**DECEMBER 2016**

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| **PIONEER SCHOOLS UPDATE** |
| * Pioneers are now working as one network to oversee the development of the new curriculum. * CSC Pioneer network meetings are being held during the spring and summer terms to support this. * A series of Successful Futures briefing sessions are being held over the spring and summer terms for Head teachers * The Enrichment and Experiences strand of the Wider Skills will form a significant part of the CSC Conference on Wednesday February 1st with presenters from Welsh Government, partner organisations and Pioneer schools |

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| **DIGITAL PIONEERS - what’s happening now?** |
| * During the summer term, 2016 a range of engagement events took place across all four consortia regions. Information gathered during the engagement events was used to finalise the first version of the Digital Competence Framework (DCF). * By the end of the summer term, 2016 the Digital Pioneers had completed the DCF. This was made available to schools and settings on September 1st 2016 through [Learning Wales](http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/digital-competence-framework/?lang=en). * Digital Pioneer Schools continue work as a national network to develop resources to support the curriculum and aim to have published outcomes to share during the Spring Term, 2017. In addition, they are considering the needs of a professional learning offer to support all schools across Wales. * CSC Digital Pioneers have developed a draft DCF curriculum audit tool which was released to all CSC schools in November through the [Cronfa DCF community](https://www.cscjes-cronfa.co.uk/events/view/95007108-8f2d-4fe7-a1d2-4fcc4b01ddfa). This work will be adopted by the national group and made available across Wales. Particular thanks to Tom Hills, Ynysowen Primary and Mark Jones, Ysgol Rhydywaun for their development work. Further work is being undertaken to support CPD planning audits. * CSC Digital Pioneer schools lead on the development of professional learning programmes for schools across the region through the CSC Curriculum Hubs. |
| **How can all schools engage?** |
| * Forge links with one of the 7 Digital Pioneer Schools:   + Special Schools: Ty Gwyn (Cardiff)   + Primary Schools: Cadoxton (Vale); Ynysowen (Merthyr)   + Secondary and Welsh Medium Schools: Ysgol Bro Edern (Cardiff), Ysgol Bro Morgannwg (Cardiff), Ysgol Plasmawr (Cardiff), Ysgol Rhydywaun (RCT) * Engage with your Cluster or SIG networks to familiarise colleagues with the DCF * Use your Hwb username for updates regarding developments to access networks and other resources on both Hwb and Cronfa * Attend CSC Network meetings where sessions will be led by the Digital Pioneers * Provide feedback via the [online DCF tool](http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/digital-competence-framework/framework?lang=en) to inform further refinements. * Use the CSC curriculum audit tool to map your current provision to the DCF * Attend the DCF Professional Learning events. * Join the [CSC Cronfa DCF community](https://www.cscjes-cronfa.co.uk/networks/ab0f368e-41b7-41ae-a745-8fe976ed5ba0) * Keep up to date through the [CSC schools bulletin](http://cscjes.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c4528ff48e3434c722a54cef5&id=693196c4f6) * Share DCF development experiences with the Pioneer schools network |

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| **CURRICULUM PIONEERS - what’s happening now?** |
| **Areas of Learning and Experience**  Curriculum Pioneers have focussed on the development of the four strands of high level design for the new curriculum:   * The development of a definition and guidance for the six Areas of Learning and Experience. * Providing guidance with regard to the wider skills, as outlined on page 42 of Successful Futures, for the six Areas of Learning Experience. * Strand 1 of this work is nearing completion and information will be shared early in the spring term. * Curriculum Pioneer schools are being assigned to Areas of Learning Experience before the end of this term. |
| **Enrichment and Experiences** |
| * The Enrichment and Experiences from strand 1 will form a significant part of the CSWC Conference on Wednesday February 1st with presenters from Welsh Government, partner organisations and Pioneer schools * Pioneer schools are currently undertaking action research based projects within their own schools based on: * How it addresses the 4 purposes * Target group * Pupil voice * Partnerships * Resourcing * Challenges and solutions * A curriculum audit tool is available [here](https://www.cscjes-cronfa.co.uk/Repository/resource/b65c6999-ded2-455b-8f9f-a7dbc4d61309/en) for schools to match their current curriculum provision to the curriculum design principles on page 14. |
| **Professional Learning** |
| * Nationally, thirty-four Pioneer schools are currently trialling the new Professional teaching Standards. Nine CSC schools are contributing to this. * Professional Learning Pioneers continue to contribute to the CSC professional learning offer * Fern Federation PLP is part of the ‘levelling without labels’ pilot group. This has involved working in triads to map out areas of research from one of the four purposes at each progression point * Professional Learning Pioneers, one from each Local Authority are engaged in an OECD pilot to review the draft questionnaire for school leaders, teachers and support staff. * This questionnaire will form part of a self-evaluation toolkit for schools to use to refine their role as learning organisations |
| **How can all schools engage?** |
| * Engage with your SIG, Cluster and the Pioneer schools to develop and trial the pedagogical principles * Engage fully in the Head Teacher briefing sessions – **on Monday 30th January at 3-5pm and Tuesday 7th February at 3-5pm at Tŷ Dysgu.** * Consider how your current vision is in line with the Four Purposes * Use your Hwb username for updates regarding developments to access networks and other resources on both Hwb and Cronfa * Re-visit your current curriculum provision. What are you already doing that correlates to the Four Purposes? |
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**Appendix A**

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| **Curriculum Pioneers** | **LA** | **WM Network Pioneer** |
| Abercynon Community Primary | Rhondda Cynon Taff |  |
| Albert Primary School | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Bishop Hedley Catholic High School | Merthyr Tydfil |  |
| Darran Park Primary School | Rhondda Cynon Taff |  |
| Llysfaen Primary School | Cardiff |  |
| Maesteg Comprehensive School | Bridgend |  |
| Mount Stuart Primary School | Cardiff |  |
| Mynydd Cynffig Primary School | Bridgend |  |
| Pencoed Comprehensive School | Bridgend |  |
| Rhydypenau Primary School | Cardiff |  |
| St Cadoc’s Catholic Primary School | Cardiff |  |
| St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Bridgend | Bridgend |  |
| St Philip Evans Catholic Primary School | Cardiff |  |
| The Hollies School | Cardiff |  |
| Heronsbridge School | Cardiff |  |
| Whitchurch Primary School | Cardiff |  |
| Ysgol Gyfun Bro Edern | Cardiff | Yes |
| Ysgol Gynradd Santes Tudful | Merthyr Tydfil | Yes |
| Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr | Cardiff | Yes |
| Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg | Rhondda Cynon Taff | Yes |
| Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Cadoxton Primary School | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Romilly Primary School | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Ysgol Gynradd Cynwyd Sant | Bridgend |  |
| Ysgol Llanhari | Rhondda Cynon Taff | Yes |

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| **Professional Learning Pioneers** | **LA** | **WM Network** |
| Maesteg Comprehensive School | Bridgend |  |
| Cardiff High School | Cardiff |  |
| Cardinal Newman RC School | Rhondda Cynon Taff |  |
| Stanwell Comprehensive School | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Y Pant School | Rhondda Cynon Taff |  |
| Ferndale Community School | Rhondda Cynon Taff |  |
| Treorchy Comprehensive | Rhondda Cynon Taff |  |
| Cowbridge Comprehensive | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Oldcastle School | Bridgend |  |
| Llanishen Fach Primary School | Cardiff |  |
| Craig yr Hesg/Cefn Primary Fern Federation | Rhondda Cynon Taff |  |
| Herbert Thompson Primary School | Cardiff |  |
| Rhydypenau Primary School | Cardiff |  |
| Romilly Primary School | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Cadoxton Primary | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Rhws Primary | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Barry Island Primary | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Heronsbridge Special School | Bridgend |  |
| The Hollies | Cardiff |  |
| Tai Centre CPRU | Rhondda Cynon Taff |  |
| Ty Gwyn Special School | Cardiff |  |
| Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg | Vale of Glamorgan | Yes |
| Ysgol Cynwyd Sant | Bridgend |  |

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| **Digital Pioneers** | **LA** | **WM Network** |
| Cadoxton Primary | Vale of Glamorgan |  |
| Ynsyowen Primary | Merthyr Tydfil |  |
| Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg | Vale of Glamorgan | Yes |
| Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Edern | Cardiff |  |
| Ysgol Gyfyn Gymraeg Plasmawr | Cardiff |  |
| Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Rhydywaun | RCT |  |