



Fairholme Focus

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Glad Tidings We Bring

Pupils brought glad tidings indeed to our three recent Christmas events.

Firstly, it was a pleasure to contribute to the local community event as pupils from all ages came along to the St. Asaph Winter Fair. It was fantastic to meet up with members of the local community as well as members of our Fairholme family, past and present. The children sang their hearts out to an appreciative audience.

Secondly, we were delighted to be invited for the 9th year to perform at the St. Asaph Lovelight Concert, a charity concert including the amazing

Rhos Orpheus Male Voice Choir and the wonderfully moving Tenovus 'Sing With Us' Choir. It is an honour to sing alongside such musical talent and fantastic to be part of this event raising money for the very worthwhile Tenovus Cancer Charity.

The very next day, we held our own Christmas Carol Service, again at St. Asaph Cathedral. Readings were confidently delivered by Form VI and VII and the singing of the full Christmas repertoire was outstanding from the whole school. Our thanks go to Mrs. Williams and Becky for their extremely hard work in preparation for these events. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas!

Welcome to Oliver, Jack, Amaya, Arabella and Edward!



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The Fairholme Team

We are delighted that Mr. Kane Andrews is joining the Fairholme Team as a co-director and minor shareholder.

Mr. Andrews will be an invaluable asset providing primarily marketing and business support for the experienced teaching staff and wonderful pupils which make up the Fairholme family.

Mr. Andrews visited Fairholme last Friday and very much enjoyed meeting many of the children, teachers and parents as well as attending the Carol Service at St. Asaph Cathedral.



In Touch with I.T.

Form I have worked very hard this term developing their computer skills to access a range of digital learning websites. The children have been learning to log on independently to access 'Edshed' for their weekly spellings, 'Mathletics' to develop their numeracy skills, and 'Reading Eggs' and 'Fast Phonics' for literacy skills. In addition, they have accessed 'Satchel One' to complete their spelling test on Fridays. Certificates have been flying out of the printer!

Remember, tasks can be completed at home. In addition there is a revision list of spellings available on 'Edshed' over the Christmas holidays.



Nature News

Form III have been studying plants and animals in our environment and have been searching for wildlife within the school grounds! The wildlife team successfully found and logged some interesting specimens!



Christmas Jumper Day

We all enjoyed a great Christmas Jumper Day in support of 'Save the Children' last week with a hard-fought Christmas Spelling Bee and a delicious Christmas Lunch, thanks to our lovely kitchen staff from Newydd Catering!

Well done to our Spelling Bee winners — Sang-eeth, Saindav, Ellis, Alexa and Kian.



Ready, Steady, Cook!

Cooking club has proved very popular this term with children preparing delicious smoothies, designing and cooking their own pizzas, preparing banana mummies and jack-o'-lanterns and much more!



Sports Slot

It has been a pleasure to welcome Mr. Williams to Fairholme this term. Mr. Williams has been running sports clubs and PE lessons for all classes since September. We continue to offer a wide variety of all-inclusive sports activities including hockey, tag rugby, football, netball, badminton, golf, circuit-training, benchball, gymnastics and yoga.



Dizzy Heights!

It is never too soon to start gymnastics and the early years have been making use of the equipment this term. They have progressed from needing to hold hands as they walked tentatively up the sloped bench to independently striding and sliding with pride at their developing confidence! The children have also demonstrated impressive skills whilst jumping off the box onto the landing mat. Well done, Early Years!

Baa-riliant!

Parents and pupils enjoyed a baa-riliant performance in this year's Nativity play! 'Hey Ewe!' by Antony Copus, told the traditional Christmas story as seen through the eyes of a particularly excitable and curious sheep — James. While getting under the shepherds' feet and asking too many questions, one night he saw some extraordinary events unfold. Some very confident

performances, and excellent narration provided by Alexa, contributed to an accomplished and most enjoyable show given by all. We are looking forward to seeing much of this emerging talent put to use in our next school musical and drama workshops! Thank you to Mrs. Gains, Mrs. Turner and all the team for their excellent work with the children.



We Will Remember

This year, Armistice Day was observed with a special Remembrance assembly led by Forms VI and VII including war poems, hymns and a selection of morale-boosting songs from World War I. Wreaths and poppies were made and painted in school by children of all ages. Our prefects then attended St. Asaph Cathedral for the Remembrance Day service followed by a parade down the High Street to the War Memorial. A two-minute silence was held at 11am, after which wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by various community organisations including Fairholme School and The Mount Day Nursery. It is a privilege for us to be part of this important demonstration of respect and gratitude for those who gave 'their today for our tomorrow'. We will remember them.



Jungle Call

We had a great turn-out for Drama Workshop just before the start of term. Drama enthusiasts came together for 'The Jungle Story', our version of Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book'. Children from Form I to Form VI had great fun playing drama games, making jungle masks, painting scenery and, of course, working on the final show for parents. Well done to all, thanks to cast, old Fairholme student helpers and musicians!



Hallowe'en

Early Years led our assembly on Friday telling us all about Hallowe'en. Dressed as witches, skeletons, werewolves, cats and monsters, our pupils demonstrated their emerging confidence reading and talking about their costumes and Hallowe'en traditions. We all joined in their 'Them Bones' song with all the actions!

Reach Out!

Form V enjoyed leading our 'Reach Out' Assembly as part of Anti-Bullying Week at Fairholme. The children explained how we can all reach out to help our friends when they are worried, as well as who to reach out to when we are worried ourselves. They explained how some of our emotions such as anger, fear, and embarrassment can lead us to be nasty to our friends, and then acted out a few different scenarios to explore how to deal with any situation involving bullying.

We hope you all enjoyed Form V's message - Let's reach out to stop bullying today!



It's Another Harvest Festival

We were delighted to invite parents, once again, to join with us in our Harvest Celebrations. Pupils contributed readings, drama, songs and prayers to the event, and we all enjoyed our usual round of harvest hymns.

Thank you to everyone for bringing gifts for our harvest table, beautifully arranged by Mrs. Williams. The gifts were collected for Save the Family, a local charity based in Chester and North Wales which helps families in difficulty stay together and get back on their feet.

Well done to all the children for taking part in our first Open Assembly this year.



Rules

Form V helped us to think about the importance of rules this term and told the story of Ling and the Emperor. In their story, by following the rules, and not succumbing to peer pressure, Ling was invited to become the next Emperor!



Battle Positions

We are very lucky to have the largest Roman fortress in Britain on our doorstep, so early this term Forms IV to VII took the opportunity to visit it alongside the Grosvenor Museum. We kicked off the day with a Roman Workshop. Here the children got to act as archaeologists, see how the Roman baths were decorated and heated, play some Roman games and dress up as servants in the Roman kitchen. After lunch we took a tour to the amphitheatre with a Roman soldier who taught us about his daily life and we practised a few defensive formations with our shields!

Shapes Everywhere

Kindergarten have been busy learning all about shapes this term. They have made pictures with them, created collages, found them hiding in the sand, played shape bingo and many more activities. They have learnt the names of 2D shapes and counted how many sides each shape has.



Keeping Healthy in Mind and Body

Form IV presented a fantastic whole school assembly earlier this term encouraging all pupils to discuss ideas about how to keep healthy in mind and body. They encouraged us all to think about sharing thoughts and feelings with others, eating a balanced

diet, keeping active in many different ways, and managing personal hygiene. All washed down with some harvest hymns and autumn music by Vivaldi. Well done everyone, some great presentation skills developing.



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 9 January – Friday 13 January	Form III upwards	Revision Week
Monday 16 January – Friday 20 January	Form III – VI	Exam Week
Monday 30 January – Friday 3 February	KG – Form VI Parents	Parents meetings

Visiting the Stable

All the classes have visited the stable this week for a Christmas experience to see what it might have been like on that first Christmas Day!

With the large star shining brightly over the stable door, the children crept in to see the baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the Kings, a shepherd with his sheep, an angel and various stable animals!



Let's Party

Whilst Forms II-VII went to see the Pantomime, the Early Years had their own Christmas festivities here at school. Firstly, the children arrived wearing party clothes as an extra treat. After some hard work in the morning, including some exciting Christmas Bingo, the children had their party food. We then played some traditional party games, such as musical statues and musical hoops. The children enjoyed some free style disco dancing too!



Jnr. Claus' Visit

All the children were very excited on the last day of term when they visited the Jnr. Claus team, with elves and a large sack of presents!

With much 'Ho-ho-ho-ing', the team distributed presents and posed for many individual and group photos, finally finding their own gifts at the bottom of the sack!



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