agent role-play area, the children booked imaginary holidays and travelled to exciting destinations including Wales, Mexico and China. They learned about different cultures and traditions, explored traditional clothing, tasted foods from around the world and even tried some cultural dances! The children loved sharing what they had discovered and used their growing knowledge to create colourful travel brochures, encouraging others to visit these amazing places. This learning linked beautifully to our Reception learning statements as the children developed an understanding of similarities and differences between people and places**,** asked questions about the world around them**,** and shared their ideas and experiences with confidence.

One of the biggest highlights of the term was our unforgettable farm visit**!** The children were amazed to see a variety of animals up close, including giraffes, elephants, tigers and even a monkey. They showed great excitement and curiosity, talking about what they saw, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their knowledge with friends. The visit provided a fantastic hands-on learning experience and helped the children develop their understanding of living things and the natural world. We are incredibly proud of how the children have embraced new experiences this half term. They have been enthusiastic explorers, confident communicators and curious learners throughout every adventure. Most importantly, they have created lots of wonderful memories along the way! Reception, you have been amazing world explorers this term – da iawn

CEFN- MISS REARDON - NURTURE

This term, we have worked on a wide range of skills across the curriculum. In Maths, we practised gathering data through a class vote and used our digital literacy skills to create bar charts using the information we collected. In Literacy, we focused on using descriptive language to create persuasive posters based on our class text, *The Beekeeper*. To inspire our writing, we used our senses to taste, smell, touch and observe different types of honey, helping us to generate creative ideas and rich vocabulary. In Health and Wellbeing, we have been developing our listening and questioning skills through circle time activities. We have also been learning to identify aspects of our work that we are proud of, helping to build self-confidence and encourage a positive attitude towards learning. Our topic work has focused on governance and the people who are responsible for making decisions in different parts of the world. We compared the rules we have at home with those in school and the wider community, discussing who creates these rules and who we can turn to for help and support. We have also been learning about the Celts, comparing their rules and way of life with our own. We had great fun creating our own class tribe and establishing our own set of rules. Over the last few weeks, we have worked incredibly hard in PE as we prepared for Sports Day. We enjoyed cheering on our classmates and were delighted to have our families come along to support us. Each week, we also took part in cricket training, where we developed our bowling, fielding, batting and catching skills. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence and teamwork grow throughout these sessions. Our whole-school trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm was a fantastic experience. We enjoyed seeing a wide variety of animals and created many happy memories with our friends. It was a wonderful way to celebrate a successful and enjoyable term together.



CRAIG YR HESG- MISS OSBORNE - YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

This term, our class has enjoyed an exciting journey back in time as we explored the fascinating world of the Celts. We created our own tribes, designed Celtic shields, tasted traditional Celtic foods and even took part in warrior training. As part of our learning about governance, we compared the rules and punishments used by the Celts with those we follow today and discussed how leadership and decision-making have changed over time. Alongside our history adventures, the children have developed their skills and confidence across many areas of the curriculum. In PE, they showed fantastic focus, teamwork and determination during cricket and PlaySports sessions. They also successfully completed their Curb Craft road-safety training, helping them to understand how to stay safe when out and about in the community. Sports Day was a wonderful celebration of effort and perseverance, with every child giving their best and supporting one another throughout the event. In Literacy, we have continued to build our vocabulary and strengthen our sentence-writing skills. The children created persuasive honey posters using alliteration and persuasive language inspired by *The Beekeeper*, and wrote a recount entitled *A Day in the Life of Me*, focusing on past-tense verbs and time connectives to sequence events clearly. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of digital and analogue time, creating and analysing bar charts, and developing our multiplication skills by learning to multiply by 10. The children have worked hard and shown great resilience in their learning. To round off a fantastic term, we enjoyed a brilliant whole-school trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. Seeing the animals up close and spending time with friends created memories that will stay with us for a long time. We are incredibly proud of how much confidence, independence and maturity the children have gained this year. It has been wonderful to watch them grow as learners and as members of our classroom family, and we look forward to seeing all they achieve in the future.

CEFN- MRS REYNOLDS - YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

This half term, the Paddington Class has been busy exploring the incredible ways animals survive in their habitats. We began our learning by creating our very own rainforest in a bottle, discovering the different layers of the rainforest and learning about the fascinating creatures that live there. We also explored the grasslands, investigating how animals use camouflage to protect themselves from predators and creating some truly amazing artwork inspired by our learning.

Our journey then took us beneath the waves as we explored the ocean and discovered how animals have adapted to survive in different ocean zones. We learned about the unique features of marine animals and how they help them thrive in their environments. To finish our topic, we carried out a fascinating science investigation to discover how Arctic animals stay warm in freezing waters, developing our enquiry skills and making predictions before testing our ideas.

Throughout the half term, the children have shown great curiosity, enthusiasm and creativity. They have enjoyed asking questions, sharing ideas and working together to deepen their understanding of the natural world. It has been a wonderful half term full of exploration, discovery and memorable learning experiences. We are incredibly proud of all the children's hard work and look forward to seeing their excitement for learning continue to grow.

CRAIG YR HESG- MRS DAVIES - YEAR 2 & YEAR 3

What an incredible way to finish the summer term! The last few months have been packed with exciting learning, new experiences and plenty of unforgettable memories. In Literacy, we put our creativity to work by writing engaging leaflets and detailed diary entries, while in Maths we sharpened our skills by revisiting graphs and division challenges. Our governance topic gave us a fascinating insight into how rules, rights and responsibilities have changed over time, helping us understand the important roles played by people who make decisions at home, in school and across our communities. It has been a fantastic term for sport too! From Rounders and PlaySport to cricket sessions, we certainly had plenty of opportunities to get active—howzat for PE! Sports Day was a real highlight, with everyone demonstrating excellent determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the day. One of our favourite memories was our trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm**,** where despite the scorching temperatures and lots of sweaty faces, we had an amazing time meeting a wide range of animals and learning more about their habitats. Meanwhile, our budding musicians have continued to make great progress in their violin lessons, developing their confidence and musical talents with every performance. As another successful year comes to a close, we are proud of everything the children have achieved and look forward to the exciting adventures that lie ahead.

CEFN- MISS BROWN - YEAR 3 & YEAR 4

What a busy and brilliant end to the half term and to the school year, especially with the heatwave giving us all an extra challenge. The children have thrown themselves into everything, from PE sessions, violin and cricket to Year 4 beginning their swimming lessons, which they'll continue through Years 5 and 6. We enjoyed a fantastic federation trip to Noah's Ark Farm and Zoo, and our sports day was the perfect way to round off our summer activities. In class, the children have been exploring "Who is in charge?" learning about leadership qualities, creating their own political parties, and discovering how decision-making and voting work. They've compared Tudor leadership including Henry VIII with how Wales and the UK are governed today, and looked at how food, health and healthcare have changed over time because of differences in leadership. It's been a full, exciting half term, and the children have ended the year with curiosity, energy and pride in all they've achieved. Have a great Summer Holiday.

CRAIG YR HESG- MISS NAJIAN - YEAR 4 & YEAR 5

The children have worked incredibly hard this term and, despite the warm weather, have continued to come to school each day with enthusiasm and wonderful smiles on their faces.
During our final term together, the children have been learning about governance. They have explored who is responsible for making decisions, who is in charge within different organisations, and how rules and systems have changed over time.
In Literacy, the children produced fantastic newspaper articles and wrote clear, detailed sets of instructions. In Maths, they developed their understanding of different types of charts, ratio and proportion, and grid references.
The children also thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Noah's Ark Zoo and represented the school brilliantly during Sports Day. They were a credit to themselves throughout both experiences.
I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching this class and watching them grow in confidence throughout the year. I wish them all the very best and every success as they move on to the next stage of their learning journey. Good luck for next year!

CEFN- MRS ROSSER - SEBD

Well, what an end to our school year. We have had a fantastic last half term together and we will be very sorry to see our lovely year 6 pupils leave our class in just a few short weeks! We have really enjoyed our Humanities AOLE this half term, and found learning about Governance and the Tudors really interesting. We have created our own political party, found out what it takes to be a good leader and looked at whether Henry VIII was a good or bad leader. We have created our very own newspaper reports, based on the Welsh myth and legend "My brother the fairy", and written a set of instructions on how to survive in your new class. In maths we have covered many concepts including ratio & proportion, temperature and grid references. We have looked at what it means to "Belong" this half term too and the children created some beautiful puzzle pieces and wrote why they belong in our class. The children have also enjoyed a lovely trip to Thorpe Park and Noah's Ark and they have also taken part in our sports day. We have had a fantastic year together this year and we only hope that the children have enjoyed their year with us as much as we have enjoyed it with them!

CRAIG YR HESG- MISS ANDREWS - YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

What a fantastic Summer Term we have had! The children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of all they have achieved. In Literacy, we were inspired by the thought-provoking book *What the Road Said*. Through exploring its themes of resilience, perseverance and self-belief, the children wrote their own sets of instructions, giving advice on how to face challenges, overcome obstacles and approach new experiences with confidence. Their writing showed great maturity, creativity and reflection. In Maths, we developed our understanding of algebra by learning how to balance equations and solve simple linear equations. The children approached these new concepts with determination and enthusiasm, demonstrating excellent problem-solving skills and resilience when tackling challenges. We also enjoyed some unforgettable experiences outside the classroom. Our Year 6 trip to Thorpe Park was filled with excitement, laughter and adventure, with the children showing great bravery as they took on a variety of rides and challenges. We also had a wonderful visit to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm with Year 5, where we enjoyed seeing a wide range of animals and learning more about wildlife and conservation. As another successful year comes to a close, we have loved spending these final weeks together and making lasting memories as a class. We are immensely proud of every child and all they have accomplished this year. A special mention must go to our amazing Year 6 pupils. Thank you for the joy, kindness and enthusiasm you have brought to our school. We wish you every success and happiness as you begin your next chapter at secondary school. You will be greatly missed, and we know you have bright futures ahead of you. Good luck, Year 6 we are so proud of you and love you!

CEFN- MISS LEWIS - YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

I can't believe this is our final half term together, where has the time gone? We have had another fantastic half term filled with exciting experiences and lots of opportunities to make special memories.

Our Year 6 pupils had a brilliant time at Thorpe Park, enjoying the rides and exploring the park, while Year 5 had an amazing day meeting the animals at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. As well as this, we all headed down to Cardiff Met for our F1 Race Day and we had the absolute best time racing our car – we even came first in the speed race, go Fern Fed! Alongside these trips, the class has been very busy preparing for September through a variety of transition activities. We have also taken part in Sports Day (for some, their final one in primary school!), enjoyed a day with Wilmott Dixon, and continued our weekly swimming, cricket and multi-sports sessions. It has certainly been a busy half term! In class, we have been learning about simplifying expressions and balancing equations in maths. In literacy, we have been writing persuasive arguments about whether children should share their worries with a trusted adult. In our Humanities lessons, we have been exploring the concept of governance, learning about influential historical leaders and considering the impact of their legacies. Whilst we have had lots of fun through our learning and experiences, it has also been bittersweet knowing that our time together is coming to an end. Our Year 6 pupils have had an exciting and busy few weeks with Leavers' events, Prom (they all looked wonderful!) and transition activities. We have made the most of our final weeks together and created many more happy memories.

It has truly been a very special year, and one that I will always remember. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer break!

CURRICULUM 2026-2027

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
	Term 1 AOLE – Humanities Cynefin What does it mean to belong?	Term 2 AOLE – Science and Technology Light and Sound The Sound of Light	Term 1 AOLE – Expressive Arts Music Music Mayhem	Term 2 AOLE – Science and Technology Living Things Blooming Marvellous	Term 1 AOLE – Humanities Equality, inequality & Rights The Fairness Detectives	Term 2 AOLE – Science and Technology DT- Food The Human Body
1	Assessments (all) Nursery Rhymes & Traditional Tales	National Testing	AOLE Expressive Arts (EA)	Assessment Week / (S&T) AOLE	AOLE (H)	National Testing
2	Assessments (all) Nursery Rhymes & Traditional Tales	AOLE Remembrance Day Science & Tech(S&T)	AOLE (EA)	AOLE S&T)	AOLE (H)	AOLE S&T)
3	AOLE Humanities (H)	AOLE (S&T)	AOLE (EA)	(S&T) AOLE Eisteddfod – 02/03 World book day (04/03)	AOLE (H)	AOLE S&T)
4	AOLE (H)	AOLE (S&T)	AOLE (EA)	AOLE (S&T)	AOLE (H)	AOLE S&T)
5	AOLE (H)	AOLE (S&T)	AOLE (EA)	AOLE Easter Activities RVE	AOLE (H)	AOLE S&T)
6	AOLE (H)	AOLE (S&T)			AOLE (H)	Well-being/ Transition
7	AOLE (H)	Christmas & Well-Being			National Testing	
8	AOLE (H)				National Testing	

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW INTERIM HEADTEACHER MRS BYERS & CHAIR OF GOVERNORS COUNCILLOR DOUG WILLIAMS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Interim Headteacher of Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch, and I wanted to take this opportunity to say how much I am looking forward to working with you and your children from September.

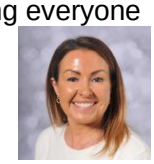
As we begin this exciting new chapter under our new school name, I would like to reassure you that, although we will continue to operate across separate buildings for the time being, parents and pupils should continue to expect the same high standards of teaching, learning, care and support that have always been at the heart of our Federation community.

While there have been some changes in preparation for the new school, many of the systems, procedures and practices that support pupils' learning and wellbeing are already firmly established and working effectively. As a result, children should experience a smooth and positive transition into September, with little disruption to their daily school life.

Having worked in Glyncoch for over 20 years, I am deeply committed to this community and passionate about ensuring that every child receives the highest possible quality of education. I know first-hand the strengths of our schools, our dedicated staff, our wonderful pupils and our supportive families. Together, we will continue to build on these strengths and create opportunities for all children to thrive, achieve and be proud of their school.

I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the development of our new vision and motto. Your ideas, thoughts and feedback have been invaluable in helping us co-construct a shared identity for Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch. We are excited to officially launch our new vision and motto in September and look forward to sharing this with you and celebrating what it represents for our school community.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. I am excited about the future of Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch and look forward to working together to ensure the very best outcomes for all of our children. I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Wednesday 2nd September**.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs. E. Byers
Interim Headteacher Ysgol Gynradd Glyn-Coch

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like, on behalf of the Governing Body, to thank all of our pupils, staff, parents and the wider community for their continued support of our federation.

This year has been filled with wonderful learning experiences and memorable moments for our children. From the excitement of exploring the space domes during the autumn term, to enjoying festive pantomime performances at Christmas, welcoming dragons and mythical adventures during the spring term, and taking part in animal encounters during the summer term, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and pride. These experiences, alongside the excellent teaching and learning taking place every day in our classrooms, have contributed to a truly fabulous year.

As a Governing Body, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to those members of staff who are leaving us this summer. Their dedication, hard work and commitment to the children and families of our community have made a lasting difference, and we wish them every success and happiness in the future. We recognise that changes in staffing and leadership can sometimes bring uncertainty. However, I would like to reassure parents that careful planning has taken place to ensure a seamless transition into the next academic year. Strong systems, processes and structures are already firmly established across the federation, and the Governing Body has worked closely with school leaders to ensure continuity for pupils, staff and families.

We are particularly pleased to be supporting Mrs Byers as she takes on her role as Interim Headteacher. Mrs Byers brings a wealth of experience, a deep understanding of our schools and community, and an unwavering commitment to providing the very best education for every child. The Governing Body has every confidence in her leadership and looks forward to working alongside her as we continue our journey together.

To our Year 6 pupils**,** we offer our warmest congratulations and best wishes as you prepare for the next stage of your educational journey. You have been fantastic ambassadors for our schools, and we are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved. Take with you the confidence, skills and memories you have gained, and embrace the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. We know you will continue to shine.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your support throughout the year. The partnership between home and school is invaluable, and it plays a significant role in helping our children succeed and flourish.

We wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for an exciting new chapter.

Warm regards,
Councillor D. Williams